



Ohio High School Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes Date: June 7, 2014

Attendees: Barbara Sleek, Brenda Radabaugh, Jamie Lininger, Bill Amero, Charles Tackett, Bill Matthews, Kevin Moody, Jim Campolo, Sharon Monas, Patrick Finn, Melissa Lahna, Jim Townsend, Jim Smith, Walt Snyder, Dale Dawson, and Christy Martini

Absent: Madeline Amero, Dan Schneider, Doug Baldwin, Odie Estep, Nick Joseph, Rick Armstrong and Bruce Leary

Call to Order- President Barbara Sleek called the meeting to order at 12:00.

Secretary's Report- Charles Tackett distributed a copy of the secretary's minutes from the January 16th and 18th meetings. Minutes were reviewed and approved (motion by Matthews and seconded by Dawson)

Treasurer's Report- Bill Amero distributed copies of the treasurer's report that included a Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet along with a transaction sheet of the account, as well. Lastly, he passed out a copy of our Vanguard statement detailing the growth our account has made in the past year. The report was reviewed and approved. (motion by Campolo and seconded by Smith)

Committee Reports

- a. *Constitution-* Nothing to report
- b. *Communications*
 - i. *PR Report/Website-* Bill Amero reported that the Website has a "New Look" – make sure you check it out. Bill also mentioned that the program for the state banquet is being worked on and will be completed within the next week and all information is sent to Madeline. Please make sure all current information is on the website.
 - ii. *OHSAA-* Kevin Moody reported that starting in the 2015 season players are allowed to play in 32 games instead of old rule of 27. He also mentioned that teams are now allowed to play DH on any night of the week- pending District Policy.
- c. *Underclassmen All-Star Tournament* – Jamie Lininger reported that the Underclass Tournament will be taking place on June 22nd and 23rd at Pickerington Central High School. District Reps were told to get information

and rosters turned in ASAP, after you conduct your tryouts this coming week. He stated he is still trying to contact Worth for the game balls for the Underclassmen All-Star Tournament. The board also discussed securing a shirt vendor for this event and it was agreed on that Mr. Jim Elmaron would be that vendor. The association is not charging Mr. Elmaron for setting up at this event, but instead will be asking him for a donation for the association.

- d. *State Clinic*- Bill Matthews stated the dates for the clinic next year will be January 16th and 17th and he also mentioned that a couple speakers have been confirmed- Amanda Freed, and Brian Cain- many others have been contacted about attending. The board discussed the concern over the Executive Board Meeting Dinner and how much it was costing the association- after much discussing a motion was put in place by Campolo and 2nd by Lahna stating that the Executive Board Meeting Dinner will remain the same- motion passed. Bill Mathews made a motion and 2nd by Jim Smith to increase the Vendor Fee for the clinic starting in 2016 from \$250 to \$275- motion passed. Patrick Finn made a motion 2nd by Brenda Radabaugh to purchase larger name tags with lanyards for the clinic- motion passed. Bill also stated that he needs all current information from the districts before mailing out the clinic postcards this coming year.
- e. *Scholarship*- Bill Amero reported that we would be able to do one scholarship per district this year along with the coaches' scholarships that we would be voting on today. He also stated that coaches need to contact the scholarship recipients attending the All-Ohio Banquet to receive their scholarship, and if they are unable to attend to please let him know.
- f. *Finance*- was taken care of through the Treasure's Report that was already approved.
- g. *All-State Banquet*- June 22nd at Villa Milano. Bill Amero asked all executive committee members to please be there by 4:30 to help set up and register your district's players and guests, along with helping with the plaques. He said to please remind your coaches/players/families to turn in their forms ASAP. We are charged \$27 per meal, but we only charge \$25 per meal- Players are taken care of through the association. Barbara added that Christine Steines from Otterbein would be the speaker for the banquet. The board also discussed the possibility of the Hilton at Easton becoming the new location of the All-Ohio Banquet. The Hilton is interested in talking to us about using their location for the banquet in the future.
- h. *State Poll*- Jim Campolo reported that the Division I and II poll voters had another outstanding year with the voting process this year. He mentioned that Division III was very up and down, but stated that Division IV was the worst he has ever seen. He stated there were some weeks where only 6/12 voters for

Division IV would vote. New poll voters for those positions will be looked into by the board.

- i. *Service Awards*- Sharon Monas said, “I will talk to you in December concerning your service awards”. She also mentioned please make sure coaches are turning in items on the specific dates through the year.
- j. *Hall of Fame*- Barbara Sleek mentioned that each district needs to bring one candidate with all of the appropriate forms to the October executive board meeting to allow the board to review the candidates and vote on the new members of the 2015 Hall of Fame Class.
- k. *District Reports*
 - i. Central- Nothing to report
 - ii. East- Nothing to report
 - iii. Northeast- Nothing to report
 - iv. Northwest- Nothing to report
 - v. Southeast- Nothing to report
 - vi. Southwest- Nothing to report

Old Business- Bill Amero discussed the insurance policy that has been purchased and told each district if they need a copy of the insurance policy/certificate to please let him know for any of their district activities. This would help if there were any claims that that facility/family did not cover if any accident(s) might occur. Explained that insurance policy covered not just our activities, but a variety of items example- theft of funds etc.

New Business- OHSAA Proposal by Bill Mathews- All teams that reach the regional championship should receive a medal for getting that far in the tournament. We are looking at both the regional champion and regional runner-up will receive a medal. Jerry Fick of the Umpires was asked a question- “Why do softball teams get their equipment inspected each game, but baseball does not?” Jerry stated, “We are dealing with two different committees with two different philosophies and they will be voting on this issue in the next year.”

The following scholarship winners were voted and selected by the executive committee.

Dave Mitchell	Northwest	Dale Dawson	Vermillion
Jan Keatley	Central	Brooke Hatfield	Big Walnut
Akron Racers	Central	Rebecca Gavin	Gahanna Lincoln

Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 1:17 (motion by Radabaugh, seconded by Mathews)

Respectfully submitted: Charles Tackett, Secretary

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