

Nebraska High School Officials Association
Meeting: September 14, 2014
NSAA Office
Lincoln, NE 1:05pm

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Kelly Classen, Executive Director
Rob Wennstedt, Swimming and Diving
Vernon Breakfield, Track and Field
Tim Higgins, Baseball
Scott Johnson, Basketball & Website
Renee Williams, Softball
Sue Mailhot, Volleyball
Jim Ayers, Wrestling

Absent:

Chad Lyons, Basketball
Chris Carlson, Football
Doug Epps, Soccer

Executive Director opened meeting discussing the participation at the NHSOA sponsored football clinics. There were 216 officials attending the 5 clinics across the state.

Minutes for the March 2014 meeting were read and approved.

Ashton Honor with the NSAA was introduced to the NHSOA board.

The 25 year plaque presentations were well attended and received across all sports.

An Officials Gold Card was discussed.

Ronda went to the NSAA Board of Directors with an overview.
\$30 cost would entitle the holder access into any state championship event
NSAA Board of Directors wants a presentation from the NHSOA

NHSOA discussed the cost of the card and allowing a guest access along with official.

Vernon Breakfield motioned:

Proposal for members of the NHSOA receive a Gold Card for \$30 for a member and guest admittance to any state championship event subject to site occupancy.
Seconded by Sue Mailhot

Softball Yes, Basketball Yes, Swim/Dive Yes, Volleyball Yes, Wrestling Yes, Track/Field Yes

MOTION PASSED

Cliff Keen alliance has had a rocky start as they are not getting product to officials in a timely manner.

NSAA requested NHSOA input into the possibility of increasing officials registration fees to cover the cost of shipping packet materials in a more timely manner. Discussion followed. Suggestion was made to NSAA for individual shipping options at the time of registration. If an official would need materials more timely they should pay those costs verses across the board increases for officials not needing quick delivery. More information from the NSAA would be needed regarding this topic. No action made on request.

Executive Director discussed Supplemental Accident & Game Fee Reimbursement Insurance Policy

Cost of policy is \$10/official

If an official gets injured during a contest, would receive up to \$200/week for 26 weeks.

\$50-\$100k liability increase

\$100 deductible

The policy, if approved, would encompass all members of the NHSOA.

This would result in NHSOA membership fee increase to \$40/year.

No action made.

The softball committee stated they are having problems attaining new officials. They mentioned there were issues receiving the Cliff Keen shirts on time. There were issues with officials wearing the sublimated shirts versus the original shirts. The clinics are currently based on 3 person mechanics, as that is what is used for state tournament, however they might need to do a 2 person mechanic clinic as those are being used in most regular season contests.

The basketball committee mentioned District 2 & 5 clinics were cancelled with an alternate District 2 clinic added in October. There was concern about future clinics getting combined and/or cancelled. Additional weekend clinics were discussed to increase attendance.

The volleyball committee had 7 clinics and is looking to change to weekend or evening clinics to increase attendance. Two newsletters were created and sent to officials.

The wrestling committee had two clinics in Omaha and Kearney. There will be one in the fall around November in North Platte. The wrestling officials liked the new Cliff Keen shirts.

The track and field committee has a clinic scheduled for March 14th in Ogallala. They are looking to contact other states on how to educate officials.

The baseball committee will have a clinic on February 7th at the Ultimate Baseball Academy. Jeff Graver and Chris Frank will be evaluators. Baseball loses officials in the spring because officials do college baseball. It's hard to attract officials due to game times being around 4pm. There was one newsletter created and sent to officials.

There was a request for a place on the website for officials to submit unusual plays to be evaluated.

Nebraska Officials Foundation inquired about increasing scholarship given to sibling of past or present official.

They currently provide two scholarships of \$250. Discussion followed.

Would like to have NHSOA money used for recruitment of officials.

Can the NHSOA financially support this monetary request?

This scholarship request would be a yearly request.

Rob Wennstedt motioned:

Rob moved to support \$500/year to the Nebraska Officials Foundation for scholarships to siblings of past or present officials.

Seconded by Vernon Breakfield

Softball Yes, Basketball Yes, Swim/Dive Yes, Volleyball No, Wrestling Yes, Track/Field Yes

MOTION PASSED

The policy manual for individual sports committees was discussed. Sue mentioned she had quite a bit done, but was concerned the board doesn't have a manual yet to reference. She stated the NHSOA needs a policy manual for how the board operates, as the NHSOA board makes decisions for several officials. Sue will work on a board policy manual and present to board. No action taken.

There was concern about clinician fees at clinics. Currently, fees paid to clinicians are \$100 plus mileage at NSAA rates. There is concern regarding clinicians who live near clinic sites and work 10-12 hours for \$100 with no mileage. Is that acceptable? Discussion followed. No action taken.

Next meeting was set at 11:00am November 2nd.

Meeting adjourned 3:19pm.