

Nebraska High School Officials Association
Meeting: 25 August 2013
NSAA Office Lincoln, NE 2:02 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Kelly Classen
Renee Williams, Softball
Chad Lyons, Basketball
Chris Carlson, Football
Kelly Witt, Co-Chair Soccer, Departed 4:39
Scarlett Wilson, Co-Chair Swimming and Diving
Sue Mailhot, Volleyball
Frank McEntarfertt, Co-Chair Baseball Departed 3:30

Scott Johnson, Web Site

Absent:

Jim Ayers, Wrestling
Vernon Breakfield, Track and Field
Tim Higgins, Baseball

There was a recommendation and discussion about the meeting minutes should include the individual making the motion and how it was voted upon.

Motion by Chris Carlson

Approve the April 24th minutes as amended.

Second by Renee Williams

Softball Yes, Basketball Yes, Swim/Dive Yes, Football Yes. Volleyball
Abstain

MOTION PASSED.

Treasure Report:

Checkbook balance as of 8/25/13 was \$10,791.25

Membership:

Presented by Jen Blachford

Total NHSOA members: 566 (207 of these people are registered for multiple sports)

Softball is the only sport that shows a complete number. Since the registration is totally complete.

Softball: 59 Members/177 Total Registered Softball Umpires 33%

The NSAA Football Registration period ended on Friday August 23rd. Classification of officials will not be done until at least August 28th to be able to give an accurate number of registered Football Officials.

Football: 287/844 Total Football Registration Payments 34%

The NSAA is still accepting registration payments for all sports listed below since their NSAA registration deadline has not occurred yet.

Volleyball: 110/440 Total Volleyball Registration Payments 25%

Basketball: 251/332 Total Basketball Registration Payments 76%

Wrestling: 39/60 Total Wrestling Registration Payments 65%

Swimming/Diving: 4/16 Total Swim/Dive Registration Payments 31%

** Spring Sports percentages are very misleading. Most spring sports officials don't pay their registration fees until after January 1st. So the reason for more NHSOA payments than NSAA payments is that a lot of these officials also do fall or winter sports.

Baseball: 40/27 Total Baseball Registration Payments 148% **

Soccer: 12/12 Total Soccer Registration Payments 100% **

Track and Field: 13/21 Track and Field Registration Payments 62% **

There was discussion about the best way to get information to Board members about other official's camps. The NSAA website has a link to the NHSOA website. The NHSOA has tabs to the different sports. Some of the tabs are still under construction.

NHSOA clinic overview was presented by Jen Blachford as of August 25th.

Basketball - 6 Clinics - 136 Attendees

Volleyball - 4 Clinics - 55 Attendees

Softball - 5 Clinics - 32 Attendees

Wrestling - 1 Clinic - 22 Attendees

Football - 6 Clinics - 186 Attendees

Total Clinic Attendees - 431

There was discussion about sending a follow-up survey to members attending the clinics.

There was discussion about each sport specific committee should have a committee procedure policy handbook. Sue volunteered to head up the committee, Scarlet volunteered to assist. Kelly thought she had handbook that could used as a guide. Any committee person with suggestions can contact Sue. The template handbook is due September 30th.

The softball clinics had an increase in participants. They were held in conjunction with UNL team camp. There was a suggestion to increase clinician fees/. There needs to be a study of the different sports to see the amount of time committed by clinicians.

Basketball clinics were held in each NSAA district very successful because outstanding committee members. We corresponded via phone or email. NSAA observers were the clinicians.

Volleyball clinics were held across the state. Experienced officials and previous volleyball clinic attendee attended. New officials attending was low.

Football clinics were well attended. Good people are committee members. They corresponded via phone, conference call, and emails. The NSAA was very well represented at the clinics. NSAA observers were the clinicians. Their newsletter includes items needing clarification.

All sport specific committees are in place.

