

## 1997 OSSCA Presidents Meeting

December 6, 1997

- Attending meeting: Pres. Brian Stevens, Past Pres. Pat Marinar, Sec. Gene Pitstick, 1<sup>st</sup> Vp Gene DeWeese, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vp Roy Bohaboy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vp John Johnson, SE Pres. Paul Boll, East Pres. Tim Norris, Cleveland Pres. John Scramling, Columbus Pres. Tom Sprout, Northwest Pres. Art Johnson
- Treasurers report: Brian reported for Bob Ellis that our balance as of 12/6/1997 is \$25,288.89. In June of 97 it was \$9,000
- Banquet: Pepsi is contributing \$3,500. We have 91 players coming and a total of 290 people. John Johnson has collected the money from the parents. This function is not costing us a nickel. We have a T-shirt for each player, plaques for player of year and scholar athlete recipients. Pepsi has provided 70 cases of pop free.
- NSCAA: The OSSCA will host a breakfast on Friday morning for our members. It is a problem to determine the numbers that will come. We had about 60 attend in Philadelphia and 150 at Nashville. After much discussion we decided to order for a minimum of 150. Brian has invited all state HS presidents to our breakfast and they are interested in forming some type of organization. It was difficult to find out who these people were.
- OHSAA: Brian had included in the packet to all attendees a copy of a new requirement passed by the state legislature. There was considerable discussion of this new state requirement that all local boards of education establish a minimum GPA for participation by July 1 of this year. Brian reported that OHSAA also has a committee looking into rules in the same area. They are discussing several different approaches and may take some action this summer. Work on the Ball proposal (that the OHSAA provide game balls from regional forward) is proceeding. The OHSAA is listening to proposals from vendors this coming Monday. We are asked to present our proposals on rules changes to OHSAA each year in January. This always comes at the same time as the National Convention. Brian has requested to do it month later. OHSAA replied that it would be OK as long as we submit the requests in writing by January 15<sup>th</sup>. We discussed asking for season to start on Saturday before current Monday that games are allowed to lengthen the season and lower the number of 3 game weeks needed.
- Ron Pinsenschaum Award: It was agreed that the presidents will serve as the Honors Committee to select the Ron Pinsenschaum Award. Brian distributed the information and the presidents were instructed to return before this weekend.
- Pat distributed Hall of Fame materials to presidents. The ballots are to be returned by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Scholarships: The voting for the boy's award was very close. All presidents voted. The winners were Daniel Bestic and Ann Boyd, both of whom will be at banquet tomorrow.
- Honors Selection report: Roy presented a break down of voting which showed some evidence of unethical voting. A long discussion of the problem followed. A suggestion was made that the honors chair ask district presidents not to come back next year. Brian suggested that all players nominated be named all state, eliminating 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> team designations. Along that line it was suggested to simply have two ballots: 1) select the player of the year from the POY from each region (Secretaries note: this could include COY's at the same time), 2) a single vote to rank the number of players needed to fill regional and All-American teams using only those players with completed national forms. We discussed several different methods of shortening the voting process and improving ethics. No action was taken. Tom Sprout will contact the people at Dublin to see if we can utilize the computer equipment in each room as an aide. Also discussed was requiring voters to stay in the rooms during counting and that they read their own ballot.
- Hall of Fame ring proposal: Tom Mackar suggested the proposal last year at clinic to offer a ring to each Hall of Fame inductee. Information on potential costs and a ring design was distributed to those attending. It was suggested to offer the \$119 ring to each member and the recipient could choose to upgrade. After discussion it was suggested that we not implement this proposal. An alternate proposal to give each Hall of Fame inductee a second plaque was discussed and discarded.
- State tourney problems: Brian has an upcoming meeting with OHSAA soccer commissioner John Dickerson to discuss this topic. John Johnson said the biggest concern from his are the selection of regional sites. Long distances were required of teams to go to the regional finals site. The 30-minute warm-up rule was not enforced consistently. Referee assignment to games was questioned. It appears that the assignor and his friend get some preference. There is a desire for presale tickets like other sports. Site management problems were discussed. An example was that no ball boys were supplied. We had a discussion of the need to change how referees are voted on for tourney. Art Johnson mentioned problems with sites and conditions the occurred in his region. John Scramling suggested we ask that OT be used during the regular season to prepare teams for tourney.
- Clinic: It definitely will be at the Sports Center near Dublin. Gene DeWeese took names of suggested clinicians. It was agreed to provide clinicians reimbursement for travel and room expenses.