



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

Executive Board Meeting Minutes      Date: June 4, 2016

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**Attendees:** Jamie Lininger, Barbara Sleek, Bill Amero, Nick Joseph, Melissa Lahna, Bill Matthews, Dale Dawson, Jim Campolo, Sharon Monas, Sarah Looker, Jim Townsend, John Dupke, Tom Shiban, Dan Schneider, Walt Snyder, Brenda Radabaugh, Doug Baldwin, and Rick Armstrong

**Absent:** Jim Smith, Madeline Amero, Patrick Finn, Odie Estep and Brian Kindell.

*Call to Order-* President Jamie Lininger called the meeting to order at 12:02 and wanted to introduce our new ball representative from Rawlings Jerry Williams.

*Secretary's Report-* Melissa Lahna distributed a copy of the secretary's minutes from the January 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> meetings. Jamie Lininger and Jim Campolo found corrections that needed to be made. Once corrections were made minutes were reviewed and approved. (motion by Armstrong to approve 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and seconded by Radabaugh; motion by Baldwin to approve 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and seconded by Radabaugh)

*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, Vanguard statement detailing the 3 accounts and the growth that account has made over the past year. Bill Amero also distributed a chart of clinic expenses and profits from this past clinic and a spreadsheet comparing the last few years and the profit and expense from each clinic. He stated that the only income coming into our account was the clinic report. Bill Amero also began a discussion with the new Rawlings Rep, Jerry Williams, as to when they will be squaring up the last two years of contract with our association for the ball contract. It has left our account in limbo and it really needs to be taken care of immediately. Jerry said that he will take that back with him and try to get the information aligned and give feedback immediately. He also told the executive the process to get everything squared up with baseball has begun so he does not see why this would be a concern to get us squared away as well. The report was reviewed and approved (motion by Radabaugh and seconded by Schneider)

### *Committee Reports*

- a. *Constitution-* Nothing to report
- b. *Communications*

- i. *PR Report/Website*- Bill Amero reported 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 All-Ohio will be released on Monday to everyone. Be sure to get the Underclass Rosters to Madeline as soon as possible so she can get that turned around and completed for the tourney.
  - ii. *OHSAA*- Dale Dawson reported that he attended the meetings and has find out great information. Jerry Snodgrass has replaced Roxanne Price because she is being moved to oversee eligibility and the amount of transfers that occur are a huge number. Dale had the financials for every sport and he said the amount of money that is lost in tournaments for all sports was unbelievable and if anyone wanted to read it he had it with him today. He did miss the April meeting and did not have an update on the mandatory 1<sup>st</sup> base for all. At that time, Jamie did state that the OHSAA was moving forward and it will be implemented for the upcoming season. The ball contract with Rawlings was discussed and a contract was made with Rawlings. The proposal procedures for the state is looking to be changed, talks are still being held but normally it seems to take a year for a proposal to be approved or denied. No contact period has moved from July 31 to August 1; this seemed easier to remember that the no contact period was the month of August. Coaching your own child in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade now does not count as a coaches 50% rule. Remember when needing to submit a proposal please send to Dale.
- c. *Underclassmen All-Star Tournament* – Jamie Lininger reported that since Jim Smith was not in attendance today the Underclass Tournament will be taking place on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at Pickerington Central High School. District Reps were told to get information and rosters turned in by Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- d. *State Clinic*- Bill Mathews stated the dates for the clinic next year will be January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton at Easton. This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> Clinic which is very exciting. He mentioned that all speakers are set and will be announced after the College World Series. The Hilton is now renovating the ballrooms this year. The Easton Ball Room will be complete January 12<sup>th</sup> per the Hilton if it takes double shifts and more people. Everything is lined up and ready to go for the Hilton that weekend. We will be splitting the Easton Ball Room into C, D and E. There will be batting cages set up for breakout sessions with Tim Nicely. It will be capped at a number to be determine and only 1 to 2 per team so that all have a chance for the sessions. This will be split over the 2 days of the sessions. After much debate over the clinic fees again this year a motion was made by B. Amero and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Slek to increase fees for the 2017 Clinic to \$85 Clinic fee for the Early Bird and \$115 for the Late Registration after December 31st.

