

NORTHEAST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD – OHSAA

Akron/Fairlawn Holiday Inn, Akron, Ohio

Thursday, January 23, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Schumacher @ 4:10 p.m.

President Schumacher Welcomed Everyone To The Meeting.

Attending the meeting –

Rich Berlin	7/8 Grade Rep
Jim Borchik,	"AAA" Rep.
Lynn Gotthardt,	Female Rep
Andy Jalwan	"AA" Rep
Rocco Nero,	"A" Rep.
William Nye,	"A" Rep.
Paul Powers,	"AAA" Rep
Bill Schumacher,	"AA" Rep.
Phil Stevens,	Ethnic Minority Rep.{Arrived 4:20p.}
Secretary-- Larry Acker	Treasurer-- Mark McGuire

There was a motion by Bill Nye seconded by Rocco Nero to approve the meeting agenda as presented with a couple additions. Motion passed 8-0.

There was a motion by Jim Borchik seconded by Phil Stevens to approve the minutes of the previous [12/07/13] meeting. Motion carried 9-0.

Treasurer Mark McGuire provided a detailed financial report listing the bills paid/checks written from November 3, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2013; \$223,215.15
Balance Represents Total Cash Assets—Checking Account-Chase Bank
The NEDAB No Longer Carries Any CD's or Savings Account

Mr. McGuire also provided a summary report of 2014 Fall Sectional/District Tournaments showing either a profit or loss for each respective tournament site.

Totals by sport as follows:

Boys & Girls Golf—Deficit of {- \$13,554.83}; Girls Tennis—Deficit of {- \$11,108.74}
Cross Country---Deficit of {- \$30,046.62}
Boys & Girls Soccer—Profit of \$65,942.21 Girls Volleyball—Profit of \$28,590.68
--Division III Volleyball Tourney @ Smithville—Turned A Profit of \$12,523.06—

There was a motion by Lynn Gotthardt and seconded by Paul Powers to approve the financial report and payment of the bills. Motion passed 9-0

The Board Thanked Mr. McGuire For The Complete/Detailed Report

Finance Committee Chairman Rocco Nero indicated that a couple of the fall tournament sites should be audited to determine if operational expenses can be reduced in the future.

Northeast District State OHSAA Board Representative Jim Borchik discussed briefly his notes on State OHSAA Office Items and Updates from the OHSAA Board of Directors meeting held Thursday, January 16, 2014. Summary Notes Follow:

The State Board Is Conducting A Financial Review of Fiscal Operations
Recent Survey To Member Schools Showed 90% Approval Rating
Expanding Opportunities Committee Is Looking At Lacrosse
Football Coaches Association Is Advocating A Mercy Rule
NED Will Have Elections On 4 Positions—May, 2014
A Competitive Balance Proposal On Ballot Again In May
Budget Reduction Proposals Under Discussion

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

Board President Bill Schumacher, District Athletic Board Review Committee Representative from the Northeast District Board referenced the survey being completed by each District Board regarding each board's operations—duties/responsibilities of the Secretary, Board Committees, Committee Chairpersons, Coordinators and other operational protocol. President Schumacher met with Secretary Acker recently to review the survey document which will be finalized by President Schumacher, shared with the NED Board Members and forwarded to the DAB Committee Chairman Steve Stirn prior to their February meeting.

Other items reviewed by President Schumacher--Board Committees and Operations included:
--Reminder to be thinking about agenda items for the OHSAA Summer Conference.
--The Northeast Board sent recent condolences to Mrs. Sam Fia—passing of her husband.
--The Northeast Board sent a "Thank You" to Renee Moore—39 Years Service To OHSAA
--Suggested When Board Members Visit Tournaments—Check In & Review Operations.

Mr. Schumacher touched briefly on the approaching winter sports tournaments; reminded Board Members to communicate/direct matters involving any changes/updates to the Board President so operations are kept consistent with Northeast Board and OHSAA Policies/Procedures and Guidelines. Also, Officials' Assignments are under the auspices of the Officials' Committee Chairman—Paul Powers.

Paul Powers, Chairman of the Officiating Committee reviewed issues that have evolved with the scheduling of Home Site Sectionals in Basketball and the probable need to shift some District Game playing dates due to Site Conflicts—all will impact officials assignment changes.

Officials Assignments--Spring Sports—Committee/ Work Meeting Dates Are Tentatively Set:

--Thursday, March 13th; Thursday, March 20th(BBK State) and Thursday, March 27th----

All meetings are scheduled at Roby Lee's in Newton Falls. District Director of Officials/ Former NED Board Member—Ron Knight, along with Chairman Paul Powers and Northeast Board

Members when they are available ; Lynn Gotthardt, Andy Jalwan, Secretary Larry Acker, Treasurer Mark McGuire and Fred Vicarel, John Ault have been assisting/helping with the assignment process.

