

Nebraska High School Officials Association

Meeting: 30 March 2014

NSAA Office: Lincoln, NE 12:09 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Kelly Classen

Chad Lyons, Basketball

Chris Carlson, Football

Doug Epps, Soccer

Rob Wennstedt, Swimming and Diving

Vernon Breakfield, Track and Field, Arrived @ 12:40 p.m.

Tim Higgins, Baseball

Scott Johnson, Web Site

Absent:

Renee Williams, Softball

Sue Mailhot, Volleyball

Jim Ayers, Wrestling

Kelly attended and presented at school parent meetings. The NSAA helped with the development of a template to follow at the meetings. Parent meetings which he attended were held at Ainsworth for basketball and wrestling, St. Mary basketball, Orchard basketball, and Clearwater basketball.

There was discussion about increasing the membership fee to attend championship events. Kelly will inquire the NSAA director about the possibility.

Motion by Chris Carlson

Approve the November 14th minutes.

Second by Rob Wennstedt

Football Yes, Basketball Yes, Swim/Dive Yes, Soccer Yes, Baseball Yes **MOTION PASSED.**

Treasure Report:

Checkbook balance as of 2/28/14 was \$6,158.49

Membership:

Membership breakdown by each sport was emailed.

Total Number is 910

Football 315 members

Volleyball 131 members

Basketball 340 members

Wrestling 71 members

Swimming/Diving 9 members

Soccer 160 members

Baseball 54 members

Track /Field 17 members

Awards presentations have been a success.

Buying of the 25-year plaque of past officials who are not NHSOA was discussed. All purchasing must go through the NSAA. They are willing to work with the NHSOA to develop this program. A specific procedure needs to be developed and followed.

Football schedules have been released. Schools are having difficulty filling dates with officials.

The NSAA is monitoring the state legislature regarding background check legislation.

The NSAA is reviewing the registration of official's process to improve efficiency. Registration acceptance may be postponed to a later date. The date might be July 1 and June 1.

25-Year plaque presentations have been very well received. Only NHSOA members receive the plaque.

Volleyball - 24 recipients

Wrestling - 7 recipients / 7 attended presentation

Swim/Dive - 1 recipient / 1 attended presentation

Basketball - 58 recipients

Football - 56 recipients / 44 attended presentation

The new Cliff Keen wide striped shirts were reviewed. The NSAA is allowing a one year grace period to implement the new style shirt for officials.

Providing clinic surveys at clinics was discussed. The clinic chair person needs to have surveys available at the clinic to distribute and completed by the officials in attendance.

Dennis Podjenski representing the Nebraska Officials Foundation represented information about how the Foundation presents two scholarships yearly to two individuals of current officials at \$250 each. Applications for the scholarship are sent out by the NSAA to schools. He asked for a partnership between the Foundation and the NHSOA to increase the scholarship amount. No administrative fees are taken out. Any sport official graduate is available to apply and receive the scholarship.

Motion by Vernon Breakfield

That the NHSOA donate one (1) scholarship each year up to \$500 per year with our name associated.

Second by Chris Carlson

Football Yes, Basketball No, Swim/Dive No, Soccer No, Baseball No, Track/Field Yes **MOTION FAILED**

Motion by Rob Wennstedt

Table the Bill Lewis Scholarship motion to next meeting for further discussion.

Second by Chad Lyons

Football Yes, Basketball Yes, Swim/Dive Yes, Soccer Yes, Baseball Yes, Track/Field No **MOTION PASSED**

The football committee is contacting schools for clinics.

The basketball committee is inquiring about host schools for clinics. The NFHS rules and mechanics power point is not available online. There was discussion about NSAA observers working basketball contests. No one wants any negative fallout. This has to be difficult for both parties, the official and the NSAA.. Clinic attendance requirement consideration for state championship officials is year three. State tournament selected official's finished third year of five in and out two criteria. The NSAA is studying adding evaluators in Omaha and Lincoln. State tournament official selection is based on the individual not crew.

The swim/dive committee is working on setting up committee member's state wide within each district.

The soccer clinics worked out pretty well. There was a surprise in uniform issues. The newsletter is in the works. NSAA observers are needed outside Lincoln and Omaha. Plans are in the making for next year's clinic.

The baseball first newsletter is complete. The plan is to send out the newsletter in April. Tim Higgins is not a NSAA baseball observer/elevator. Finding NSAA observers with high school baseball knowledge is difficult. Recruiting baseball umpires continues. The committee is looking at the winter months for a clinic.

The track and field committee has met. One clinic will be held next year during the boys basketball state champions dates. Starters are having difficulty in obtaining shells for starter pistols. A starter is spending on the average of \$1 per shot at 70 - 80 shots a meet. Recruiting discussions continued. There will be one newsletter in April.

Scott is waiting on names for pictures for the website. He asked all groups to submit state official's pictures.

Bylaws 1.7.1f co-chairperson was added.

The 2014-15 tentative meeting dates are Sunday, August 24th @ 1p.m., Sunday, October 26th, November 2nd, or November 9th 4 p.m., and March 22, 2015 @ 1 p.m.

Motion by Vernon Breakfield
Move to adjourn @ 2:28 p.m.
Second by Doug Epps

Basketball Yes, Swim/Dive Yes, Soccer Yes, Baseball Yes, Track/Field Yes, Football Yes **MOTION PASSED**