

The following are the preliminary minutes from the August 5, 2020, OHSAA Board of Directors Special Virtual Meeting. The Board is expected to officially approve them at its August 27, 2020, meeting.

## OHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES (August 5, 2020)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors held a special virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic on Wednesday, August 5, 2020. President Jeff Cassella called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Board Members Participating:** Jeff Cassella, president; Scott Kaufman, vice president; Gary Kreinbrink; Bill Warfield; Steve Watkins, and John Richard (ex-officio, excused from the meeting at 3:35 p.m.) and Joe Roberts (ex-officio representing the OIAAA).

**Board Members Excused:** Ryan Fitzgerald, Dan Leffingwell, Leonard Steyer (joined the meeting at 3:37 p.m.) and Jan Wilking.

**Staff Members Participating:** Bob Goldring, interim executive director; Beau Rugg, OHSAA senior director, and Dale Gabor, OHSAA sport administrator for cross country and track & field.

**Others Participating:** Greg Blate, OHSAA consultant.

### I. ACTION ITEMS

With approximately 80 percent of the revenues by the OHSAA traditionally generated through the sale of tickets sold at tournament events and COVID-19 already having a significant impact on the Association's budget following the cancellation of several of its winter sports tournaments and all of its spring sports tournaments, combined with the unknown impact that COVID-19 may continue to have as we enter the 2020-21 school year, the OHSAA Interim Executive Director's staff — following discussions that included the OHSAA Finance Committee, Board of Directors members and other state athletic associations and extensive internal deliberations that were headed by the OHSAA's financial consultant — recommended the following financial modifications for OHSAA tournaments during the 2020-21 school year. These recommendations come after the Association has already undertaken numerous financial measures — including cuts and new processes and procedures — and, combined, it is hopeful these will help ensure some solvency for the OHSAA, despite the unknown status of future tournaments, and allow the Association to continue its tradition of excellence in providing service and tournaments for its member schools and their student-athletes as it has for the past 113 years.

- A. Online Tickets:** Presale tickets will be available for all sports and will be sold online. Gate tickets and other paper tickets will be significantly limited and utilized only in instances when it is not practical or possible to utilize electronic ticketing.
- B. Standard Ticket Pricing:** All district and sectional tournaments presale tickets will be sold online presale at \$8; gate tickets will be \$10, with tournament basketball tickets also being \$8 online presale and \$10 at the gate.
- C. Presale Ticket Shares/Bonuses:** Football and basketball presale ticket shares/bonuses will not be paid out to member schools participating in 2020-21 OHSAA tournaments.
- D. Team Tournament Expenses:** No team expenses will be reimbursed to member schools participating in 2020-21 OHSAA tournaments.
- E. Tournament Entry Fees:** \$25 tournament entry fees will be incorporated for the following sports: boys and girls bowling; boys and girls golf; gymnastics; boys and girls cross country; boys and girls tennis; boys and girls track & field, and boys and girls swimming & diving. **Notes:** As emerging sports, boys and girls lacrosse will continue to have a \$100 tournament entry fee per gender. Also, Constitution Article 5-6-1, #7, Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors, says "Authorize the Executive Director's Office to organize and conduct all state sponsored interscholastic athletic tournaments and determine and set entry fees as needed."
- F. Other Fees:** Bowling tournament lane fees and golf tournament greens fees will not be paid by OHSAA in 2020-21.
- G. Tournament Suspension:** The regional and state dual team wrestling tournaments will be suspended for the 2020-21 school year.
- H. Notes:** Because of the elimination of presale ticket shares/bonuses and team tournament expenses, combined with incorporating tournament entry fees for some sports, the Board at this meeting determined that it will not be levying any membership fees pursuant to Constitution Article 4-1-1,

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Membership Dues. The Board will authorize that flat fees continue to be paid to utilize facilities hosting OHSAA tournaments. These fees will be evaluated to identify opportunities for reduction where reasonable and appropriate.

Motion by Gary Kreinbrink, second by Steve Watkins to **approve** the financial recommendations from the OHSAA Interim Executive Director's staff as presented.

Motion passed 5-0.

### II. EXECUTIVE SESSION - DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board went into executive session for the purpose of discussing the upcoming fall sports seasons. During that time, Interim Executive Director Bob Goldring said he has decided to cancel the OHSAA Cross Country Invitational scheduled for August 15 at Fortress Obetz due to concerns over COVID-19 and the size of the event.

The Board unanimously voted to come out of executive session at 4:14 p.m. and, upon doing so, unanimously adjourned the special virtual meeting.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

(All meetings are subject to change.)

**2020-21 School Year (note that 2020-21 dates may be modified, and times are to be determined):** August 27, 9:00 a.m., virtual; October 1; October 29; January 14; February 18; April 22, and June 9.