



Ohio High School Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 13, 2011

Attendees: Bill Amero, Brenda Radabaugh, Mike Huff, Charles Tackett, Jim Culler, Madeline Amero, Bill Matthews, Jim Campolo, Sharon Monas, Randy Hinton, Bruce Leary, Steve Cowgill, Barbara Sleek, Jim Smith, Dan Schneider Walt Snyder, Jamie Lininger, Odie Estep, Doug Baldwin, Rick Claprood, Rick Armstrong

Absent: Kevin Moody

- I. Call to Order: President Bill Amero called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
- II. The secretary's report from the October meeting was passed out, reviewed and approved by the Executive Board (motion by Walt Snyder and second by Mike Huff).
- III. Treasurer's Report – Jim Culler distributed copies of the current treasurer's report. The report was reviewed and approved by the Executive Board (motion by Rick Claprood and second by Odie Estep).
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a) Communications
 - 1) Website – Madeline Amero reported all of the information on the website is currently up to date, but if you see anything that needs to be corrected please let her know.
 - 2) OHSAA
 - Bill Amero reported the OHSAA has adopted a rule for the 2012 season that will allow all coaching to start on the Saturday prior to the Monday starting date in the past.
 - The Executive Board discussed how we need to look at how softball will be affected by the "Athletic Count" formula that will be used to figure out which schools – public and private – compete in which postseason Divisions and Tournaments.
 - Jerry Fick the new OHSAA Director of Officials Development for Softball, gave a presentation focusing on the goal of being able to help officials get better and improve consistency of performance in all corners of the state. He stressed how they will be working closely with our local associations to enhance communications and improve umpire mechanics. He stressed the need to increase efforts to recruit and train new officials with an emphasis on diversity.

- b) Underclassmen Tournament – Brenda Radabaugh reported the 2011 tournament will take place on June 20th and 21st at Pickerington Central High School. Brenda stated that information for each District will be sent out closer to the start of the Tournament
- c) State Clinic
- Bill Matthews distributed a detailed handout that broke down the clinic for the board.
 - Items discussed on the handout were:
 - ✓ Registration - about 670 before the clinic
 - ✓ Speakers - great to work with
 - ✓ HOF Luncheon - numbers are down for the luncheon this year
 - ✓ Hilton - very easy to work with
 - ✓ New Sponsor - Akron Racers
 - Charles Tackett passed out a form that let the board know that we had 34 vendors- 45 tables this year for the clinic.
 - The board was also very happy with the clinic booklets this year, and we were able to save about \$300 with this new printer.
- d) Scholarship – Jim Culler reported we might have enough funds to give each district 3- \$1,000 scholarships, but will know more once the clinic is over.
- e) Finance – Jim Culler reported the treasure's report in the clinic booklet contained the information for the finance report.
- f) All-State Banquet – Jim Culler reported the 2011 banquet will be on Sunday, June 19th at Villa Milano.
- g) State Poll – Jim Campolo asked to please look at the voting information in the clinic booklet to see any corrections are necessary.
- h) Service Awards – Jim Campolo reported all service awards are ready for the HOF luncheon. Jim said he needs the district numbers for the 5, 10 and 15 year service pins and that the 20 and 25 year awards will be presented at the luncheon. All others will be distributed by the district presidents at the district meetings on Saturday.
- i) Hall of Fame –
- Bruce Leary from Olentangy Orange High School and Norm Frindt from North Ridgeville High School were elected to the Hall of Fame, class of 2011. They will be inducted at the Hall of Fame luncheon in January 2012.
 - The 2011 SEI award winners were Jeff Gottfried, Clear Fork High School from the Northwest District and Dawn Draper, North Union High School from the Central District.
 - Dawn Draper was selected as the 2011 State SEI Award winner. She will be recognized at the state tournament in June.
- j) District Reports – Nothing to report
- Central- Nothing to report
 - East- Nothing to report
 - Northeast- Nothing to report

- Northwest- Nothing to report
- Southeast- Nothing to report
- Southwest- reported that a coaches' clinic will be held on February 20th. Doug Orange will be the new secretary and Christy Gregory will be the new district president.

V. Old Business

- Cancer Games – Charles Tackett gave an update on the Strikeout Cancer and Hit-It-Hard events from the past year. He informed the board that there has been over \$90,000 raised for various foundations around the state in the 3 years of the program. Jim Culler wants to check with an IRS representative about legality of Strikeout Cancer and Hit it Hard Events and our association.

VI. New Business

- Bill A. discussed the positions on the Executive Board the will be up for election this year. To be nominated you have to fill out the proper form found in the clinic booklet. Positions up for reelection this year are President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and Communications/PR Director.

VII. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM (motion by Odie Estep, second by Rick Armstrong)

Respectfully submitted

Charles Tackett, Secretary

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