

NORTHWEST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD
Minutes of October 24, 2011
University of Findlay, 3:30 p.m.

Note: The following minutes from the October NWDAB meeting have not been officially approved. The minutes will be officially approved by the NWDAB at the November meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by President Meister with the following members present: Mrs. Burden, Mr. Calver, Mr. Katafias, Mr. Keller, Mr. Kreinbrink, Mr. Meister and Mr. Selgo. Also in attendance were Mr. Hanna, Treasurer, Mr. Palmer, Secretary, NW-OIAAA Representative John Brueggemeier and special guest, Dr. Dan Ross, OHSAA Commissioner. Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Axe arrived during Dr. Ross' presentation.

Dr. Ross met with the Board for about an hour, sharing discussion on several topics. The agenda included discussion of items such as 2011-12 OHSAA Committee structure relating to competitive balance concerns and the failed referendum, the contracting of a hearing officer, Treasurers' Committee relating to "turn key" operations, capital expenditures at the OHSAA offices and contract and judicial issues. Members of the NWDAB also shared concerns relating to timelines for communication relating to reclassifications and tournament deadline variations for sports within a season, the fact the OHSAA normally solicits information from coaches' associations rather than principal or athletic directors, and also concerns relating to changes with the "Respect the Game" program.

1. Mr. Axe shared communications regarding golf tournament operations and likely change in the format for Girls' Division I sectional for next year. Mr. Katafias relayed concerns associated with team assignments in girls' soccer. Mr. Meister shared concerns from a tournament manager related to volleyball officials and game rotation.
2. The agenda was amended and approved 9-0 *Keller/Burden*.

The Board met with representatives from the Spring Sport Coaches' Associations:

- Baseball—Chad Jensen, Buckeye Central HS and Jeff Mielcarek, Toledo Central Catholic
- Softball—Walt Snyder, Bucyrus HS.
- Track & Field—John Knickel, Carey HS
- Boys' Tennis—not represented, but concerns relayed to Mr. Meister, Tennis Coordinator

3. The minutes of the September meeting were approved 9-0 on a motion by *Axe/Selgo*.
4. Mr. Hanna shared financial information with the Board, including the financial report reflecting a checking account balance of \$155,038.09 (up approximately \$12,000 compared to 2010) and payment of current expenses of \$13,054.98. Mr. Hanna also indicated that a savings account has been started for expenses related to hosting the Summer Conference and requested approval to donate \$500 to the Findlay YMCA for the use of indoor tennis courts. Mr. Hanna also gave a brief overview of fall tournament reports to date. All approved unanimously on a motion by *Hernandez/Calver (9-0)*.
5. Informational Items
 - State Board of Directors Report – Mr. Axe shared a brief report with highlights including the ongoing work of the MS Committee and their consideration of OHSAA sponsored tournaments, the impact that common start dates will have on the sport of golf in 2012—shortening the season by a week, and expected increases in state wrestling tournament tickets due to poor attendance.
 - District Review Committee Report – No meeting to report
 - The Board reviewed and made final adjustments to the District Trophy Presentation list. Secretary Palmer was directed to email copies to all Board members as well as all tournament managers.

6. Old Business

- Approved sites and assignments for winter tournaments in the sports of Girls' and Boys' Basketball, Wrestling, Gymnastics and Bowling on a motion by *Calver/Burden (9-0)*.
- A lengthy discussion of procedures for the assignment/contracting of tournament officials led to a motion by *Keller/Selgo* to allocate up to \$599 per sport to be utilized for the assignment/contracting of tournament officials as needed. Motion passed 9-0.
- Secretary Palmer provided updates on the 2011 Principal Survey, which was to be emailed by the end of October, and the ongoing Webmaster search, which had a November 4 deadline for proposals. At the November meeting, the Board will need to decide on a committee to review applicants and schedule interviews.

7. New Business

- The Board held a lengthy discussion of the standards that should be followed relating to tournament contest date/time changes. The Board reinforced its stance that NO CHANGES to tournament contests are to be made after the seed/draw has been completed.
- Secretary Palmer provided the Board with a brief overview of newly created Google Apps presence for the NWDAB, allowing easier sharing of files, collaboration and online access.
- Preliminary discussion regarding Board member intentions to attend the State Football Championships indicated that all members planned to attend. The Board was reminded of the December 1 meeting with Dr. Ross at 2:30 p.m.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 on a motion by *Calver/Hernandez*.