

NORTHWEST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD

Minutes of April 27, 2009

University of Findlay, 4:00 p.m.

Note: The following minutes from the April 27, 2009 NWDAB meeting have not been officially approved. The minutes will be officially approved by the NWDAB at the May meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by President Meister with the following members present: Mr. Axe, Mrs. Burden, Mr. Calver, Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Katafias, Mr. Keller, Mr. Meister, Mr. Richards and Mr. Snyder. Also in attendance were Mr. Hanna, Treasurer and Mr. Palmer, Secretary, and DOC Secretary Jim Oberlander.

- Correspondence
 - Mr. Richards shared a letter from coaches and athletic directors of the Midland Athletic League concerned with the lack of “cross-bracketing” in volleyball and requesting it be considered in the future.
- The agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by *Axe/Richards (9-0)*
- The minutes of the March meeting were approved 9-0 on a motion by *Snyder/Keller (9-0)*.
- The financial report, as presented by Mr. Hanna, reflecting a checking account balance of \$146,471.86 and a DOC balance of \$20,429.83 along with payment of current expenses were approved unanimously on a motion by *Hernandez/Burden (9-0)*. The board’s balance is now up approximately \$35,000 compared to 2008. Mr. Hanna shared with the board a draft budget that is due to OHSAA offices by the end of April. The final budget is to be approved in June.
- Informational Items
 - State Board of Directors Report – Mr. Richards shared audit information, information on HB 139 which attempts to override requirement of student’s parents living in state. He also shared results of survey of OHSAA Survey of HS principals and discussed changes to FB instructional programs & golf start dates. Information on wrestling coaches’ proposal for State Dual Meet championships was also shared.
 - District Review Committee Report – Mr. Axe shared information from the committee’s April Meeting, discussed DOC revamp. The next issue facing the group will be brought back from discussions with each DAB. Evaluation tools for secretaries and treasurers were reviewed and will be presented to Board of Directors soon.
 - DOC Report – Mr. Oberlander shared numerous concerns of DOC and Appeals Board potential changes. Association secretaries feel it will mean “losing their voice.”
 - Discussion of Administrators’ Meeting—Mr. Palmer led a discussion of final format and plans for the newly formatted Administrators’ Meeting to be held in conjunction with the OHSAA Athletic Discussion Meeting.
 - Secretary Palmer led a discussion of upcoming Spring Tournament Seed/Draw Meetings and District Final contests for trophy presentations. Board members will attend draws/sites as possible over the upcoming weeks.

- Old Business
 - Secretary Palmer requested sport coordinators to provide him with forms they wish to have posted on the www.nwdab.org Forms page.
- New Business
 - Mr. Katafias requested a discussion of a possible format change to the volleyball and softball district tournaments. The discussion included many pros and cons to the various formats. Action was tabled at this time.
 - Secretary Palmer shared with board information related to the Board of Director decisions on upcoming classification changes.
 - **Fall Sports — May 7 Board of Directors Meeting**
 - **Winter Sports — June 11 Board of Directors Meeting**
 - **Spring Sports — August 6 Board of Directors Meeting**
 - Common draw dates, as approved by the Board of Directors will be as follows:
 - **Fall**
 - Golf -- Sept. 20 Girls Tennis --Sept. 27 Soccer, Volleyball, Field Hockey, Cross Country --Oct. 11
 - **Winter**
 - Swimming & Diving --Jan. 24 Wrestling, Gymnastics, Bowling -- Jan. 31 Girls Basketball -- Feb. 7 Ice Hockey -- Feb. 10 Boys Basketball -- Feb. 14
 - **Spring**
 - Softball, Baseball, Boys Tennis -- May 2 Track & Field -- May 9
- Discussion of schedule for new classification of schools:
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 - **Winter Sports — June 11 Board of Directors Meeting**
 - **Spring Sports — August 6 Board of Directors Meeting**
- Discussion of 2009-10 Common Draw Dates
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The board directed Secretary Palmer to pursue dates for Managers' Meetings two to three weeks prior to each season's announced draw dates.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m. on a motion by *Burden/Calver* (9-0)

Upcoming Dates of Importance:

April 30, 2009 10 a.m.

NW District Administrators' Meeting The Centre at Bluffton

May 3, 2009 2 p.m.

Softball/Baseball Seed Meetings

May 18, 2009, 3 p.m.

NWDAB Meeting Coaches' Association Representatives