

NORTHEAST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD -OHSAA
Akron/Fairlawn Holiday Inn

Wednesday April 22, 2015

Business meeting was called to order by President Rocco Nero @ 4:40p.

Attending the meeting—

Brian Banfield	AA	Rep
Rich Berlin	7/8	Rep {Excused}
Jim Borchik,	AAA	Rep
Jeffrey Cassella	AAA	Rep
Andy Jalwan	AAA	Rep
Rocco Nero,	A	Rep
William Nye	A	Rep {Excused}
Rhonda Rickelman	Fem	Rep
Phil Stevens	Eth. Min.-	Rep.{Excused}

Secretary-- Larry Acker

Treasurer-- Mark McGuire

Northeast District Administrator of Officials—Ron Knight

----- 4:00p. to 4:40p.-----

Prior to the start of the business meeting, representatives-{8}-of the NEO Basketball Coaches Association gave a presentation—reflecting on Sectional/District Guidelines/Operations, Home Site Sectionals-[second year], etc. NEB will review these two items before determining format for 2015-16. One suggestion is to play the first sectional game at the home site—same as football playoffs where the home site idea originated according to previous Coaches--their reasoning/justification for the change. Northeast District Board President Nero thanked the Coaches Group/Representatives for their presentation and for what they do for our young Student Athletes across Northeast Ohio.

There was a motion by Brian Banfield seconded by Andy Jalwan to approve the meeting agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

There was a motion by Rhonda Rickelman seconded by Jim Borchik to approve the minutes of the previous-{3/2/15}- meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Treasurer Mark McGuire presented a summary listing/report of the Northeast District Board's monthly balances—on 3/31/15 it was \$685,186.88 as compared to \$487,264.88 on 3/31/14. Winter Tourney Financial Reports for Bowling, Gymnastics, Swimming/Diving and Boys and Girls Basketball were presented for discussion and review. There were several winter tourney sites yet to submit their financial reports to the Treasurer. The Board reviewed the tourney summary reports and discussed developing a plan to get money back to the member schools in the future.

The Finance Committee will need to determine how tourney profits or a portion of the NEDAB Treasury Balance can be returned to member schools in a fair and equitable manner since the OHSAA/NEDAB is a non-profit status organization. The NEB went to a flat fee operational format with the Home Site Sectionals in Basketball which may have accounted for much of the Basketball Tournaments Profit Margin. The Finance Committee also needs to develop a NED Budget Proposal for 2015-16 to submit to the OHSAA Board of Directors. The Board Thanked Treasurer McGuire for his work and they appreciated the tournament revenue/summary reports.

There was a motion by Jim Borchik and seconded by Jeff Cassella to approve the Financial Reports as presented and the payment of the Bills. Motion passed 6-0.

The District Athletic Board Review Committee is scheduled to meet on May 4, 2015. Agenda items for the meeting should be forwarded to Jim Borchik who will attend the DAB Review Committee Meeting. Thank You Jim for Representing NEO on The DAB Committee and for providing detailed follow up reports.

The Board was reminded of the Board of Directors report from their April 16th meeting was provided by NEDAB Representative Bill Nye. Future discussion on OHSAA matters will be conducted at the Summer All District Boards Conference—6/14 thru 6/16 in Walnut Creek—East District. Reservations for that Conference are due to the Secretary by May 4, 2015, so they can be forwarded to the EDAB Secretary.

The Northeast District Officials Committee was commended for its work and completion of Officiating Assignments throughout the year in a timely and professional manner so the information was available for the Tournament Managers well ahead of the scheduled events. Thanks especially to the Leadership and Preparation Work of Paul Powers and Ron Knight along with current and former NE Board Members who were able to help/work at the Officials Assignment—“Work Sessions”.

The Tournament Committee Meeting—4/14/15—Report-- Provided by Committee Member Jeff Cassella included the following:

1. Wrestling –One Day Sectionals worked out well overall—tie breakers to Be Wrestled at Districts. Super Sectionals idea needs further study.
2. Online Seeding overall working well—need to study Video Conferencing Idea—venue for future. Penalty for not entering records and comments is needed in order to be fair.
3. Soccer—Fall 2015, It was recommended that District Final events be played on Turf at Neutral Sites.
4. Fall Tournament Sites are being verified and as/if new locations are needed, contacts will be made for options with Geography, Facilities and Management Personnel serving as guidelines.
5. Managers Forms and Manager Packet Information to go online— website-etc .Managers Meetings may go back to Sundays to avoid conflicts that AD's/Tourney Managers have with weekdays regardless of which day is scheduled.

There was a motion by Jeff Cassella and seconded by Brian Banfield to approve The Tournament Committee Report and Recommendation that starting Fall of 2015, Boys and Girls District Soccer Tournament Final Games will be played on Neutral Turf Sites. Motion passed 6-0.

There was a motion by Andy Jalwan and seconded by Rhonda Rickelman to table The matter of One Day Wrestling Sectionals pending further study and review.
Motion passed 6-0.

OHSAA Scholarship Applications were divided for the review/selection process by "A", "AA", "AAA". Board Members were assigned to committee—same as their respective classification. Each committee is to meet and report preliminary recommendations at the next NEDAB Meeting on May 11, 2015. Final selections will be made after Spring Sport Addendums are submitted following State Tournaments the Weekend of June 6, 2015.

It was recommended that two Media Award Nominees for- 2015, be approved for the Secretary to contact verifying their acceptance and availability to attend the Northeast District Scholarship and Awards Banquet on Wednesday, June 24, 2015. There was a motion by Brian Banfield and seconded by Jim Borchik to approve the recommendation. Motion passed 6-0.

{President Nero called for a short Executive Session with not further business to be transacted}

President Nero declared the executive session over at 6:25p.

There being no further business for transaction at this time, there was a motion by Brian Banfield and seconded by Andy Jalwan to adjourn the meeting @ 6:25p. Motion passed 6-0.

President Nero Commended and Thanked The Board Members For All You Do !

Next Northeast District Regular Meeting—Monday June 15, 2015
--During The All District Boards Summer Conference---

The 2015 Northeast District Board Scholarship Banquet Is Scheduled
Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 6:30p.
Akron/Fairlawn Holiday Inn 4073 Medina Road, 1-77 At Route 18
Akron, Ohio 44333

Board Meeting Minutes
Respectfully Submitted By Larry Acker, Secretary