

NORTHWEST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD

Minutes of October 27, 2008

University of Findlay, 4:00 p.m.

Note: The following minutes from the October 27, 2008 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 4:10 p.m. by President Meister with the following members present at: Mrs. Burden, newly elected AAA Representative Mr. Kevin 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, NW-OIAAA Rep John Brueggemeier and DOC Secretary Jim Oberlander. Mr. Axe arrived a few minutes late.

1. Correspondence—members shared various concerns resulting from fall tournaments as brought forth by member schools as well as some concerns expressed about winter tournament structure. Members had also received numerous concerns regarding the OHSAA Coaches' Education program proposal.
2. The agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by *Richards/Burden (8-0)*
3. Spring Sport Coaches' Association Representatives addressed the Board
 - Baseball—Mr. Dave Hall addressed the board regarding some concerns of the baseball coaches in NW Ohio. The focus of his discussion was on site selection—some fields were not well maintained. Coach Hall also shared that the coaches appear split on the concept of playing the first round at the home field of the higher seeded team. Those opposed most often cite concerns with conditions of some tournament fields might be substandard.
 - Softball—unable to attend due to emergency. Concerns shared with President Meister after the meeting.
 - Tennis—Mr. Jeff McFarland brought forth concerns previously shared with the Board by coach John Schlessman of Sandusky Perkins regarding “placement in half brackets becomes stagnant” sometimes resulting the in “best individuals or teams” not advancing.
 - Track/Field—Mr. John Brashear and Mr. John Nickel discussed concerns of the track coaches with the board. The items of most concern related to the assignment of boys' and girls' teams from the same school to different tournament sites, some site concerns, and the state rule requiring 9 athletes to be considered a “team” in track despite the fact that a highly talented lone individual has won team state championships in the past.
4. The minutes of the October meeting were approved *8-0* on a motion by *Snyder/Keller, with Mr. Richards abstaining.*
5. The financial report, as presented by Mr. Hanna, reflecting a checking account balance of \$61,875.59 and a DOC balance of \$25,476.30 along with payment of current expenses were approved unanimously on a motion by *Richards/Burden (9-0)*. The board's balance was down from a similar time frame last year, due to costs of the Summer Conference as well as a pattern of increasing tournament operations costs and decreasing gate revenues.
6. Informational Items
 - Board of Directors—Mr. Richards shared many insightful pieces of information with the board. He distributed winter tournament regulations and regional assignments to coordinators as well as a financial report from spring state tournaments. He also discussed the football alignment proposal and other proposals under consideration by the board of directors.
 - District Review Committee—Mr. Axe indicated the group had not yet met.

- DOC—Mr. Oberlander shared the dates of upcoming Review Committee of December 5 in the Endly Room of the University of Findlay.
- Sport Coordinators shared various thoughts on Winter Tournament structure in preparation for approval at this meeting.
- A lengthy review and discussion of Fall Tournament issues/concerns was held. Items such as standardizing a rationale for contest time changes were looked at from many different angles, with no final decision at this time. NW-OIAAA representative Brueggemeier expressed concerns about “a need for consistency across all sports” in relation to cross-bracketing sectional/district sites or playing a sectional down to one winner who then moves to the district final. Again, no decisions were made on this topic.

7. Old Business

- The scheduling of myOHSAA Tournament Manager Module Training was rather extensive. From conversations with OHSAA personnel it appears the earliest this training could occur will be after the state football championships—in early to mid-December. Mr. Richards indicated he would discuss the matter further with Brenda Murray.

8. New Business

- A motion by *Richards/Burden* for the approval Winter Tournament Sites and Assignments as presented by the sport coordinators and also authorizing the coordinators to adjust sites and/or assignments as necessary was approved unanimously (9-0).
- Newly elected AAA Representative Kevin Calver accepted the assignment of assistant wrestling coordinator.

8. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Upcoming Important Dates and Meetings:

October 27-November 1

Volleyball & Soccer Regional Tournaments

November 6-8

Volleyball & Soccer State Tournaments

Monday, November 24, 4:00 p.m.

University of Findlay, Rosewood Room
NWDAB Meeting

November 28-29

Football State Championship Games