

## OSSCA Presidents Meeting

3/8/98

- Attending were Brian Stevens (OSSCA Pres.), Gene DeWeese (1<sup>st</sup> VP), Roy Bohaboy (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), John Johnson (3<sup>rd</sup> VP), Gene Pitstick (OSSCA Secretary), Tim Norris (East Pres.), Mark McDaniel (For NW Pres.), Paul Boll (SE Pres.), Bob Dean (Akron Pres.), John Scramling (Cleveland Pres.), and Dennis Smith (? Pres.). Note that 3 districts were not represented.
- Copies of the minutes were reviewed.
- Finances - Current Balance is \$18,675.00. A detailed report was given to those attending. Getting money from Pepsi for All Star Banquet is being slowed by lack of federal tax ID number.
- OHSAA Soccer Sportsmanship meeting - Soccer is the only sport to have such a committee. It was held on January 20 at OHSAA headquarters and was attended by Brian Stevens, Pat Marrinan, Gene DeWeese, Dr. Walter Erasing (OSU), Gene Klaus (Clayton Northmont Principal), John Loomis (Bay Village Principal), Don Muenz (OHSAA rules interpreter), Dr. Richard Seils (Worthington AD), Bruce Bagley (Princeton Coach), Clair Muscaro (OHSAA Commissioner), John Dickerson (OHSAA Asst Commissioner), Henry Zaborniak (OHSAA Asst Commissioner). OHSAA was glad to see that ejections in soccer dropped by 20% drop over last the couple of years. Brian proposed that OHSAA send a letter to schools with no ejections. OHSAA will do after some grumbling about the work required. Brian will prepare good sportsmanship material for the rules interpretation meeting this fall. Ben Bellman is involved in the big committee of sportsmanship for all sports.
- OHSAA adhoc committee for rules changes - This committee is lead by Debbie Moore with members over whelming from the northeast part of state. The committee meets again this Monday. Issues being discussed are increasing credits the number of credits that must be passed each semester, establishing a 1.5 minimum GPA, adding an opportunity to make up grades in summer school, ejection of student athletes and coaches, and a 2 week no contact period in summer. The last one is very controversial. It would prohibit anyone from using any school athletic facilities for a 2 week period in the summer. An important unanswered question is when would it be? Brian sent a letter representing our concerns. He presented our feelings on the double yellow issue and the summer 2 week no contact period.
- Proposals to OHSAA - We have submitted two rules changes: 1) move season start ahead from Monday to Saturday, 2) Allow the adding of 3 divisions for boys as soon as the magic 500 teams playing is reached (without the OHSAA rule of a 1 year wait). Brian received no feeling for how these proposals will be handled. The Boys 3 division proposal is likely a mute point as they won't likely reach the 500 team plateau this year.
- Brian sent a separate proposal to Commissioner Muscaro with two suggestions relative to referee selection and assignment. We have proposed that balloting for referees take place at the seed meeting and officials from districts different that the teams be used for the regional and state matches. Brian is not sure where these will go, but OHSAA is looking at this issue. The state feels it has little control over referees which lack a state association
- Review of meeting of Brian and John Johnson with John Dickerson on December 11<sup>th</sup> - 13 issues were discussed and we have in writing Mr. Dickersons responses to them which was largely very positive. It is important that locals encourage the return of the field surveys!
- Brian provided materials from OHSAA on the numbers of ejections last year and the 98 division breakdowns for soccer.

- The breakfast at the NSCAA clinic was well attended. We discussed whether to have a diner instead of the breakfast and the sentiment was leave it as is.
- State Presidents meeting at NSCAA – Brian organized and hosted a meeting of state high school presidents at the NSCAA convention. Those attending are distributing a survey to the rest of the state presidents. The other state presidents see problems with NSCAA which is evidence of the Association placing us as a lower priority to the youth coaches who have surpassed us in member numbers in the NSCAA. Issues such as not knowing who is various state presidents and who is choosing the All-America teams. Who are members of the selection committee? Representation does not seem equitable across the states.
- State clinic – The fee will be kept the same. Selected clinicians were difficult to contact and had limitations on when they could do a session. Scheduling conflicts have resulted in loss of Tom Turner and Sandor Jakob as clinicians. Brian has added Earlham goalkeeper coach Earl Seiferth as one replacement. He gathered suggestions for another replacement
- Clinic freebee- Sample bags were displayed and we selected a mid priced bag that was similar to last years.
- Discussion was held on paying for the rooms of the board members at the state clinic board meeting for Thursday evening prior to the clinic. Brian will get 14 rooms for this year. The discussion evolved into a suggestion to change the constitution to change the makeup of the state board to include the district presidents, association officers and the past president. This proposal was very popular with attendees in light of the success of the past 2 Presidents meetings and the difficulty of getting quorum at past state board meetings. Brian will prepare constitutional change for this to be presented at the state clinic meeting.
- The past practice of covering the rooms for the entire clinic of the state officers and past president will be continued.
- John Johnson brought up the issue of whether we should make some effort to have notable players from Ohio like Brad Freidel inducted into our Hall of Fame. It was agreed that while players like Brad deserve recognition it was not the purpose of our Hall of Fame.
- Selection of the Nominees for the OHSA sportsmanship awards nominees - Greg Yurjevic, Mario Gerhardt, and George Capellis were the boys nominees. Mario was chosen. Allison Rafter, Don Hudsic, and Chuck Tinnerman were the girls coaching nominees. Chuck was chosen.
- NFICA info presented along with its insurance benefits.
- Bob Dean suggested we encourage award winners to attend the NSCAA awards banquet. A letter to the Athletic Directors of the school that the awards winners are from will be sent.
- Gene Pitstick was reminded that he is to look into a web site for state association.
- All State awards – Roy lead a discussion of the tabled motion to reorganize the all star process. He is developing a proposal to bring to the board at the next meeting. Mark McDaniel suggested we vote 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team as we do now and everybody else be placed on third team.