



## ***Ohio High School Fast pitch Softball Coaches Association***

Executive Board Meeting Minutes      Date: October 22, 2016

**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, Jim Townsend, Walt Snyder, Brenda Radabaugh, Doug Baldwin, Brian Kindell and Rick Armstrong

**Absent:** Patrick Finn, John Dupke, Tom Shiban, Dan Schneider, Odie Estep

*Call to Order-* President Jamie Lininger called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Jamie Lininger started the meeting with a discussion to replace President-Elect Jim Smith, for personal reasons has resigned as a head coach and President-Elect. The committee discussed who would run and be the best fit for the position. Dale Dawson did previously run against Jim and Blaine Wallace, SW District, has voiced interest in becoming involved with the executive committee. As discussion continued, the Board decided to vote for who should fill the position. Bill Matthews proposed Dale Dawson to be accepted as Vice President and Melissa Lahna seconded. Dale was congratulated as our new Vice President.

*Secretary's Report-* Melissa Lahna distributed a copy of the secretary's minutes from the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Minutes reviewed and approved.  
(motion by R. Armstrong and seconded by B. Sleek)

*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 5, 2016 thru October 21, 2016, 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 21, 2016 is \$8,132.77 and Vanguard has a balance of \$82, 002.95. No money for the ball contract with Rawlings has been deposited and still waiting. Rawlings owed the committee \$10, 000 for the past two years. We will be good for this year again money wise. Bill Amero stated that we let the Vanguard sit and grow and should discuss what to do with that account in the future.

In 2012, Jim Culler had taken money out (\$4000) from the Vanguard to get by. The account is continually growing and the purpose is to protect the committee financially in case anything detrimental occurs. Bill Amero also provided a spreadsheet showing expenses vs income for the committee to see finically where we make our gains and the expenses we pay out. The report was reviewed and approved. (motion by B. Matthews and

seconded by D. Baldwin)

## *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.

b. *OHSAA*-Dale Dawson stated that there was a long discussion about open enrollment and students moving district to district was at an all-time high. The OHSAA identified a disproportionate amount of money going back to football and basketball so all other sports will have a good kickback. Lacrosse and Rugby is coming into play at schools now which could hurt our enrollment. He also discussed the cardiac testing that will be coming down through the OHSAA. The governor will sign the State Bill 252 and it is another requirement for coaches to take a class annually and become certified to become better aware and knowledgeable of our athletes and their cardiac health. Parents and players will have to sign extra paperwork with the physical. It is a very intense bill.

c. *Underclassmen Tournament* – Jamie Lininger reported that the Underclass Tournament will be taking place on June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Pickerington Central High School. He has been in contact with Carrie Eneix and she will be sending contracts and facility use forms to Jaime and/or now Dale 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 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and the Hilton has blocked 215 rooms, 190 for attendees and 25 for speakers and executive board members. The price for the Hilton is \$137 a night, as of October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 99 rooms have been sold. Overflow hotels are Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbus Airport, \$130 a night and the Hampton Inn on Stelzer Road, \$130 a night. For a total of 285 rooms blocked in three hotels at three sites for the clinic. Sponsors this year are Rawlings, BSN, VFLex, ASA/USA and the Akron Racers. 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 being moved to Juniper Room last year allowed easier flow for the clinic speakers and the coaches social. 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 their 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. Speakers are all lined up and it is a great lineup this year. The executive committee will receive a gift to be determined for their work and will need to get sizes to Bill Matthews and/or Jamie, 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 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm dinner will be buffet style unless we decide to change it and clinic set-up following the meeting. There was discussion on allowing the board to pay for the executive committee members' lunches, not in the HOF. Bill Matthews proposed that all committee members have their lunches paid for and Nick Joseph seconded. Motion passed.

- e. *Scholarship*- Bill Amero stated that everything went well and the 9 scholarships were issued. There was 1 student athlete who did not enroll until after midterm. The committee agreed that the athlete still have the scholarship awarded. Bill Amero said he would take care of it when she enrolls in college.
- f. *Finance*- was taken care of through the Treasure's Report that was already approved.
- g. *All-State Banquet*- June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Villa Milano, Columbus, OH.
- 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. Bill Matthews will check with BSN to see if they will be doing the banners.
- i. *Service Awards*- Sharon Monas 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*- 4 new members will be inducted to the HOF: Jill Williams Sandy Valley High School, East District; Mark Paxton, Licking Valley High School, Central District; Marc Marshall, Clyde High School, NW District and Kristen Mangen, Northmont High School in Clayton. Barbara Sleek will call this evening to congratulate the inductees. Sharon Monas will make sure plaques are made.
- k. *District Reports*
  - i. Central-a ton new coaches
  - 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*- Charles Tackett wanted to know if we could do a Strike-Out Cancer as a state. After much discussion, there are so many causes it would never be narrowed down to one and is best to let each school and/or district handle their own. Rawlings Ball Contract-Jerry Williams has been tough to work with and we seem to be getting the run around. We need to do something to get what we are deserved from them and move forward. They still owe us \$10, 000 for the past 2 years. From now until the year 2020, they will pay a flat fee of \$5000 and provide 6 dozen balls for the underclass tourney each year. They also spoke of working with Bill Matthews to get high profile coaches to our clinic. Hoping that this gets resolved immediately. N. Joseph stated this check needs to happen we do not want to touch Vanguard because once you start taking from the account then you are not gaining money any longer.

*New Business*- Online Apparel Sale-Sarah Looker proposed that we sale items to our district apparel for the state and all work is online and they would cut us a check so we could make a little money. Sarah will work with her people, Pal Prints in Hilliard, and make contact with the executive committee after. A small discussion on the HOF points, service is huge to the sport but shouldn't wins and years as a head coach should be more points. The discussion was that service is huge and maybe tweak points for years as a head coach but not wins.

*Adjournment*- Meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M. (motion by J. Townsend, seconded by D. Baldwin)

Respectfully submitted: Melissa Lahna

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