Tournament Committee Report/Update—Chairman Bill Schumacher.

Fall Sports Sectional/District Tournaments—note from Ken Youngman, Veteran Golf Tournament Manager and Liason to Golf Coaches Association regarding a couple items of adjustment/need and emphasis for 2014. Nothing major but one concern is for the Tournament Managers to mail out tournament information to the Coaches at least two weeks prior to the start of the Tournament.

Winter Sports Tournament Sites and Assignments are finalized and posted on the NEDAB Web Site. Entries and withdrawals are authorized by the State Office and then sent to Bill Schumacher for adjustments/updates of postings on the Web Site .

Home Site Sectionals in Girls and Boys Basketball has created some unexpected developments such as some District Host Sites having their own School's Teams advance in the Tournament and Conflicting Playing Dates evolving. Any such scenarios will need to be approved/authorized by the Board President in order to keep consistency across the district.

It is recommended that all Athletic Directors attend the Boys and girls Basketball Drawing/Seeding meetings to become aware/knowledgeable of the CHANGES involving Home Site Sectionals. An e-mail will be sent to all Tournament Managers asking them to communicate this message to the schools involved in their respective tournaments.

President Schumacher reminded the board he has approved/authorized for Gymnastics and Bowling Managers to operate a Sectional/District Tournament on a Sunday afternoon due to extenuating circumstances—availability of equipment or facility. He also asked that the board consider a policy to address this scenario.

The Board discussed/reviewed a requested/suggested change of bowling tournament guidelines/regulations whereby in Regular 10 Pin Games and in Baker Games each team will bowl 3 regular games moving lanes to the right, following each game within a block of lanes[no less than six(6),no more than ten(10) and each team will bowl six(6) Baker Games within the same block of lanes assigned for the regular games. Secondly, regarding the seeding process in Wrestling, it was recommended to update the seeding criteria by seeding a returning district placer in any weight class (1-6). There was a motion by Paul Powers and seconded by Rocco Nero to approved the recommended changes. Motion passed 9-0.;

Secretary Acker will notify the Bowling Tournament Managers of the approved change..

There was discussion regarding conflicts evolving in the case of student athletes and OHSAA Tournaments scheduled for AP [Advanced Placement] Tests which are typically only scheduled once a year. Secretary to check and review the matter in an effort to develop a policy statement proposal for the Board to consider.

Spring Sports Tournaments—couple of updates—anticipated change for D-II Track and Field, Tournament To Be Scheduled at Bedford high School. Possible Softball Tournament Site is

Willig Field—Complex in Canton, Ohio. Tournament Committee will review/verify all Spring Sports Tournery Sites within the next couple of weeks so the Regional Draws can be conducted at the State Board of Directors Meeting in February.

There was a motion by Bill Schumacher and seconded by Rocco Nero to nominate Dale Gabor as the Northeast District's 2014 Recipient of the Naismith Service Award. Motion passed 9-0.

There was a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Jim Borchik to designate Bill Nye as the Northeast District Representative to the State Board of Directors for the next two school years--- 2014-15 and 2015-16 as provided in the OHSAA Constitution. Motion passed 8-0-1 {Mr. Nye Abstined}

There was a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Jim Borchik the Board donate as a Memorial Gift In Memory of Francis Powers—Paul Powers Father \$500. to the Kobacker House—Hospice Care Facility in Columbus. Motion passed 9-0.

There was a motion by Andy Jalwan and seconded by Rich Berlin the Board donate \$100. As a Memorial Gift in Memory of Galen Kyre—Brenda Murray's Father and former Secretary of The Central District Athletic Board to the Milford Center Lions Club. Motion passed 9-0.

Secretary Larry Acker reported that OHSAA Scholarship Applications are scheduled to be sent to all Member School Principals electronically on or about January 24, 2014. The deadline for applications to be submitted is April 1,2014. District Boards will need to arrange for the review/selection process to be completed except for spring sports addendums on or about May 1,2014.

There was a motion by Jim Borchik and seconded by Bill Nye the Board go into executive session at 6:30p. Motion passed 8-0. [Phil Stevens had to leave at 6:15p. for a School Board Meeting]. President Schumacher declared the executive session over at 6:45p.

There being no further business there was a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Lynn Gotthardt to adjourn the meeting at 6:48p. Motion carried 8-0.

The Next Meeting Of The NEDAB Is Scheduled February 26, 2014, 4:00p.—
Akron/Fairlawn Holiday Inn,4073 Medina Road, I-77 At Route 18,
Akron, Ohio 44333

Respectfully Submitted By Larry Acker, Secretary