

MINUTES FROM OSSCA BOARD MEETING

12/8/01

All districts present: Brian Stevens (President), John Johnson (VP-Banquet), John Scramling (VP-honors, Cleveland), Pat Schymanski (VP-clinic), Keith Norris (Akron), Gene DeWeese (Central), Mike Haney (Cincinnati), Dave Kridler (East), Paul Bohaboy (Miami Valley), Mark McDaniel (North Central), Albert Laux (Northwest), Paul Boll (Southeast), George Hunter (Youngstown), Bryan Loveless (Secretary).

1. President Brian Stevens called meeting to order at 6:54 p.m.
2. Brian Stevens announced Gene DeWeese as the new president of the Central district. Gene takes over from Casey Claxson.

3. Treasurer's report:

November 30, 2000: \$38,853.40

November 30, 2001: \$42,331.45

4. Banquet Report:

John Johnson reported that 570 people will attend the two banquets this year...100 more than last year. The girls banquet will start at 12:30 and the boys will begin at 4:30. Programs and shirts will be given at check-in. The cost of printing all programs was \$400. Check-in will begin 45 minutes before the banquet, and the doors will open 30 minutes prior to the start time. Seating is open. Carrie Sarver is the guest speaker for the girls' banquet and Greg Andrulis is the guest speaker for the boys' banquet. Brad Friedel will be inducted into the Hall of Fame, and his parents will be accepting the honor on his behalf. Pepsi has once again donated the beverage. Don Skelton has prepared the plaques that will be given to each player. Marriot Northwest decided to charge us the lunch price for the dinner banquet, thus we have made a profit from the banquet. This profit was unintended as the Marriot informed us of the price break after we had agreed to terms. Next year's banquets will be held in reverse order, with the boys first, then the girls.

5. A motion was made to contribute \$1,000 to a scholarship fund (yet to be determined) in the name of Pete Raffa, the Perrysburg boys coach who passed away recently. The motion was passed unanimously.
6. Another motion was made to give \$1,000 (the same amount as last year) to the OHSAA Foundation. This motion was also passed unanimously.
7. Clinic Report:

Pat is still pursuing potential presenters for this year's clinic. The clinic will be held May 3 & 4 at Ohio State's Woody Hayes Center. More information to come.

8. There has been some question regarding indoor soccer. As coaches, we are not allowed to coach our players indoors. If we "play" with them, this is thought to be subverting the intent of the rule and the OHSAA considers this practice unethical.
9. A motion was made to vote on the unified dues proposal that has been discussed over the past year. The motion passed unanimously and ballots were distributed to each voter.
10. The unification proposal passed unanimously.
11. The OSSCA will pay the registration fee for Executive Board members who are attending the NSCAA National Convention. Our presence there is thought to be important for the game of soccer in Ohio.

12. OHSAA (possible) Proposals:

There was discussion about tournament sites. A proposal was made that all matches beyond the District Finals be played at soccer-only sites. It was pointed out that the OHSAA is willing to work with our association on this matter, but success cannot be guaranteed because fields are so limited.

The five-player rule for clubs was also discussed. Under the current rule, seniors (based on your past season's roster) count toward the five-player total. A proposal was made that seniors who have "graduated" from high school soccer should not count toward a club team's quota.

We think it would be a good idea to form a "Soccer Advisory Committee" that would work with John Dickerson to help us write proposals that are likely to pass. This way we could use John's knowledge of the OHSAA to help improve our chances.

Another proposal is to add a week to the length of the season so that a team would not have to play more than two matches per week.

Typed proposals will be forthcoming.

13. We will examine the All-State voting process at the next meeting.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. The next meeting will be March 17, 2002 @ Marriott Northwest at 12:00 noon.