



Ohio High School Fast pitch Softball Coaches Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes Date: October 18, 2015

Attendees: Jamie Lininger, Jim Smith, Barbara Sleek, Bill Amero, Nick Joseph, Melissa Lahna, Madeline Amero, Bill Matthews, Dale Dawson, Jim Campolo, Sharon Monas, Sarah Looker, Patrick Finn, Jim Townsend, Dan Schneider, Walt Snyder, Brenda Radabaugh, Odie Estep, Doug Baldwin, Brian Kadel and Rick Armstrong

Absent:

Call to Order- President Jamie Lininger called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

Secretary's Report- Melissa Lahna distributed a copy of the secretary's minutes from the June 6th meeting. Minutes reviewed and approved.
(motion by D. Dawson and seconded by J. Campolo)

Treasurer's Report- Bill Amero distributed copies of the treasurer's report that included a copy of the check registry of the account from January 3, 2015 thru October 16, 2015, along with a copy of our Vanguard statement detailing the growth our account has made in the past year. The association's account balance as of October 16, 2015 is \$10,255.96 and Vanguard has a balance of \$75,641. Bill Amero stated that we let the Vanguard sit and grow and should discuss what to do with that account in the future. Nick Joseph and Bill Amero are going through the process of getting organized and aligning material for items to be handled by the treasurer vs. assistant treasurer. They would like to meet with the Vanguard representative for a better understanding of the account. The report was reviewed and approved. (motion by O. Estep and seconded by J. Smith)

Committee Reports

a. *Communications*

- i. *PR Report* - Madeline Amero will be starting work on the programs for the upcoming clinic in January.

- ii. *Website-* Madeline Amero passed around the information from the website for updates and corrections. Check the website to

make sure each district is up to date. Jamie Lininger is trying to keep current with the career wins through Google drive-districts check with him and he will send the link and districts can update the sheet immediately.

- b. *OHSAA-Dale Dawson* stated nothing to report as of yet-there is a meeting coming up this Thursday. Barbara Sleek explained to the committee how the OHSAA meetings are ran and what Dale should expect since he is our new representative for OHSAA. He will send out an email to keep the committee and districts up to date on what is happening in the OHSAA. Jim Campolo asked if information could be found and/or if Dale could find out about summer league pitching distance for middle school age. The younger high school athletes that can play are going from 40ft to 43ft-Central districts are asking if there is a way to get this changed so there is consistency. Barbara Sleek stated that the OHSAA would want to see a proposal for this to be changed but it would have to be data driven that shows this pitching distance is an issue. Districts need to poll their coaches and see if the data is showing the need for the distance to be changed. Bill Matthews suggested making a proposal on one sheet and presenting the poll at the state clinic to be looked at and then brought back for a proposal if data is in favor of a change. Jamie Lininger suggested having feedback from both the state meeting as well as district meetings. Poll questions for the state clinic would be the pitching distance of middle school from 40 ft to 43ft, giving regional medals out at regional tournaments, double first base bag and HBP rule. Also, members wanted Dale to check with OHSAA to see if they would be able to have rule books on hand to sale at the clinic in January.
- c. *Underclassmen Tournament* – Jim Smith reported that the Underclass Tournament will be taking place on June 20th and 21st at Pickerington Central High School. He has been in contact with Carrie Eneix and she will be sending contracts and facility use forms to Jim and will stay in contact so schedule stays on track for the tournament. The new run rule seemed to work very well and the tournament ran smoothly while putting the new rule in.
- d. *State Clinic*- Bill Matthews stated the dates for the clinic this year will be January 15th and 16th and the Hilton has blocked 215 rooms, 190 for attendees and 25 for speakers and executive board members. The price for the Hilton is \$135 a night, as of October 13th, 132 rooms have been sold. Overflow hotels are Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbus Airport, \$129 a night and the Hampton Inn on Stelzer Road, \$129 a night. For a total of 285 rooms blocked in three hotels at three sites for the clinic. Sponsors this year are Worth-Adidas and the Akron Racers. There is a new vendor pricing list, which can be found on the homepage of the association website near the bottom. For vendor's names to be printed in the packet tables must be reserved by December 1. The clinic work schedule for the executive

