



## ***Ohio High School Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association***

Executive Board Meeting Minutes      Date: June 6, 2015

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**Attendees:** Barbara Sleek, Brenda Radabaugh, Jamie Lininger, Bill Amero, Charles Tackett, Bill Matthews, Nick Joseph, Jim Campolo, Sharon Monas, Sarah Looker, Melissa Lahna, Jim Townsend, Jim Smith, Walt Snyder, Dale Dawson, and Brian Kadel

**Absent:** Madeline Amero, Dan Schneider, Doug Baldwin, and Odie Estep

*Call to Order-* President Barbara Sleek called the meeting to order at 12:00 and wanted to introduce the board to the new SWD president Brian Kadel.

*Secretary's Report-* Charles Tackett distributed a copy of the secretary's minutes from the January 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> meetings. Jamie Lininger and Melissa Lahna found corrections that needed to be made. Once corrections were made the minutes were reviewed and approved. (motion by Smith and seconded by Dawson)

*Treasurer's Report-* Bill Amero distributed/explained copies of the treasurer's report that included a Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet along with a transaction sheet of our account. Next, he passed out a copy of our Vanguard statement detailing the growth our account has made in the past year. He stated that the only income coming into our account was the clinic. He said that he has ideas to help with raising more revenue for the association through the clinic. Those items will be discussed through the clinic report. 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 A. reporting for Madeline Amero- make sure all information on the website is updated and to please let her know of any changes that needs to occur. The board discussed about when each district changes officers and once that occurs to make sure information on website is updated.
  - ii. *OHSAA-* Barbara Sleek reported that she attended a meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>. She stated that if we have any proposals for the OHSAA to please let her know and she would put something together. Jamie Lininger

proposed the need for a double first base; Dale Dawson proposed the need to look at the HBP rule; Jim Campolo proposed the need to enforce the rule to follow the Coaches Outfit Rule; and Bill Matthews wants to continue his proposal to have Regional Medals for our Fast pitch teams. Jamie Lininger asked this question last year to Jerry Fick, “Why are we continuing to be policed by the umpires each game to check equipment throughout the year when it has already been approved?” One coach on the board even stated that 4 bats were removed from his State Semi Final Game that had been approved all season. We are still waiting on an answer to this question.

- c. *Underclassmen All-Star Tournament* – Jamie Lininger reported that the Underclass Tournament will be taking place on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Pickerington Central High School. District Reps were told to get information and rosters turned in by Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. He said game balls have already been delivered and are good to go for the event. There was a discussion about the field rental already being paid, but Jamie Lininger received an invoice after the check had already been processed. Central District President and Pickerington Central Head Coach Sarah Looker are going to look into that matter and report back to Bill Amero.
- d. *State Clinic*- Bill Matthews stated the dates for the clinic next year will be January 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton at Easton. He presented the board with a sheet that talked about Proposals, General Information, Vendor Pricing and Speakers for the 2016 Clinic. He mentioned that a couple speakers have been confirmed- Mike White, and Howard Kobata- many others have been contacted about attending. After much debate over the clinic fees a motion was made by Lininger and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawson to increase fees for the 2016 Clinic to \$80 Clinic fee, \$20 HOF luncheon, and \$20 Sports Med. Bill M. mentioned the need to increase the Vendor fee for the clinic and presented 5 levels for vendors for the 2016 clinic. Discussion was brought about the vendor pricing and how was it compared to baseball. Some members expressed a concern of why numbers of vendors were down was due to the baseball clinic being the same weekend, Bill assured them that the baseball clinic was not affecting vendor turnout. Nothing was finalized with the increase of the vendor fees. Bill Amero presented the board with a form that explained a program called My Online Camp- looking at allowing coaches the ability to register online for the Clinic. Coaches asked if they can continue to register like before and Bill said that would not be a problem. He said he would love to see more schools register early each year and hopefully if more coaches are aware of the new system of registration that might occur. He mentioned if we do not like this company after a year we can cut ties and revisit this. Then we went over a sheet that contained four different scenarios for the Clinic Registration Fees by using this new company that reflected the

company fee along with the increase of fees for the clinic. The board agreed that scenario #2 would make the most sense for the 2106 clinic. One board member asked if the OHSAA would be willing to sell rulebooks at the clinic- will ask them if this is possible.

- e. *Scholarship*- Bill Amero asked for every district to put their Billhardt winner into an envelope that was being passed around the meeting. He said that we would be voting on the Coaches Scholarship and Racers Scholarship 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 21st 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 plagues. He said registration for the banquet is open until June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- h. *State Poll*- Jim Campolo presented a document that was a breakdown of the poll voters in all four divisions and how they voted. He mentioned how many coaches did not vote the last week and how it affected the Division I poll champion. To remind the poll voters he stated he sends out multiple emails to remind them to vote throughout the year. We need to be looking into getting new poll voters for those voters who did not meet their voting requirements this past year. He mentioned that voters in Division I and III increased and Division II was down.
- i. *Service Awards*- Sharon Monas said, "I need more 15 year award pins." She also presented the board with a new plaque for the All State award winners that have a small plate to cover up the previous year. This new plaque might be able to help the association with being able to recycle plaques from year to year. Everyone agreed that let's see how this year goes and we can revisit this next 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 2016 Hall of Fame Class.
- k. *District Reports*
  - i. Central- Nothing to report

- ii. East- Jim Townsend new district president
- iii. Northeast- Nothing to report
- iv. Northwest- Nothing to report
- v. Southeast- Nothing to report
- vi. Southwest- Brian Kadel new district president and Brian Kendell was elected as the new president elect

*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. He 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 Matthews- 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 receiving 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.” A new position within the association was announced and Nick Joseph was introduced as our assistant treasurer.

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

Dave Mitchell	Central	Andrew Barber	Saint Francis DeSales
Jan Keatley	NW	Erica Moore	Fostoria
Akron Racers	East	Jenna Tolloti	Tuscarawas Central Catholic
Dolores Billhardt	Central	Nicole Doyle	Mount Vernon
Dolores Billhardt	East	Abigail Hughes	Sandy Valley
Dolores Billhardt	Northeast	Madison Nicula	Mathews
Dolores Billhardt	Northwest	Alexis Zacharias	Celina
Dolores Billhardt	Southeast	Tatum Brown	New Lexington
Dolores Billhardt	Southwest	Mailey Lorio	Ursuline Academy

*Adjournment-* Meeting adjourned at 2:12 (motion by Snyder, seconded by Looker)

Respectfully submitted: Charles Tackett, Secretary

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