

OSSCA Board Meeting

12/7/02

Present: Brian Stevens (President), John Scramling (VP-Honors, Cleveland), John Johnson (VP-Banquet), Gene DeWeese (Central), Dave Kridler (East), Scott Molfenter (Miami Valley), Neil Basteen (Akron), John Orosco (Northwest), Paul Boll (Southeast), George Hunter (Youngstown), Bryan Loveless (Secretary).

Not present: North Central, Southwest

- Meeting called to order by President Brian Stevens at 7:05.

- FINANCIAL REPORT:

Net Assets this time last year: \$26,000

Net Assets currently: \$33,000

Difference: +\$6,000

- ALL-STATE PROCESS REPORT:

The forms for All-State nominations will be modified slightly for next year. One change will be the elimination of alternates. John Scramling says the overall procedure went well. One form included information that did not apply to the player's high school career and had to be discarded.

It is generally thought that a lack of familiarity of the players on the part of the OSSCA Executive Board hindered the All-American voting. Part of the problem is that very few coaches have seen all, or even most, of the candidates for All-America; especially those from outside your particular division. Some possible ways to correct this problem were addressed. One idea is to take a break immediately after selecting the first team for All-State and do the All-American voting at that time. Each division could then send one or more representatives to the All-American voting, thus insuring that each player who is in contention for All-American status has at least one coach present at the meeting who has seen him or her. We could also continue the process as is, but ask that a few coaches from each division stay for the All-American voting.

As a result of dues unification with the NSCAA, Ohio's total number of All-Americans this year increased to nine (thus complicating the voting process). Ohio is in NSCAA Region 5 (Mideast) and represents 80% of that region. The All-American regions are different than the regions for the national poll, although there is discussion within the NSCAA of standardizing this inconsistency.

■ CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REGARDING CROSS DISTRICT VOTING:

The following amendment to the OSSCA Constitution was proposed and passed unanimously:

“A school is only allowed to join one district, nomination of players and voting rights will be restricted to that district.”

■ BANQUET REPORT:

John Johnson reported that this year’s banquets were the largest yet and, once again, the girls’ and boys’ banquets were held separately to accommodate these large numbers. The guest speaker for the girls’ banquet was University of Toledo women’s coach Brad Evans, while Tom Turner (Director of Soccer for Ohio North) was the boys’ speaker.

The girls’ banquet was attended by approximately 230 players and their families.

The boys’ banquet was attended by approximately 406 players and their families.

Both banquets went very well and the OSSCA thanks John Johnson for his efforts.

■ OHSAA UPDATE:

The OHSAA has told referees they must wear black, although they may defer this decision for another year. It also seems as if the OHSAA may relent somewhat and allow referees to come up with an alternative jersey in a different color, since some teams wear black themselves.

The OHSAA will revisit the decision to ban the finger save gloves and admits that it was a mistake to implement a rule change during the season.

■ STATE POLL:

There were a few issues which became problematic this season in regard to the State Poll. A few coaches nominated teams but then did not vote. If you nominate teams but don’t vote, your nominations will be discarded (this decision was the result of a proposal that passed unanimously). The poll chairmen and voters must follow through with their voting responsibilities as the integrity of the process is critical. There was also a discussion about possibly stopping the poll the last week of the regular season.

■ STATE CLINIC:

The 2003 State Clinic will probably be run entirely by Ohio State men's coach John Bluem, although the details still need to be worked out.

■ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

The possibility of creating a position of Executive Director was explored. As our organization continues to grow and, while the workload continues to increase, it is generally thought by the Board that having an Executive Director would be a good way to manage the needs of the OSSCA, particularly in light of Treasurer Bob Ellis' resignation next June.

A job description is in the process of being written and may be proposed at the next Board meeting. A good candidate for the position would need to have a soccer background and be retired from the game (in order to be able to devote the necessary time). The Executive Director would attend OHSAA meetings but would not be a voting member. The Executive Director would execute the decisions of the Board (similar to NSCAA Executive Director Jim Sheldon). It is also generally thought that this person would need to be paid, perhaps \$5,000 per year.

If we do not decide to create the position of Executive Director, we must still come up with a way to effectively replace Bob Ellis as no one has volunteered to be the next Treasurer.

- The meeting was called to a close at 9:45. The next meeting will be Sunday, March 22, at 12 noon at the Marriott Northwest.