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NADFO Board Meeting – January 26, 2008 – Dallas

Attending: Conference Representatives:

Tom DeJoseph (ACC); Bob Bassett (Big 10); Jon Bible (Big 12); Hugh Campbell (Big East); Dave Epperley (CUSA); Bill Alge (MAC); Land Clark (Mt. West); Jack Folliard (Pac 10); Ken Huffines (Sunbelt); Jim LaBorde (WAC)

Others: Mike Miles (Sunbelt); Kelly Deterding (Big 12).

1. Teleconference with Dave Parry, National Coordinator: Dave reviewed the following items of interest from the national perspective:

a. The NCAA and CCA have formed Collegiate Football Officiating, LLC, an organization designed to improve and oversee college football. Its board consists of the 11 Div. 1A conference commissioners, Dennie Poppe (NCAA Manager of Football) and Tom Jernstedt (NCAA VP). Dave has been appointed National Coordinator and will be developing programs designed to further CFO's mission.

b. Plans include two national training videos, one designed for on-field officials and the other targeting Instant Replay officials. It is anticipated that a national training clinic for all IR officials will be developed.

c. Dave will continue as the Big 10 coordinator for the upcoming year and will be transitioning out of that position the following year.

d. There remains a significant debate over "regionalization." Conference affiliations of officials will continue in the immediate future while a regionalization model is discussed.

e. Combined clinics will be developed across the country (some conferences already have combined together for their pre-season clinics).

d. There is discussion of developing a national website which would contain videos of plays with instructional value perhaps updated weekly.

e. The CFO Board's next meeting is in April and will include the Coordinators of the involved conferences.

f. Dave mentioned the CFO Board is very concerned with helmet-to-helmet hits on defenseless players and there will be great emphasis on the officiating aspect of such conduct. The belief is that officials need to strictly enforce these illegal acts and eject the offending player if warranted. There is discussion of developing a system to review and possibly suspend players in the event that the conduct was improperly not penalized during the game. NADFO supports this concept.

g. It's likely that high profile games between two conferences will be officiated by neutral crews. The exact process of assigning has yet to be developed but most likely Dave will manage the assignments much like bowl assignments. Dave assured us that all efforts will be made to insure fairness in the assignments.

h. **NADFO's involvement** – Dave welcomed our ideas particularly in the areas of mechanics and rules. He recognizes that active officials are an excellent resource as to what does and does not work on the field. He and the other stakeholders in the CFO value our input and encourage NADFO to make suggestions and respond to new proposals as they develop.

He also will likely seek our participation by providing highly respected officials with excellent training skills (working through our coordinators) to assist in regional clinics.

i. The Philosophies of Officiating document produce in draft form last year is being updated and will be published. Dave believes this compilation of interpretations will go along way in developing consistencies across the country.

j. Instant Replay. Dave believes IR has developed quite well given its relative newness but more effort and resources will be directed towards improving IR including national training and standards.

k. Media Guide: In an effort to assist the media and reduce the incidents of media criticism, last year NADFO developed a simple media guide prototype designed as a quick reference of the basic rules emphasizing the differences from the NFL. Last year Bill Alge assisted by Jack Folliard prepared the draft guide and forwarded it to the NCAA requesting they review, approve and publish the guide throughout the country. Dave likes the idea and suggested we send the draft to himself, Rogers Redding, Dennie Poppe and Tom Jernstedt. With the recent development of CFO which includes financial resources, we may have better traction this year. Jack will deliver copies of the guide when he attends the upcoming Rules Committee meeting.

Along the same lines, last season "Booth Officials" were mandatory in all BCS bowl games and did occur in many of the non-BCS bowls. It was very successful and embraced by the television media. Dave hopes that all Bowls will institute the practice.

l. Rule Changes: The Rules committee meets in February. Major topics will be helmet-to helmet hits and shortening the length of games.

Summary of the teleconference: The NADFO Board was very encouraged by Dave's overall comments. It's clear that he recognizes NADFO as an excellent resource representing the front line of college officiating.

2. National Football Day in support of the Jimmy V Foundation: Mike Konradi thanked NADFO for its tremendous support of last year's efforts. Game officials donated over \$9000 of the total of \$16000 raised in the campaign. Board discussion centered on some Commissioners and Coordinators respectfully declined to allow their officials to participate. NADFO will continue its support with a \$500 donation toward this year's campaign. The 2008 National College Football Day is November 1, 2008. See attached flyer.

3. Prostate Cancer Awareness: Bill Alge presented a program involving Second Saturday Prostate Cancer Awareness. He will determine and distribute additional details to each conference representatives for consideration.

4. Conference Compensation: Jack will circulate the conference compensation spreadsheet and gather information from NADFO participating conferences.

5. Conference policies on suspension of officials: It appears that most but not all conferences have suspended officials for on field egregious errors in judgment. A few have suspended the entire crew for errors of individual officials but most do not. Also, the majority of conferences do not identify the suspended officials not the precise nature of the discipline citing that such is an internal and private matter.

6. Kickoff Mechanics: At Dave Parry's request a discussion of the KO mechanics resulted in NADFO recommending a 3 deep 4 in the box setup. Representatives were to survey their respective officials and communicate the results to Jon by 2/8/08. [All representatives subsequently reported support and this will be communicated to Dave].

7. Finalization of Bylaws: Jon led the discussion regarding finalizing our bylaws. The revised draft was approved. Jon and Jack will make final grammatical corrections and circulate to all.

8. Election of Officers: President - Jon Bible – 2008
Vice President – Tom DeJoseph – 2009
Secretary/Treasurer – Jack Folliard – 2009
BCS Conference rep. – Hugh Campbell - 2008
Non BCS Conference rep. – Dave Epperley 2009

[Terms: President and BCS rep. shall be elected in odd-numbered years; remaining officers in even-numbered years]

9. Finances. Jack reviewed the income and expenses from last year. Dues will remain at \$10 for 2008.

Next meeting: Saturday, January 31, 2009 - Dallas