committee was handed out to all members and Bill Matthews asked for everyone to be sure to be on time. The Hall of Fame luncheon will be moved to Juniper Room to allow easier flow for the clinic speakers and the coaches social. This will allow the Regent to be used for speakers all weekend. Registration is now all online, which means there will be no missed registration in the mail. Registration for early bird was moved up to December 31st, remember to remind your coaches in your districts. Late registration at the clinic will be registered online as well. Reminder that the coaches' social is for ADULTS ONLY! Registration will begin at 8:00 am on Friday morning workers need to report by 7:30 am. Hall of Fame members and executive committee members were given there discount codes to apply when registering for the clinic and luncheon. Once again coaches will be given lanyards with their information on them and the clinic schedule will be on the back this year. Bill stated as he called speakers it gets tougher every year because they are starting up the week of our clinic. Coaches he spoke with that cannot attend this year but are interested in the future are South Carolina, Nebraska and UNLV. There will be 7 speakers: Mike White-University of Oregon/USA Softball, Deanna Gumpf-University of Notre Dame/WORTH, Tony Abbatine-Frozen Ropes, Jen Croneberger-JLynne Consulting Group/Author, Jenny Gilbert-Ball State University/Akron Racers, Howard Kobata-Kobata Style Softball and Gerry Mauro-GM Sports/Villanova. Jamison Giefre will be conducting the sports medicine session. The executive committee will receive a coaching jackets for their work and will need to get sizes to Bill M., ASAP. The timeline will be up on the website in a few weeks. Please try to get a few more sponsors. Executive Board meeting is Thursday, January 14th at 7:00 pm, dinner will be buffet style and clinic set-up following the meeting.

- e. *Scholarship*- Bill Amero stated that everything went well and the 9 scholarships were issued. There was a small issue in the central district but the school ended up having the check. The mistake was the school's issue when they issued the check to the wrong student but all was straightened out and given to the athlete.
- f. *Finance*- was taken care of through the Treasure's Report that was already approved.
- g. *All-State Banquet*- June 19th at the Villa Milano, Columbus, OH. There wasn't as many plaques left over this year. If there are any plaques left and not picked up please bring them to the January meeting to recycle and reuse. Sarah Looker asked if there could be an organized system at the conclusion of the banquet. There was a suggestion to call each district down individually instead of having all Presidents come at once to pick up plaques and designate specific areas for those to be picked up after the president's pick them up. Melissa Lahna stated that each district President should have reminded coaches in their

May meetings that if the player was not attending and the plaque was being picked up by someone else arrangements should be made prior to the banquet. Brenda Radabaugh added that as someone does pick up a plaque for someone else to write down that individual's name so if a parent does contact the President, he/she can tell them who the plaque was given to at the banquet. Eastern Michigan coach, Melissa Gentile will be our guest speaker.

- h. *State Poll*- Jim Campolo passed out a poll voter's record of voting and what is needed to fill this year's obligations. Jim reported that the current list is attached of the current information; please check with district voters to make sure all info is updated.
- i. *Service Awards*- Sharon Monas stated that she received permission from Bill Amero to order 5, 10 and 15 year pin. She will begin gathering the awards and reminded all that the deadline for paperwork is December 1. Have your coaches be sure they are turning in items on the specific dates through the year.
- j. *Hall of Fame*- 3 new members will be inducted to the HOF: Ken Fenik, Elyria High School from the North East District; Jim Huntsberger of Logan High School from the South East District; and Ted Williams, Grove City High School from the Central District. Barbara Sleek will call this evening to congratulate the inductees. Sharon Monas will make sure plaques are made.
- k. *District Reports*
 - i. Central-Patrick Finn wanted to remind everyone that while playing in the underclass tournament please let your teams know that the umpires are paid through the Association, not the Central district. Jamie Lininger wanted to remind all districts if they have umpires interested in umpiring games to please contact Jim Smith or himself and they will work them in.
 - ii. East- Nothing to report
 - iii. Northeast- Nothing to report
 - iv. Northwest- Nothing to report
 - v. Southeast- Nothing to report
 - vi. Southwest- Two long standing coaches have retired, Darcy Robbins, Twin Valley South and Coach Kadel, Newton High School. Brian Kadel then asked for input on how to elect District Coach of the Year.

Old Business- Brenda Radabaugh asked if any movement on the Hall Of Merit. Barbara Sleek stated this award had begun being looked at when Brenda was President. There was a committee formed with tentative goals, and the recipient could not be a head coach. Barbara Sleek also stated we thought we were ready and at a place to move forward with the award. As we took it to the main body there were a million questions and it ballooned into questions we did not have the answers to about stipulations and the honor itself. The questions was raised of do we reconvene the committee or drop it since we have not been

able to get it up and running in three years. Sarah Looker said it was a great idea but makes it hard to spearhead a committee if there is not a chairperson in charge of the specific award. At this point, it seems it would create more problems than good. Award tabled at this time.

New Business- Cheryl Weaver was the Coach of the Year for the State of Ohio. Barbara Sleek informed the committee that Coach Weaver's information was forwarded to the OHSAA; she was given all the forms. She has the opportunity to go for the National Coach of the Year, which is solely her decision to make.

Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M. (motion by R. Armstrong, seconded by D. Baldwin)

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Lahna

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