

Nebraska High School Officials Association
Meeting: 4 November 2013
NSAA Office Lincoln, NE 10:06 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Kelly Classen
Renee Williams, Softball
Chad Lyons, Basketball
Chris Carlson, Football
Doug Epps, Soccer
Rob Wennstedt, Swimming and Diving
Scarlett Wilson, Co-Chair Swimming and Diving
Sue Mailhot, Volleyball
Jim Ayers, Wrestling
Scott Johnson, Web Site

Absent:

Vernon Breakfield, Track and Field
Tim Higgins, Baseball

It was suggested to email any reports to all members prior to the meeting.

Motion by Chris Carlson

Approve the August 25th minutes as amended.

Second by Renee Williams

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

MOTION PASSED.

Treasure Report:

Checkbook balance as of 11/3/13 was \$8,863.02

Membership:

Presented by Jen Blachford

Total NHSOA members: 710 (310 of these people are registered for multiple sports)

Softball: 66 Members/183 Total Registered Softball Umpires 36%

Football: 315/846 Total Football Registration Payments 37%

Volleyball: 131/443 Total Volleyball Registration Payments 29%

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

Basketball: 340/970 Total Basketball Registration Payments 35%

Wrestling: 71/68 Total Wrestling Registration Payments 42%

Swimming/Diving: 8/45 Total Swim/Dive Registration Payments 17%

** 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: 47/33 Total Baseball Registration Payments 142% **

Soccer: 26/24 Total Soccer Registration Payments 108% **

Track and Field: 16/27 Track and Field Registration Payments 69% *

NHSOA clinic overview was presented by Jen Blachford as of November 4th.

Basketball - 6 Clinics - 136 Attendees

Volleyball - 4 Clinics - 55 Attendees

Softball - 5 Clinics - 32 Attendees

Wrestling - 1 Clinic - 42 Attendees

Football - 6 Clinics - 186 Attendees

Total Clinic Attendees - 451

There was discussion about the 25 year plaque presentation. Each committee chairperson needs to attend the championship event for the service award. NSAA staff is working hard to implement the ceremony. Officials have been responding positively about the award plaque.

Kelly was approached about NHSOA officials speaking at preseason school parent meetings regarding good sportsmanship. There are a few parent meetings You Tube videos to review for a template to follow. Any official may be asked to present at a parent meeting. Rule changes should be reviewed. There may be information titled Top 10 Things To Do As A Parent to consider covering. Fans are not there to help

coach from the stands. A scripted plan needs to be followed. The NSAA has a template to follow. One, introduce yourself. Keep it simple. Second, review new rules for the sport. Next, cover sportsmanship information. End with a question and answer period. The NSAA is willing to help assist with information gathering. They have made efforts to help staff our association. The presentation needs to be an educational piece for parents. This is a very good opportunity for the NHSOA to show leadership. Kelly volunteered to head up a committee to develop a generic script to be used to follow for a presentation. A few schools maybe targeted to pilot the concept this winter.

The football committee is wrapping up the second newsletter. Officials continued to reach out to new through third year officials to invite them to work or attend contest of experienced officials. All committees were reminded to include the website in the newsletter. The 2013 NHSOA/NSAA Retain and Recruitment letter was reviewed.

The volleyball committee meet at the state volleyball tournament.

Email correspondence is working for the soccer committee. A soccer officials clinic is scheduled for December 7th at Westside. Lincoln, Columbus, and Kearney are other areas being considered for clinics in January, February, and March. A soccer pre-game is developed. The soccer committee wants all soccer officials to attend a clinic if they are working a varsity contest.

The softball committee is working on a 1st year checklist, pre game and a post game. They are seeking input about how to improve to better serve officials. How to defuse situations and combating weather are few things they are working on.

Wrestling committee newsletter is coming out soon. They correspond by email. The metro area has a very good mentoring program. There is not really a out state Nebraska mentoring program. The Metro and Western Nebraska officials are working very well together.

The swimming and diving committee is working on a the newsletter. They are focusing on Districts 1 and 2.

The basketball committee is working on the newsletter. Kelly challenged the basketball committee to recruit a new female official for the sport.

Sue continues to work on a template design for the committee procedure policy handbook.

The general clinic survey was discussed. What is the value of being a member, attending a clinic and award recognition is necessary feedback to improve the

association.

Committees are reminded to forward updates to Scott Johnson for the website. Newsletters, clinic information, pre/post game information should be forwarded. Items for Face book can be sent.

If any committee member has a suggestions, please forward to Jon. Jon attended the Midwest Official Summit. Recruiting and retaining officials is the hot topic across the nation. Other states are starting to do background checks of officials. Paying for the background check needs to be addressed. Background checks are a sign of the time. The NSAA is currently using the honor system. A background check has a limited shelf life.

The NSAA does not hire regular season officials, the schools hire the officials.

The NSAA can send out reminders to officials to complete post season officiating applications and keep up an accurate schedule.

There is discussion concerning adopting coaches media policy that would address coaches commenting about officiating to the media including social media.

Jon appreciated everyone attending today.

NFHS network web cast the softball championships this year. They will be web casting other events this year as well.

There was discussion about retired officials contacting the NHSOA regarding receiving a 25-year service award for past years of service. It was suggested to offer those individuals to purchase the award as they see needed.

Motion by Doug Epps
Table buying of awards to the next meeting.
Second by Renee Williams

Football YES, Volleyball YES, Softball YES, Basketball YES, Wrestling YES,
Swimming/Diving YES, Soccer YES
MOTION PASSED

The NHSOA logo will be included with the NSAA logo to be displayed at championship events on LED boards.

There was discussion to increase the membership fee to include a pass to championship events. This would have to be presented to the NSAA Board of Directors. Jon will check with other states about their policy.

Kelly and Jon will be meeting to discuss members not attending meetings.

Motion by Renee Williams

To adjourn the meeting @ 12:51 p.m.

Second by Rob Wennstedt

Football YES, Volleyball YES, Softball YES, Basketball YES, Wrestling YES,
Swimming/Diving YES, Soccer YES

MOTION PASSED

Next meeting: March 30, 2014 @ 12:00 p.m. (Noon) in the NSAA office.