- e. *Scholarship*- Bill Amero collected every district's Billhardt winner. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 registration for the banquet is open until June 14<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. Mentioned how many coaches did not vote the last week and how it affected the Division II poll champion. To remind the poll voters he stated he sends out multiple emails to remind them to vote throughout the year. Will be looking into getting new poll voters for those voters who did not meet their voting requirements this past year.
- i. *Service Awards*- Sharon Monas reported all is good. She needed to exchange some of the pins because we did not like the way they looked. She stated everything is in order for the State Banquet.
- j. *Hall of Fame*- Jamie Lininger 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 2017 Hall of Fame Class. The Hall of Fame Luncheon worked well in the new room. There was discussion about having a speaker at the luncheon to not having one. The committee discussed each scenario and tabled the idea until October when the Hall of Fame class will be voted on to see how many members and if it is necessary to have the speaker or not.
- k. *Sportsmanship, Ethics & Integrity(SEI) Awards*-Jamie Lininger congratulated Brenda Radabaugh for being the State SEI winner. Jamie reminded the committee to start looking for good candidates and bring them to the January meeting.
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- m. *District Reports*
  - i. Central- Nothing to report
  - ii. East- Nothing to report

- iii. Northeast- Nothing to report
- iv. Northwest- Brenda Radabaugh is the new President, Walt Snyder is now the district representative
- v. Southeast- Doug Baldwin is the new President and Odie Estep is the new representative
- vi. Southwest- Brian Kindell new district president

*Old Business-*

*OHSAA Proposal-*Jamie Lininger reported that the OHSAA will be moving forward with the double 1<sup>st</sup> base and it looks to be implemented in the 2017 season.

*Worth/Rawlings Ball Contract-* Jerry Williams, Rawlings Representative for our state, the OHSAA is now in contract with Rawlings. The ball will have no special changes except for the Worth stamp to the Rawlings stamp. There will be a one-year window that we run parallel and finish up and use our Worth balls before making the transition to the Rawlings. It is a four-year contract and will begin August 1<sup>st</sup>.

*New Business-*

*700-win Award-*There was a discussion on what would be the award for 700 wins because Bud Weisgarber from the East District is approaching or has won 700 this season. This was tabled until October.

*Scholar Athlete Awards-*Jamie Lininger stated that he ordered these certificates this year and it costs \$2000. It is a very expensive cost to the board and was looking for ideas to help cut or save costs. He wasn't sure if getting a count for the certificates not used and then ordering just what we need would help or doing something completely different. There was a discussion on making our own certificate design and emailing it to the districts to print out for their own honorees. Bill Amero said he will ask Madeline to see if she can work on getting our emblem and a certificate made up before our meeting in October to look at the design.

*Vendors-*Nick Joseph stated that a money maker is to recruit new vendors for the clinic and if you have numbers and names to get them to him and he will make the calls and do the leg work to try and get them. Sarah Looker also mentioned maybe to try and see if we can get vendors to sponsor the scholarships. A suggestion was made to maybe have each district get a sponsor for their own Billhardt Scholarship.

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

Dave Mitchell	Central	Samantha Brininger	Cardington-Lincoln
Jan Keatley	NW	Mallory Polter	Fairview High School
Akron Racers	NW	Erica Reber	Edison High School

Dolores Billhardt	Central	Courtney Hackney	Bishop Ready
Dolores Billhardt	East	Mary Jane Garloch	Bellaire
Dolores Billhardt	Northeast	Elizabeth Ellis	Elyria
Dolores Billhardt	Northwest	Alison Imbrock	Patrick Henry
Dolores Billhardt	Southeast	Grayce Huntsberger	Logan
Dolores Billhardt	Southwest	Amara Wylie	Dixie

*Adjournment-* Meeting adjourned at 1:51pm (motion by Schneider, seconded by Dupke)

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Lahna, Secretary

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