

NORTHEAST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD – OHSAA

Akron/Fairlawn Holiday Inn, Akron, Ohio

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

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

President Schumacher Welcomed Everyone To The Meeting

Attending the meeting –

Jim Borchik, "AAA" Rep.

Lynn Gotthardt, Female Representative

Rocco Nero, "A" Rep.

William Nye, "A" Rep.

Paul Powers, "AA"

Bill Schumacher, "AA" Rep.

Phil Stevens, Ethnic Minority Rep.{Excused}

Secretary-- Larry Acker

Treasurer-- Mark McGuire

Seven members of the Basketball Coaches Association from Northeast Ohio were in attendance. Prior to the start of the business meeting, there were discussions on matters pertaining to boys basketball tournament configurations/operations in Northeast Ohio. One of the main topics discussed was the idea of a blended drawing/seeding and bracketing procedure. The tournament committee is recommending implementation in 2014.

President Schumacher thanked the coaches for their attendance and expressed the board's appreciation for their work and dedication on behalf of their student athletes and schools.

There were a couple of items—[home site sectionals in basketball and purpose of executive sessions] added to the agenda followed by a motion from Lynn Gotthardt seconded by Bill Nye to approve the meeting agenda . Motion passed 6-0.

There was a motion by Rocco Nero seconded by Jim Borchik to approve the minutes of the previous [8/21/13] meeting. Motion carried 6–0.

Treasurer Mark McGuire had no report but noted that he is in touch with the State Office regarding fiscal reporting updates and tournament financial protocol. He will be providing the board monthly reports and fiscal updates on the budget and tournament operational information moving forward. This is a transitional year for the Northeast District to begin the turnkey protocol that is being implemented by the OHSAA across the State.

There was a motion by Jim Borchik and seconded by Rocco Nero that the payment of bills and mileage reimbursements as submitted/verified be approved. Motion passed 6-0.

Northeast District State Board Representative Jim Borchik provided a detailed report on the September 12, 2013, State Board of Directors Meeting. Thanks to Mr. Borchik for his thorough report of the State meetings !

Public School Treasurers have been provided in-service across the State and this process will continue in an effort to inform all who are involved with activity organizations in their respective districts as well as those hosting OHSAA Tournament Events. Everyone is to be on track with federal/state audit practices and IRS regulations. All Regional and State OHSAA events will be Turnkey Operations this school year—[2013-14] and tourney operational fees will be standardized across the State.

Bill Schumacher, District Athletic Board Review Committee Representative from the Northeast District Board indicated there are 4 meetings planned during the 2013-14 school year. The meeting schedule has been set and the first meeting is set for Thursday, October 9, 2013, 9a. @ the State OHSAA Office in Columbus.

Board members were reminded of a retirement/appreciation dinner scheduled to recognize long time NED Tourney Manager Dan Brooks on Saturday, October 5, 2013, at McCall's Restaurant near Canton South High School, Canton, Ohio. Al Lopez's induction into the Trumbull County Sports Hall of Fame is Sunday, October 27, 2013 at DiViesti's Banquet Center in Warren, Ohio. Board Members—Current and Former are invited to attend these events; reservations are necessary.

The board decided to arrange interviews for the "AA" open position on the board to be conducted, Saturday, October 5th at Copley High School. President Schumacher will contact those candidates selected for interview and set up the interview schedule. Since there was only one applicant/candidate for the 7/8 Grade position and the individual is a quality professional with credible experience, it was recommended that Rich Berlin, Assistant Principal, Wadsworth Middle School be recommended for appointment to serve for the 2013-14 school year. Jim Borchik moved and William Nye seconded a motion to recommend Rich Berlin. Motion passed 6-0. Appointments are made by the Commissioner according to the OHSAA State Constitution and By-Laws.

Paul Powers, Chairman of the Officiating Committee reported that officiating assignments for the fall tournaments have been completed and he thanked those who helped with the process and especially extended his and the board's appreciation to Ron Knight whose help and assistance is invaluable. Thank You Ron Knight ! Paul also recommended the board consider compensating Mr. Knight for his work in connection with the officials' assignment process in all sports. This matter will be checked with the State Office and discussed at the next meeting.

Tentative Officials Committee meeting dates for winter sports are December 12th, 19th and January 2nd for winter sports and March 13th, 20th and 27th for spring sports. All meetings are scheduled at Roby Lee's in Newton Falls.

Tournament Committee Report—Chairman Bill Schumacher; reported the following:

Fall Sports Tournament Sites and Team Assignments are posted on the NEDAB Web Site and as entries or withdrawals occur, this information is updated.

Winter Sports Tournament Sites will be finalized at the next board meeting. Due to a reduction in the number of Division 1 qualifiers in Boys and Girls Basketball, there will be one less tournament site in each. It was recommended by the tournament committee the board approve home site sectionals in Girls and Boys Basketball as well as a blended drawing/seeding/bracket configuration in Division 1—Both Boys and Girls as follows:

Home Site Sectionals—Boys and Girls Basketball-- All Divisions—2014.

---Transition To Turnkey Tourney Operations—Sectionals & District---

Division 1 Boys and Girls Basketball—Combined Into---2/3 Sites—Seeding All Teams

There was a motion by Jim Borchik and seconded by Bill Nye that the Northeast District set up Home Site Sectionals in Boys and Girls Basketball for 2013-14. Motion passed 6-0.

There was a motion by Bill Nye and seconded by Lynn Gotthardt that Division 1 Boys and Girls Basketball only have blended seeding bracket configurations for 2013-14. Motion passed 5-1. {Paul Powers voted no}

Spring Sports Tournaments—2014;no report/updates at this time.

The new tournament managers meeting format--- check in and pick up packets beginning at 6:15p. and a buffet dinner/meal served at 6:30p.with the manager's meeting starting at 7:00p. worked very well. Board Members available attended and were seated around at various tables serving as resource persons for questions particularly from any new managers.

There was a motion by Paul Powers and seconded by Lynn Gotthardt that \$100 be donated for an ad in the Trumbull Co, Hall of Fame Banquet Program—Al Lopez, Northeast District Board Treasurer Emeritus to be inducted on October 27th.

There was a short discussion on the purpose of an executive session during board meetings.

It was noted that executive sessions are help primarily for the purpose of evaluating board personnel—treasurer, secretary and any other persons—tourney managers, et. al., employed by the board.

There being no further business there was a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Bill Nye to adjourn the meeting at 7:15p. Motion carried 6-0.

The Next Meeting Of The NEDAB Is Scheduled October 23, 2013 at 4:00p.—
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Respectfully Submitted By Larry Acker, Secretary