

OSSCA Board Meeting

5/3/2001

Present: All districts were present; John Johnson (Pres.), Pat Schymanski (VP-clinic), John Scramling (VP-honors, Cleveland), Brian Stevens (VP, Past Pres., Hall of Fame), Gene Pitstick (Web Master), Randy Hurley (SW), Paul Bohaboy (MV), Albert Laux (NW), Casey Claxon (Central), Keith Norris (Akron), Paul Boll (SE), Rich Wasowski (NC), Jerry Olinger (East), Scott MacMillan (Youngstown), Bryan Loveless (Secretary).

1. Meeting called to order by President John Johnson at 7:49 p.m.
2. Next meeting is Sunday, July 29th @ 12:00 @ Columbus Marriott NW.
3. J. Johnson and B. Stevens will attend rules meeting prior to the July 29th meeting and will present any changes at the July 29th meeting.
4. District Presidents should bring a list of their top 10 voter reps to next meeting: 1 person per division, per district (5 total reps per district).
5. Concerns were raised about voting reps that quit reporting scores after a few weeks. The practice of including a team's point total in the poll was also discussed. J. Johnson would like the point totals for each team to continue to be reported and published. J. Johnson would also like to see the state poll include a category called "others receiving votes".
6. Each division chairman is responsible for making sure their voters understand the voting criteria. Reps should give: the top 3 teams in the division, their records, point total, and scores. In addition to this information, reps should also mention other outstanding attributes of the teams in question, such as strength of schedule, who the teams played that particular week, etc...
7. The top 3 teams in each district's 5 divisions should be reported by noon on Sunday.
8. R. Hurley pointed out that some newspapers are slow to publish results, thus making the job of collecting information difficult. Voting reps will have to continue to do the best job they can. For instance, if you know a big match was played in the area but cannot find the score in the paper, try calling one of the coaches directly involved, etc...
9. District Presidents should conduct a mandatory district meeting since there will be no rules interpretation meeting this year.
10. District Presidents should bring a list of the names and phone numbers of their district's officers to the July 29th meeting.
11. Some members have had trouble logging onto the OSSCA web site. G. Pitstick reminded everyone to type in .org not .com. Also, the search engine takes time to get up and running, so be patient. Gene will look into the problem.
12. District Presidents should let their association know what their local dues will be.
13. B. Stevens passed out a survey suggesting that Ohio go to a "unified" due structure in order to increase our high school national membership. Total dues for local, state, and national would be approximately \$100. This rule would apply only to head coaches.
14. B. Stevens suggested that we need to ask ourselves "what do we want our organization to be and where do we want to go?" He sees the unified dues as a step in

the right direction, as it would increase regional and national exposure for Ohio teams.

15. K. Norris raised the point that the national association does not impact him and his program. He says this is also true for most of the teams in the state. Keith asked whether a unified due structure would help the "rich to get richer, while the poor get poorer?"
16. R. Hurley raised the point that all players would benefit.
17. J. Johnson said that as a coach you benefit from receiving the national journal, and also from the academic awards offered by the national association.
18. P. Schymanski agrees that a unified due structure would be best, but thinks coaches should join the national association because it is the right thing to do, not because it is required.
19. J. Johnson and J. Scramling expressed concern that the higher dues might reduce our state membership.
20. A. Laux feels that this is a survey that should be taken back to the membership at the district level so that it is not forced upon them. He also points out that the coaches in attendance at the clinic are too few in number to get an accurate representation of the total memberships' viewpoint.
21. C. Claxon asked how many districts allow members to register for the national association through their local association? Answer: unknown but presumed to be not many.
22. A survey was passed out at the clinic to get a feel for the memberships' views. The clinic survey is merely a tool by which we can create a survey to take back to the district meetings in August. B. Stevens will put together a "mock" survey that can be discussed at the meeting in July.
23. P. Bohaboy pointed out that when the Miami Valley District went to a similar format for local and state dues, it actually gained membership.
24. It was decided that the price of state dues for head coaches would remain at \$20.00.
25. Increased dues money could allow us to put more money toward such things as the banquet.
26. J. Johnson brought up the idea of reducing the fees for assistant coaches in order to increase enrollment. Some districts already have this format. He also emphasized the need for head coaches to get assistant coaches involved.
27. B. Stevens made a motion to reduce the fee for an assistant coach to \$10.
28. A. Laux seconded the motion.
29. The motion passed by a vote of 16-0. State dues for assistant coaches will be \$10.00.
30. Membership dues must be submitted to Bob Ellis by September 15th.
31. A. Laux expressed a desire to make the All-State selection process more consistent and thinks the local membership needs to be consulted in this process. The question was asked, "should there be one vote per division, per district?" More to come on this.
32. The meeting for All-State voting will be held on Sunday, October 28 at 12:00 noon. The board will meet at 10:00 a.m. The site for this meeting is yet to be determined.
33. The All-State banquets will be held on Sunday, December 9th at the Columbus Marriott Northwest. The times will be determined later, but there will be a separate banquet for the boys and girls.
34. Here is the latest breakdown on the division numbers:

Boys

Division III	1-228	(168 schools)
Division II	229-422	(168 schools)
Division I	423 and up	(169 schools)

Girls

Division II	1-332	(192 schools)
Division I	333 and up	(194 schools)

35. A. Laux suggested that tournament sites at the Regional level should not require one team to travel significantly further than their opponent.
36. J. Johnson said that it is getting more difficult to find hosts for tournament games, but that the problem will be investigated further.
37. B. Stevens pointed out that part of the problem is that there is no incentive for a school to host a match. In addition, the university locations are costly.
38. A. Laux feels that the matches need to be played on fields with the appropriate lengths and widths. Progress has been made in this regard, but there is still room for improvement.
39. J. Johnson called the meeting to a close @ 9:24 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary Bryan Loveless