

Minutes for OSSCA Board Meeting on 5/2/02

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

- President Brian Stevens called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

1. Treasurer's Report

Total Assets, May 2002: \$25,451.42

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2. Clinic Report:

Pat S. says we will make about \$500-\$1,000 on the clinic this year, after expenses. 228 coaches pre-registered for this year's clinic, the highest total ever. Of the coaches that pre-registered, 85% will attend both Friday and Saturday. The high attendance is attributed in part to the NSCAA clinicians (Schellas Hyndman & Barry Gorman) that will be on display. The OSSCA Executive Board thanked Pat Schymanski for all of his hard work on the clinic!

3. Review of Calendar for 2002:

July 28: OSSCA Board meeting @ noon @ Marriot NW

August 5: Official soccer starting date

September 15: Deadline for OSSCA dues to Bob Ellis, Treasurer

October 27: OSSCA Board meeting to finalize All Star voting process @ Hilliard Davidson

October 27: OSSCA All State voting @ noon @ Hilliard Davidson

December 8: OSSCA All State Banquet @ Marriott NW

4. Results of this year's OHSAA Proposals:

Extended Season:

The OHSAA has approved our request to extend the playing season by one week, with the modification that the extra week will occur at the beginning of the

season rather than the end. We will be able to play our first game on Monday, August 18th, rather than on the following Saturday, as is presently the case. *This change takes place beginning with the 2003 season.* Even though the pre-season has effectively been shortened (since the initial start date is the same), you can still have 4 scrimmages if you want them.

Five-Man Rule:

The OHSAA has ruled against our proposal to have seniors not count toward the five-player quota. Any underclassman that plays on a club team with more than five players on it from his/her high school (including seniors) will be ineligible in the fall. This includes "guest players", as the OHSAA does not recognize any difference between guest players and other players.

All-Star Proposal:

Our proposal to allow more than 3 players from the same school to play on the same All-Star team has also been denied. However, the OHSAA has said that there could be more than 3 players from one school in an All-Star *game* as long as they are on *different teams*.

5. Remember that all coaches must be approved by your local Board of Education, even if they are volunteers. Furthermore, they should have the required certification in first aid and CPR. If your coaches are receiving money, they must be paid by the school's Board of Education. *Your parents' club is not allowed to pay your coaches in the form of cash or check*, however a coach may receive gifts from the parents' club.

6. The OHSAA reported that ejections in soccer are down from a year ago, and have expressed their satisfaction with our improvement.

7. Brian Stevens went over the regional breakdowns for next year. There are very few changes. Although the OSSCA works in conjunction with the OHSAA in order to determine sites for the Regional and State tournaments, it is up to the District Associations to choose the sites for the District Tournaments. We are still having trouble finding suitable sites for the Regional tournament matches. The problem we are having is not with the OHSAA, but rather with the schools themselves. Many athletic directors are unwilling to host matches even though the OHSAA is willing to pay a fair amount for the use of the facility. If your school has a suitable facility, encourage your AD to host a tournament match at the Regional or State level.

8. Dues Unification:

Remember that beginning this season you must join your local association, as well as the OSSCA and NSCAA in conjunction with our new unified dues structure. Failure to join the NSCAA will eliminate your players from contention for both state and district honors. *You must register with the NSCAA as a high school coach in order to be*

counted with the OSSCA, and you must register through the OSSCA in order to get the \$10 discount offered by the NSCAA to our members.

Unification of dues will make Ohio the largest state in the national association, consisting of nearly 5% of the NSCAA total membership. We have been assured by the NSCAA that we will see changes accordingly. If your current membership with the NSCAA expires before or during the season next year, then you will need to renew your membership by the September 15th, 2002 deadline.

9. All-State selection process:

The OSSCA Board discussed the idea of changing the All-Star selection process. One possibility is to have one voter per district. Each district would still be able to nominate a number of players in proportion to the size of the district (the bigger districts can nominate more), however each district would have only have one voter. This scenario would eliminate the possibility of districts block-voting. So far no formal proposals have been drafted.

10. The State Poll:

Each District President should contact the 5 people in their district that will help with this year's poll, and email their names and information to Brian Stevens by June 1.

- President Brian Stevens called the meeting to an end at 8:40