

OSSCA Board Meeting

3/5/2000

The O.S.S.C.A. Executive Board met Sunday, March 5 at the Wyndham Hotel in Dublin.

Members present were: President John Johnson, 1st VP Pat Schymanski, 2nd VP John Scramling, 3rd VP Brian Stevens, Secretary Jim Baker, Treasurer Gene Pitstick, and district representatives Casey Claxon, Paul Bohaboy, Albert Laux, Neil Baasten, Rich Wasowski, Paul Boll, Bill Mees, Jerry Olinger, Larry Etheridge.

1. Treasurers Report: Gene reported a current balance of \$28, 560.14.
2. State Banquet Wrap-up: John J. reported that things went well at the banquet in December. Both John and Brian received letters from parents in attendance thanking them for the ceremony. Concern was raised about the possibility of the boys adding a third division next season. If this happens, the Wyndham Hotel will no longer be able to accommodate the OSSCA due to space limitations. John J. will explore other sites.
3. All State Voting: John S. voiced concerns from the 1999 all-state meeting. There were numerous cases of presenters not ready at the start of the meeting. Better organization of paperwork is needed by presenters. It was decided that all recommendations for improving the system would be made at the membership meeting in May, including the distribution of necessary forms for all-state voting.
4. Gene P. proposed an amendment to Bylaw 7:02 concerning the number of player nominations each district receives for all state voting. The possibility of three boys divisions would change the number of all state nominations each district would be allotted. It was decided to table this proposal until the May meeting since the state will make a decision on the 3 division proposal in April.
5. Club teams: Columbiana HS and LaBrae HS of the Youngstown district hope to start club soccer teams next season. The schools asked to be considered as associate members to the OSSCA. After looking at constitutional bylaws concerning associate members, it was determined to table this issue until the May meeting. In addition, a committee was established for the purpose of reading the entire constitution and proposing updated changes where needed. Many issues have changed since bylaws were established and a review of our constitution is needed.
6. Gene proposed that we use the current IRS rate to reimburse members who attend executive meetings. Brian seconded. Motion carried. The current IRS rate is 31 cents per mile and is paid for distance one way.
7. John J. attended an OHSAA meeting in February. OHSAA proposals discussed concerning soccer were A) 3 boys divisions for the 2000 season and B) the use of 2 ten minute overtime periods for tie games in the regular season. The state will make final decisions on the proposals at their April meeting. John J. feels we will have 3 boys divisions this season but the overtime proposal will be voted down.
8. The topic of sportmanship was addressed at the state meeting. Specifically, John J. reported that the state took a long look at the double yellow card rule. During the 1999 season, there were 138 double yellows issued for boys players and coaches. There were 7 double yellows for girl players and coaches. The state has decided to study this rule for another season, but this is an area that we as an association must improve upon. Each district will have

a coach speak at the rules interpretation meetings to encourage coaches to bring these numbers down.

9. John J. needed information on state Coach of the Year winners from 1999. Coaches will be honored at the May meeting and John J. does not want any one overlooked. If you were honored, you should contact John J. to verify this.

10. The OSSCA Scholarships were once again awarded. John J. will get a list of all winners past and present and give to Gene for our web site.

11. The OSSCA clinic will be held May4-6 at the Woody Hayes Center on the campus of OSU. Pat is in charge of the clinic and has most of the itinerary set. Executives have an agreement to stay at the Holiday Inn on Lane Avenue. Pat moved that the OSSCA provide polo shirts at a cost of \$12 each for members attending the clinic. Gene moved to accept the motion, Brian seconded. Motion carried.

12. The Ohio High School Foundation has been established with many associations already contributing. It was decided that the OSSCA will donate \$1000 to this foundation.

13. John S. would like to take a look at a team GPA award at the state level.

14. John J. moved to adjourn the meeting, Brian seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Duly submitted by Secretary Jim Baker