

OHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES

(May 8, 2008)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Control held a regularly scheduled meeting in the Board Room of the OHSAA office building on May 8, 2008.

President Phil Ackerman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Keith Bell and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jeff Jordan.

Board Members Present: Phil Ackerman, president, presiding; Dan Bise, vice president; Keith Bell; Bob Britton; Dale Gabor; Gene Klaus; Bill Koppel; Karen O'Hare; Mike Richards; and Phil Stevens, and Jeff Jordan (ex-officio) and Tom Farbizo (ex-officio).

Board Member Excused: Teresa Alberts.

Administrative Staff Present: Dan Ross, commissioner; Bob Goldring, Deborah B. Moore, Steve Neil and Roxanne Price, assistant commissioners.

Administrative Staff Members Excused: John Dickerson and Henry Zaborniak Jr., assistant commissioners.

Others Attending: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Todd Boehm, OHSAA staff; Mark Thompson, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Dave Froelich and Wally Vickers, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Dick Kerschbaum, Bob Brigati and Mike Mauk, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Casey Milligan, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; Mike Griggs and Rob Salisbury, Ohio High School Swimming Coaches Association; Greg Fraunfelder, Ohio Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches; Carol Russo and Tracey Kornau, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Scott Ebright, Ohio High School Boys Volleyball Association; Troy Roth, Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches Association; Jerry Fick, OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee; Jim Harbuck, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators, and Sally Ackerman and Shirley Koppel.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Keith Bell to **adopt** the agenda for the May 8, 2008, Board of Control meeting.

Motion passed 8-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bob Britton, second by Dale Gabor to **approve** the minutes from the April 3, 2008, Board of Control meeting.

Motion passed 8-0.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. Financial Report

Comptroller Todd Boehm provided the financial report for April. The report is summarized as follows:

Balance — March 31, 2007	\$1,155,381.60
Receipts — April 2008	<u>642,913.28</u>
	\$1,798,294.88
Disbursements — April 2008	<u>277,356.10</u>
	\$1,520,938.78
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (4/30/08)	<u>\$1,520,333.48</u>
	\$1,570,333.48
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>49,394.70</u>
Balance — April 30, 2008	\$1,520,938.78
Available Funds — April 30, 2008	
Bank Balance	\$1,520,938.78
Minus Reserve for Building Fund	0
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(792,377.49)</u>
Working Capital	728,561.29
Reserve fund (\$7,622.51 in savings + \$792,377.49 in bank balance)	\$800,000.00
Building fund	\$242,204.01

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Mike Richards to **accept** the financial report as presented.

Motion passed 8-0.

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IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Board of Control and District Board Election Results

Commissioner Ross reviewed the voting results from the District Athletic Boards elections. Elected to six-year terms (Aug. 1, 2008, to July 31, 2014): Troy McIntosh, assistant superintendent, Worthington Christian Schools (Central Class A); Kyle Kanuckel, superintendent, River View Local Schools, Warsaw (East Class AAA); John Ault, athletic administrator, Beloit West Branch High School (Northeast Class AA); Jerry Snodgrass, athletic administrator, Findlay High School (Northwest Class AAA); Tony Mantell, superintendent, Clay Local Schools, Portsmouth (Southeast Class A), and Mark Hughes, athletic administrator, Dayton Oakwood High School (Southwest Class AA).

Per OHSAA Bylaw 5-4-1, District Athletic Boards now select their respective representatives to serve on the Board of Control following the established rotational schedule. Selected to Board of Control positions (two-year terms, Aug. 1, 2008, to July 31, 2010) were: Rocco Nero, superintendent, Lowellville Local Schools (Northeast Class A) and Steve Stirn, superintendent, Logan-Hocking Local Schools (Southeast Class AAA). The East district representative (Class AA) has not been determined.

