

NORTHEAST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD – OHSAA

Akron/Fairlawn Holiday Inn, Akron, Ohio

Monday, May 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Schumacher @ 4:00 P.M.

President Schumacher Welcomed Everyone To The Meeting.

Attending the meeting –

Rich Berlin	7/8 Grade Rep-{Excused}
Jim Borchik,	"AAA" Rep.
Lynn Gotthardt,	Female Rep.;
Andy Jalwan	"AA" Rep
Rocco Nero,	"A" Rep.
William Nye,	"A" Rep.-{Arrived @ 4:50 P.M.}
Paul Powers,	"AAA" Rep
Bill Schumacher,	"AA" Rep.
Phil Stevens,	Ethnic Minority Rep.-{Excused}
Secretary-- Larry Acker	Treasurer-- Mark McGuire

NEO Golf Coaches Representative—Ken Youngman
Guest Presentation—Ken Youngman discussed with the Board and Reviewed questions pertaining to golf tourney guidelines and operations. There were two major concerns---1. Host Sites and Tourney Managers need to post at least two week in advance of the tournament the pairings and tee times and –2. Host Sites are to arrange for a PGA Professional to be present during the tournament. The Board thanked Mr. Youngman for attending the meeting and sharing his perspective on matters of tournament operational and professional concern.

There was a motion by Andy Jalwan seconded by Rocco Nero to approve the meeting agenda as presented with a couple additions. Motion passed 5-0.

There was a motion by Andy Jalwan seconded by Paul Powers to approve the minutes of the previous [4/23/13] meeting. Motion carried 5–0.

Treasurer Mark McGuire reported a checking account balance of \$570,641.88. There are still approximately 10 reports due from the winter sports tournament managers.

The Board proceeded to approve payment of the bills. There was a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Jim Borchik to approve the payment of the bills. Motion passed 6-0.

----The Board Thanked Mr. McGuire For His Work----

Northeast District State OHSAA Board Representative Jim Borchik discussed briefly several agenda items from the State OHSAA Office and updates for the OHSAA Board of Directors meeting set for Thursday, May 15, 2014.

The Competitive Balance Proposal Was Discussed At A "Town Hall" Meeting On April 28, 2014, During The NEOIAAA Spring Conference In Cuyahoga Falls. Dr. Dan Ross Was The Presenter. Member School Principals Will Vote Between May 1st and May 15th.

-- Thanks To Mr. Borchik For His Detailed Reports/Updates--

Board President Bill Schumacher, District Athletic Board Review Committee Representative from the Northeast District Board reported on the meeting held May 1, 2014. Agenda/Minutes were shared along with items to be discussed during the Summer All District Boards Conference in June—2014.

Paul Powers, Chairman of the Officiating Committee reviewed several issues with the Spring Sports season and some are similar to what was experienced during the other seasons.

Mr. Powers is developing a proposal for the Northeast District Board to establish a position--Coordinator Of Officiating Assignments. The person would be compensated with a stipend set by the board and a job description would detail responsibilities. Mr. Powers having served in this role as a board member is totally familiar with the need in the Northeast District.

Officiating assignment management and oversight considering the volume of NEO tournament events/sites each sport season is huge. With the advent of Home Site Sectionals in Soccer, Basketball, Baseball and Softball the number of events going on—scheduled—simultaneously has increased immensely.

Tournament Committee Report/Update—Chairman Bill Schumacher.

Fall Sports Sectional/District Tournaments—It was reported that Home Site Sectionals in Volleyball are on hold and will NOT be implemented in 2014. There is concern regarding the number of officials available for this configuration. The committee discussed this item with the Officials Committee and District Administrator of Officials—Ron Knight and both felt it was not advisable at this point in time

Winter Sports Tournaments—couple of anticipated changes for 2015---Wrestling Tournament at Westlake and Subsequent Need to Relocate a Division—2 Boys Basketball Tournament. Bill Nye has a meeting scheduled on May 20, 2014, with a group of Wrestling Coaches and Officials to review tournament operations and discuss some options and set ups for 2015.

Spring Sports Team and Sites. The Baseball/Softball Drawing/Seeding Meetings on May 4, 2014 seemed to move along quite well. A Board Member Attended Each of the meetings and monitored proceedings. Meeting Agendas Were Provided In The Manager's Packets and Were Also Provided For Each Board Member.

There was a moment of remembrance--as President Schumacher announced Board Members received word earlier in the day on the unexpected passing of Renee Moore, a Secretary at the State OHSAA Office who had retired about three weeks ago. The Board will arrange to replace a retirement gift— with a donation to the family's designated charity

The following Board Members are asked to submit nominations for Media Award Recognition Candidates to Secretary Acker: Rich Berlin; Andy Jalwan; Paul Powers; and Phil Stevens. Please communicate with the Secretary and or each other so we have two broadcasting and two print media persons. These nomination are due not later than May 20,2014.

Secretary Larry Acker provided an updated listing of OHSAA Scholarship Applications submitted by April 1, 2014. The Board divided into three committee groups— “A”, “AA”, & “AAA” and spent time reviewing the completed-{except for spring sports addendums}- applications.

The Board selected a preliminary group of the top candidates who will be notified they are in the running for an OHSAA Scholarship with the final selections to be made after the June 10,2014 addendums have been submitted.

Arrangements have been made and verified for the Northeast District Scholarship Banquet to be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, Dinner, 6:30p. at the Akron/Fairlawn Holiday Inn. Scholar-Athletes, Parents, Media Award Recipients, Board Members and Spouses along with a State OHSAA Office Official and a State Farm Insurance Representative will be invited to attend.

Secretary Acker provided the Board with a Draft of Scheduled Board and Manager Meeting Dates for the 2014-15 school year. The meeting schedule is in concert with the reduced number of OHSAA State Board Meeting Dates as well as next year being a non-reclassification year. Therefore; Sectional/District Tournament Configurations should be similar to what was set In place for this school year.

Northeast District Web Master---Genne Zimmerly met with the board to discuss changing/updating the Northeast District Web Site prior to the start of the 2014-15 school year. She will send out a survey to Board Members as a guide to updating The Web Site. The Board Thanked Genne for her dedication and work on behalf of the OHSAA Member Schools Across Northeast Ohio.

There was a brief discussion on the subject of Tee Shirt Sales at NEO and OHSAA Tournament Events. It is hoped there is an improvement by Team IP in terms of the quality as well as the pricing configurations prior to any ongoing contractual agreements.

Board Members were asked to check their summer calendars and e-mail open and or preferred dates for a summer “all day--work meeting” most likely during the second week of July.

There being no further business there was a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Jim Borchik to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 P.M.. Motion carried 6-0.

Summer—All District Boards Conference—Northwest Ohio, June 15, 16 7 17, 2014
--Next Meeting Of The NEDAB Is Scheduled For July, 7,2014.---
--2014 NED Scholar—Athlete Banquet—Wednesday, June 25, 2014, 6:30p.---
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Akron, Ohio 44333

Respectfully Submitted By Larry Acker, Secretary