

OSSCA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, MARCH 17, 2002

MINUTES

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

President Brian Stevens called meeting to order at 12:00.

1. Review of previous minutes:

- We have not yet dispersed money to Perrysburg High School in the name of Pete Raffa because at this time the school has not decided what it wants to do.
- We will also make a contribution to the OHSAA foundation at the appropriate time.

2. Treasurer's Report:

- Total assets are down from this time last year. This reduction is due in part to the increased cost of the banquet.
- April 2001: \$38,853.40
- April 2002: \$27,493.46

3. Old business:

- John Scramling reported that some of the forms for the team awards were inappropriately filled out, thus some schools had to be omitted. Please be sure forms are filled out correctly. Recipients have until June 1, 2002 to notify John of their intentions.
- John also announced the winners of this year's scholarships:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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BOYS

Kenneth Vescovi	Edison HS	\$875
Kyle Engoian	St. Edward HS	\$875

Stuart Gura	Huron HS	\$500
John Menendez	Defiance HS	\$100
Ryan Matura	Gallia Academy	\$100
Brian Rabel	Mineral Ridge HS	\$100

GIRLS

Tali Si Malott	Athens HS	\$1000
Alexis Schmitt	Wyoming HS	\$750
Rebecca Shaner	Zanesville HS	\$500
Natalie Jacob	Amherst Steele HS	\$100
Emily Hiscar	Watkins Memorial	\$100
Amie Hardin	Springboro HS	\$100
Bethany Blahnik	Ontario HS	\$100
Sara Wright	Hubbard HS	\$100

4. A motion was made to abolish the scholarship program after the 2001-2002 school year. Among other problems, the scholarship program constitutes 22.4% of our total budget, while helping only a handful of athletes. The motion received a second, and the proposal was passed with one vote against.

5. Banquet report:

- John Johnson presented the final numbers from last December's awards banquet:

Total Banquet Cost: \$14,222.29

Room Charges: \$ 634.29

Meal Charges: \$ 605.34

Total Charges: \$15,461.92

Money Collected: \$ 9,156.00

Amount paid by the OSSCA: \$ 6,305.92

- It was pointed out that the OSSCA cannot continue to spend this much money on the banquet every year (the cost of the banquet doubled in one year). We will brainstorm possible ways to reduce our costs while still offering a first-class awards banquet.

6. Web site:

- Anything you need put on the web site you should first put on a disc, then send it to Gene Pitstick. It enables Gene to post items quicker if he receives the information on disc.

7. OHSAA update:

- Our income from the Regional and State tournaments was down \$24,000 as compared to last year. The OHSAA says that this was a trend in all sports.
- There were questions raised about the reported attendance at some sites. The feeling is that the attendance may be understated in some cases, while some sites did not report attendance at all, according to the OHSAA's records. For instance, attendance reports from 3 of the boys' Division 1 Regional games were missing, while all the reports for the Division 1 girls' games were missing. We will try to find out the reason for the discrepancies.

8. 2002 Soccer Rule Proposals:

- The following 3 proposals were made to the OHSAA this winter and we should get a ruling on them at the April 11th meeting.
- **Proposal #1:** *The regular soccer season should be extended one week at the end of the season.*
- **Proposal #2:** *Modify Sports Regulation 25 All Star Games by eliminating #3 that states "3 players from any one school may participate" on an All Star Team.*
- **Proposal #3:** *Modify Soccer Rule 3 Non-Interscholastic Participation, Section 3.21 by applying the 5 man rule to underclass players only and not including graduating seniors in the 5 man rule.*
- Brian Stevens has requested that the OHSAA at least provide us with their rationale if they decide to reject proposal #1.

9. The OHSA would like soccer to propose a mercy rule that would become a precedent for other sports. After some discussion it was decided by the Board not to comply with their request. A mercy rule that would end a match prematurely when a team scores a certain number of goals is simply trying to legislate ethics and that cannot be done. It is also thought that such a rule is unnecessary in soccer because a coach can put restrictions on his/her team in regard to scoring. A soccer match is not like a baseball game, which would never end if one team can't get the other out.

10. Clinic report:

- Pat Schymanski mailed out 1,020 information packets regarding this year's clinic and has received 20 back.
- We will need about 154 coaches to attend in order to break even on cost.
- The agenda for this year's clinic is set. We have a particularly good lineup which includes: Barry Gorman (Penn State University), Schellas Hyndman (Southern Methodist University), Lori Walker (Ohio State University), Mark Dougherty (Columbus Crew), Michael Byrne (Fit 2 Play), and Bob Dean.
- Ohio State men's Head Coach John Bluem has been particularly helpful in organizing this year's clinic.
- Coaches who pre-register will receive a travel bag with the OSSCA & NSCAA logos.
- Attendees are encouraged to pre-register if possible!

11. Dues unification:

- The OSSCA Executive Board met with representatives of the NSCAA at the national convention in Philadelphia this past January. The NSCAA has been very responsive to our decision to unify dues with them, particularly in relation to our state clinic. Barry Gorman and Schellas Hyndman are both NSCAA national staff coaches.
- Information packets from the NSCAA will be distributed at the mandatory August Rules Interpretation meeting.
- **Coaches must join the NSCAA as a national high school member!** If you are already a national member as a club coach you will have to change your status.

12. Brian Stevens called meeting to a close at 2:35 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday,

May 2nd @ the Marriott Northwest.