B. Refund Calculation to District Athletic Boards for District Officials Committees

Commissioner Ross reviewed with the Board the second refund calculation that will be sent to the six District Athletic Boards to distribute to District Officials Committees (DOCs). The refund rate within each district is \$6.00 for each official for each sport up to the first 1,500 officials, \$1.75 for each official for each sport over 1,500 and \$75 per official association within each district. The total number of registered officials was 18,435 in the fall and an additional 3,078 in the spring (officials are counted for each sport in which they officiate). \$89,891.25 was refunded in the fall, an additional \$6,920.75 will be refunded this spring, making the total refund for the year \$96,812.

C. OHSAA Drive-In Seminar for Newly Appointed School and Athletic Administrators

Commissioner Ross informed the Board that the OHSAA Drive-In Seminar for newly appointed school and athletic administrators for the 2008-09 school year will be Tuesday, August 5, at the Crowne Plaza North in Columbus. There is no cost, and information will be mailed to member schools in June.

D. Minutes from the OHSAA Administrative Staff Meeting with the Presidents of the Various State Coaches Associations of April 10, 2008

The Board was provided the minutes of the meeting of the OHSAA administrative staff and the presidents of the various state coaches associations of April 10, 2008, and Commissioner Ross reviewed the highlights. He said items on the agenda included a review of the OHSAA officials tournament selection process; an update on the OHSAA Foundation's Service Week; a review of various sporting behavior issues; an update on live television/video webcasts, including a survey the OHSAA plans to conduct; a review of coaches awards that the OHSAA oversees, and an update on the coaches education program. Coaches association representatives also had the opportunity to ask questions on other topics.

E. Minutes from the OHSAA Media Advisory Committee Meeting of May 2, 2008

The Board was provided the minutes OHSAA Media Advisory Committee meeting of May 2, 2008, and Assistant Commissioner Goldring reviewed the highlights. He said the committee meets twice a year, and this was the last meeting of this school year. Assistant Commissioner Moore addressed the committee and reviewed some of the referendum issues, reviewed a few of the sports regulations that the Board approved in April and answered questions. Mr. Goldring said the committee reviewed concerns from their coverage of OHSAA winter tournaments; he discussed the media plans for coverage of the state softball tournament at Akron's Firestone Stadium, and there was discussion on some current issues in the news, including the Illinois Association's conflict with the Illinois Press Association. In addition, Mr. Goldring said he also met with a broadcasting subcommittee to discuss modifying OHSAA media rights fees. The Board of Control was given a copy of the final proposed changes, and it is hopeful that they will take action on the proposal at their June meeting.

F. Update of OHSAA Legal Issues/Infractions

The Board of Control was provided with a list of schools that recently violated OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. **Urbana High School's** varsity track team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated. **Chillicothe Unioto High School's** varsity softball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Latham Western High School's** varsity baseball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the victorious contest in which the ineligible student participated. **Hamilton New Miami Middle School** had a seventh grade student-athlete violate Bylaw 10-3-5, Non-Interscholastic Football Competition. In accordance with Bylaw 10-4-1, Penalties, the student has been declared ineligible to participate in the first two regular season football games during the 2008 season at any OHSAA member school. **Dayton Jefferson Twp. High School's** varsity basketball and varsity wrestling teams had student-athletes violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the victorious contests in which the ineligible students participated. **Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary High School** distributed invitations to parents of students enrolled in grades 5 through 8 to participate in a "junior" weightlifting club. The school was informed that OHSAA Bylaws and Sports Regulations do not permit member schools to send invitations and/or conduct physical fitness pro-

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grams for a select group of students. The school was also informed that the incident will be reviewed further by the OHSAA to determine if any sanctions are forthcoming. **Toledo St. Francis deSales High School's** varsity ice hockey team was penalized for unsporting conduct that participating student-athletes displayed during the semifinals of the OHSAA State Ice Hockey Tournament. The school's ice hockey program was put on probation for a year; a senior student-athlete has been declared ineligible for 2008 spring sports activities; four student-athletes are required to perform 15 hours of community service each; any incident of unsporting behavior in the ice hockey program could result in removal of the team from the OHSAA tournament, and any unsporting behavior in the entire athletic program could result in additional OHSAA penalties. **Shelby High School's** varsity baseball team had a student-athlete violate Bylaw 4-4-1, Scholarship, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the four victorious contests in which the ineligible student participated.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Winter Sports Proposals

Proposals were presented in the winter sports of basketball and swimming and diving. The Board will act on the proposals at their June meeting.

