

**Nebraska High School Officials Association**

**Meeting: November 22, 2015**

**NSAA Office, Lincoln, NE 11am**

**Present:**

Kelly Classen (Executive Director)  
Shane Smith (Football-Alt)  
Scott Johnson (Basketball, Website)  
Renee Williams (Softball)  
Sue Mailhot (Volleyball)  
Todd Parr (Wrestling)  
Rob Wennstedt (Swim Dive)  
Gary Eikmeier (Baseball)  
Bill Phipps (Track-Alt)

**Absent:**

Chris Carlson (Football)  
Vernon Breakfield (Track)  
Doug Epps (Soccer)

**Treasurers Report:** Emailed to all members

Motion to approve minutes as emailed

Discussion took place regarding NHSOA Policy Manual. Jon has only received information from Basketball. Sue went over what was needed for policy manual.

Terms of service?

How do you select committee members / alternates?

Meeting times?

COP Card has been slow out of the gate. There was one sold for football and one for volleyball. The card should take off for basketball/wrestling. Discussion of what the COP card allows.

**Football** – Football playoffs in full swing. Mentoring, have new members going out with crews. Good participating in clinics over 200 attendees.

**Swim** – finishing rules and testing. We're having trouble finding officials in western Nebraska.

**Softball** – looking at clinics in January and locations. Number of officials might have increased from last year. There is a new softball director with NSAA. We did bat testing at state.

**Volleyball** –Finished season. Attendance at state was up. We went to SD state championship. They use three courts at same time with no curtain. Good attendance at clinics. We brought in 4 new sets of officials to work state tournament from clinics.

**Track** – Cross Country meet. Should include cross country under track/field. It's difficult to do clinics for shooters. Colleges would do practice shooting for starters. NSAA wants to have people at state track be registered under NSAA. There'd be backlash from volunteers. SD uses 2 starters at every track meet.

**Basketball** – Testing in progress. Newsletter created and will be sent shortly. A handful of new officials in Southwestern Nebraska registered. There was a request from Metro to join committee. This request is still outstanding. It opens up issues with other associations. List of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year officials was created to setup mentoring. Creighton Prep clinic had 47 attendees. Total clinic attendees was 179 officials with 40 under 5 years.

**Wrestling** – registration just closed. We had two clinics. Bridgeport canceled. Lincoln and Kearney had 51 attendees with 22 new officials. Each new official was assigned a mentor. Need to educate coaches to help keep new officials in the sport. Have to be able to retain officials. Kelly went to state wrestling to get 10 new officials. He knew that 5 signed up. Kelly had a booth at the tournament and talked with wrestlers and former wrestlers about becoming officials.

**Baseball** – Need to find more young umpires. No committee yet. Troy Test will be alternate. Will discuss when clinics will take place. Will likely have 1 or 2 clinics. Coaches should take the open book test to help understand the rules.

**Website** – Site is fairly current. Volleyball pictures will be put on site. Basketball Newsletter will be up when approved. Individual logins still a work in process, time consuming. Have gotten questions through the NHSOA website and forwarded on to each sport chairman or evaluators. Scott is looking for pictures or content for each sport. If people want to be able to make changes to their own section, this can be done.

### **Cliff Keen contract**

CK sent another proposal. We could put CK logo and Hoenig logo on website for a dollar amount. NSAA will not sign any exclusive contract. NHSOA shouldn't mandate what officials wear or where they purchase it. Discussion took place about allowing companies the ability to advertise their products on our website and the amount to do so. Discussion took place due to officials wearing NHSOA patched shirts who are not members of the NHSOA. Vendors are selling the sublimated shirts with both NSAA and NHSOA patches, and officials are purchasing them off the rack. No validation as to whether an official is a NHSOA member when purchasing. Officials are also becoming members, getting patches on the shirt, and no longer remain members and still wearing the shirt w/ patches.

Motion moved and passed to table Cliff Keen contract.

## **Budget**

Budget included \$500 for board personnel apparel. Website hosting/domain name costs will be added under Miscellaneous. Discussion took place on what each amount was used for under each sport. Clinics, travel, evaluators, meals, and hotels are the main uses. The amount assigned for each sport was based on the average spent from previous years. These amounts can fluctuate.

## **HUDL**

Contract amount for all sports is \$3000. We won't have to spend that amount since the fall sports are already finished. \$1600 will be the amount for remaining sports in 2015-16. Discussion on how we are going to receive games.

## **New Board Members**

New board members are at the November meeting. Chad Lyons stepped down. Scott Johnson became basketball chairman.

## **Meeting dates.**

Does 11am work for all board members? Discussion about the March meeting date. Leave the date as March 20<sup>th</sup>. Kelly will determine if the date needs changed as we get closer to that date.

Motion and passed to adjourn. 12:56pm