

NORTHWEST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD

Minutes of August 24, 2009

University of Findlay, 5:00 p.m.

Note: The following minutes from the August 24, 2009 NWDAB meeting have not been officially approved. The minutes will be officially approved by the NWDAB at the September meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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.

1. Correspondence

Mr. Oberlander, DOC shared conversation from Kim Zaborniak re: 8/4 meeting officials' attendance sheet confusion. Mr. Katafias relayed concern from a member school regarding high expenses at some tournament sites which decreases "school shares." Mr. Snyder deferred on his item regarding Royal Publishing since the topic was listed as agenda item. Mr. Richards has been receiving calls from Toledo schools interested in hosting wrestling tournaments. He also explained progress on wrestling changes in SW portion of district.

2. The agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by *Richards/Burden (9-0)*

3. The minutes of the June meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by *Richards/Burden (9-0)*.

4. The financial report, as presented by Mr. Hanna, reflecting a checking account balance of \$176,317.69 and a DOC balance of \$11,035.81 and the payment of current expenses were approved unanimously on a motion by *Axe/Keller (9-0)*. Treasurer Hanna also provided financial reports for all sports for 2008-09. The results were overall very positive. The Board expressed gratitude to the tournament managers and numerous workers who made the 2008-09 sports tournaments so successful. A lengthy discussion of ongoing financial concerns followed.

5. Informational Items

- Board of Directors— Mr. Keller and Mr. Hernandez shared their first BOD report. Mr. Keller shared the OHSAA seeking additional funding from District Athletic Boards and that no real movement on DOC reorganization has been made. Additionally, the DOC reorganization may result in additional personnel being required.
 - Mr. Axe expressed concerns from City schools to the BOD members about the 9th grade eligibility and its impact eliminating freshman sports in urban schools. Acknowledging the history of this issue, the likelihood of reversing this bylaw is remote, but necessary, in his opinion
- District Review Committee— no meeting, Mr. Richards will be NW Representative to this committee in the future.
- Discussion of Possible OHSAA Leadership Conference in NW District – Leadership conferences were moved to the Spring. The Board will consider possible financial support in future meetings.
- DOC—Mr. Oberlander deferred

6. Old Business

- Mr. Hanna and Mr. Richards led a discussion/review of the status of negotiations with Royal Publishing for Tournament Programs. Royal Publishing sent the same contract as last year, amounting to \$7200, even after Mr. Hanna's request for a minimum of \$8000. Royal had gross sales of approx. \$160,000 in the NW District last year and the NWDAB received \$7278. **Since Royal Publishing did not meet the Board's request of \$8000 minimum, the contract will be dropped.**
- Secretary Palmer requested discussion of the processes used to contract Fall Tournament officials with the following determinations made:
 - Volleyball – Board Assigned & Manager contracted
 - Soccer – Arbiter
 - Cross Country – Manager selection & contracting

7. New Business

- Fall Tournament Sites and Assignments were reviewed and lingering dilemmas discussed. Finally, sites and assignments were approved unanimously along with a provision allowing sport coordinators to make changes as necessary. *Richards/Burden (9-0)*
- The Board conducted its reorganizational voting with Mr. Meister being unanimously elected president and Mr. Snyder being unanimously elected as vice-president.
- On a motion by *Burden/Keller (9-0)* the Board approved its 2009-10 calendar as presented.

8. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Upcoming Important Dates and Meetings:

Monday, September 28, 2009, 4:30 p.m.