1. Basketball

The Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association proposed that coaches be permitted to conduct an individual skill development program as an option to open gyms during the month of May. Coaches would have the choice of conducting an individual skill development program or conducting an open gym; the workouts and open gyms would be voluntary; an unlimited number of student-athletes would be permitted to participate in each workout session; the workout would be limited to only individual skill development (no team instruction or competition would be permitted), and the workout or open gym would be limited to five hours per calendar week. Dave Froelich represented the coaches association.

2. Swimming and Diving

The Ohio School Swimming Coaches Association proposed that the waiting period be waived and that, since boys swimming and diving has eclipsed 250 participating teams, a second division in boys swimming and diving be added for OHSAA tournaments beginning with the 2008-09 school year. A preliminary schedule was discussed that would allow for the state tournaments to continue in Canton over essentially the same time period currently being used. Mike Griggs and Rob Salisbury represented the coaches association.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2008 Football Tournament Regulations

The Board was provided the 2008 football tournament regulations as prepared by Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak. Most changes in the regulations were related to date changes or items that were modified for clarity. Other proposed changes were in regional and state admission prices, reimbursements to participating schools and guidelines for reporting regular season results.

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Bill Koppel to **table** action on the football tournament regulations until the June 12 Board of Control meeting.

Motion passed 8-0.

B. Contract Extensions

Commissioner Ross recommended that the following contracts be extended:

1. Two-year extension for OHSAA Assistant Commissioner Bob Goldring (August 1, 2008, through July 31, 2010).
2. Two-year extension for OHSAA Assistant Commissioner Deborah B. Moore (August 1, 2008, through July 31, 2010).
3. Two-year extension for OHSAA Assistant Commissioner Henry Zaborniak Jr. (August 1, 2008, through July 31, 2010).

Motion by Keith Bell, second by Gene Klaus to **approve** the recommendation.

Motion passed 8-0.

C. Approval of Possible Additions for Membership to the OHSAA Beginning With the 2008-09 School Year

Commissioner Ross said that information has been received and reviewed for three schools that are requesting to become admitted for membership to the OHSAA.

Motion by Dale Gabor, second by Mike Richards to **approve** the request for membership by Cleveland St. Martin dePorres High School beginning with the 2008-09 school year.

Motion passed 8-0.

Motion by Dale Gabor, second by Bill Koppel to **deny** the request for membership by Sidney Christian Academy.

Motion passed 7-1 (Gene Klaus dissented)

Motion by Bob Britton, second by Gene Klaus to **approve** the request for membership by Hilliard Bradley High School beginning with the 2009-10 school year.

Motion passed 8-0.

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D. Request to Grant an Exception to the OHSAA Sports Regulation which Prohibits Friday Night Regular Season Football Games to be Webcast Live by School Web Sites

The Board was provided with a request from Lucasville Valley High School to video webcast home football games live during the 2008 season. OHSAA Sports Regulations prohibit live video webcasts of regular season football games on Friday nights, although another Sports Regulation allows the Board to make an exception for school groups provided that all provisions are met.

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Mike Richards to **approve** the request.

Motion passed 8-0.

F. Application for Southern Ohio Soccer Officials Association

Commissioner Ross reviewed a recommendation from the Southwest Appeals and Review Board that the Southern Ohio Soccer Officials Association be established. Dr. Ross said Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak has confirmed that the applicant has met all requirements.

Motion by Gene Klaus, second by Dan Bise to **approve** the request.

Motion passed 8-0.

VII. APPEALS

None

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

Motion by Keith Bell, second by Dan Bise to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Motion passed 8-0.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

FUTURE MEETINGS

(All meetings on Thursdays in the OHSAA Board Room at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise stated.)

2008: June 12; August 7; September 11; October 2, and December 4, and

2009: January 15, February 12, April 2, May 7, June 11, August 6, September 10, October 8 and December 10.