The quarterly newsletter is a very good educational tool. It can introduce committee members, situation review, communicate new rules and etc. There was discussion about what official's should receive the newsletter. NHSOA members. All registered officials.

Motion by Scarlet Wilson

Send quarterly newsletters to all registered NSAA officials

Second by Kelly Witt

Softball Yes, Baseball Yes, Basketball Yes, Volleyball Yes, Soccer Yes,
Swim/Dive Yes, Football Yes

MOTION PASSED.

There was discussion about the need for mentoring programs for young officials. It is an excellent means of collaborating with new officials and individuals showing interest in officiating. It was suggested to use committee members to be mentors for young officials. Twilla Knehans has volunteered to help female basketball officials. A 1st year

official checklist could be developed to use a mentoring guide. Jen Blachford will be sending a list of 1st year officials to committee chairpersons. Cliff Keen is an excellent source for official's attire.

There was discussion about a sport's committee Co-Chair being selected. The selection should be in the near future. September 5th was discussed as the target date for selection. Is a Co-Chair necessary? Is the Co-Chair in the NHSOA By-laws? Should sport specific by-law committee be developed? There needs to be a basic structure committee handbook.

Motion by Sue Mailhot

No specific sport co-chair is not named until the specific sport by-laws are written.

There was discussion about what specific location a co-chair should be written and noted in the NHSOA By-laws.

Motion by Scarlet Wilson

Set aside the 10 day provision of notice for the amendment of the NHSOA by-laws

1.10.1 include co-chair of sport committees.

Second by Chris Carlson

Softball Yes, Basketball Yes, Volleyball Yes, Soccer Yes, Swim/Dive Yes, Football Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

Motion by Scarlet Wilson

Move to amend to include a co-chair to sports specific committees to be found in

By-laws 1.7.1 f. Co-Chair

Second by Chris Carlson

Softball Yes, Basketball Yes, Soccer Yes, Swim/Dive Yes, Football Yes.
Volleyball No.

MOTION PASSED.

There was discussion about mileage reimbursement, lodging, and meals attended by NHSOA board committee members per meeting attended.

Motion by Chris Carlson

NHSOA board members and director shall be compensated travel in accordance with NSAA guidelines.

Second by Sue Mailhot

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MOTION PASSED.

Jen Blachford and Jon Dolliver presented information about the NSAA plans to recognize Official's Years of Service. A certificate will be received at ten (10) years of service, a lapel pin at twenty (20) years of service, and a plaque at twenty-five (25) years of service. Each NSAA director will develop a recognition ceremony.

Motion by Renee Williams

Accept the State of Nebraska silhouette in walnut to be used for the 25 years of service recognition.

Second by Chris Carlson

Softball Yes, Basketball Yes, Volleyball Yes, Soccer Yes, Swim/Dive Yes, Football Yes

MOTION PASSED.

Remember to promote the Cliff Keen National Alliance program to officials for officiating attire. There are plans for official's shirts to include the NSAA and NHSOA logo as part of the shirt.

There was discussion about a policy procedure manual for each sport specific committee. How should committee members be selected? Appointed? Or nominated? What should be the length of service of committee members? What areas of the state should committee members be represented? A draft policy procedure manual for each specific sport should be created before the next meeting.

There was discussion about the website. Each sport is to forward information with a time line of posting to assist Scott Johnson with planning. A Face book page has been created.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4th at 10 a.m. The spring meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 30th at noon.

New Business:

It was proposed to develop a motion draft form to used by the person making the motion to assist with the flow of our meetings. Jon and Jen volunteered to create such a form. They mentioned they may have one currently in the office.

There was a question about committee members being compensated.

Annual expense sheet needs to be included.

Clarification of clinician fees needs to be discussed.

Motion by Renee Wiliams

Adjourn meeting at 5:32 p.m.

Second by Chris Carlson

Softball Yes, Basketball Yes, Volleyball Yes, Football Yes, Swim/Dive Yes.
MOTION PASSED.