

November 2011 Meeting

Nebraska High School Sports Officials Association
Meeting: 20 November 2011
Chase Suites, Lincoln, NE

Present: Chris Carlson, Kelly Clausen, Greg Hardin, Todd Kerr, Chad Lyons, Mike Namuth via teleconference, Steve Nelson, Mark Weating, Gary Ropers, Joe Wells

Absent: None

Motion: Approve the 12 September 2011 minutes **MOTION PASSED**

Checkbook Balance is \$7,347.66

Membership Information: 349 officials have registered

Discussion: Current members or inquiring officials seeking information about the association are encouraged to attend any meeting. This open invitation needs to be included on the website.

Gary Ropers, new MOA representative, was introduced to the NHSSOA.

Motion: Todd Kerr was nominated as President. **MOTION PASSED**

Discussion: Alternate board members are encouraged to attend meetings whenever possible to be activity involved in the Association. Alternate board members need to have paid their current dues. The alternate member does not have to be an active official.

By-laws need to be written. It was suggested to research for a template of by-laws. The MOA, ENOA, the state of Texas were suggested as starting points for the development of by-laws. The by-laws researching committee is Mike Namuth, Todd Kerr, & Steve Nelson. Aaron Adams has offered to write the by-laws. Items suggested, but not limited to, to be in the by-laws were: Structure of the NHSSOA, Officers Duties, Election of Officers, Duties of Members, Meetings, Board Members Term Lengths, Reduced Association membership fees to members who belong to another local association, Privacy Statement, Advertising, Paid mileage of board members to meetings, & Ethical Clause.

There was discussion about a basketball newsletter. It would be a great way to communicate to our members. The suggested newsletter dates are Dec. 10, Jan 15, Feb 15, and March 15 being a review. Todd will be contacting Scott Johnson about a basketball forum email availability on the website.

Motion: Rich Rethwich be the newsletter coordinator. **MOTION PASSED**

Discussion: The Association will not be accepting any cooperate advertising at this time.

There has been a communication breakdown between the NHSSOA and the MOA. Kelly will be contacting them to help rectify the breakdown.

Other sport's officials for the NSAA are interested in becoming a part of the Association. The inclusion of additional sports should strengthen the Association.

There was discussion about sending a congratulatory letter to those officials that were selected to officiate the State Football Finals and the State Basketball Tournaments.

The NHSSOA patch available to be purchased by members would cost \$1.60 - \$1.80 to produce.

Todd continues to work on the awards banquet. The banquet will be a one-day event. Members wishing to attend needs to start being collected. It was suggested to place an R.S.V.P. link on the website.

Steve Nelson was going to resubmit the survey to Scott Johnson for members to complete who attended camps.

If an "Officials Forum" is developed for the website, submitted items will need to be filtered by the NHSSOA.

Adjourned: 6:20 p.m.