

CENTRAL DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD

April 9, 2025 – 3:00 PM
Microsoft Teams Meeting

☒ Ryan Fitzgerald, AA Rep. President
☒ Molly Feesler, AAA Rep.
☒ Scott Beery, AA Rep.
☒ Lindsey Smith, A Rep
☐ Matt Gallatin, Middle School Rep.
☒ Bob Britton, Secretary

☒ Scott Reeves, Ethnic Min. VP
☒ Mark Shively, AAA Rep.
☒ Lane Warner, A Rep
☒ Pam Bosser, Female Rep.,
☒ Jim Hayes, Treasurer

AGENDA – President Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

1. Approve the April agenda

Motion by Smith 2nd Reeves Vote – 8-0

2. Review and approve the minutes of the February 12, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.
(Britton)

Motion by Shively 2nd Feesler Vote – 8-0

3. Financial Report (Hayes) – All bills and expenses were paid for winter tournaments. Report on where we are on all sports and a profit net/loss sheet. The only sport to show a profit was boys basketball. Still waiting on Fairgrounds for some expenses at the Expo Center. Girls' basketball at Expo operated at a \$20,000 deficit and Boys basketball netted a positive \$7500. Attendance overall was down by 15,000. There was a \$57,000 change in profit/loss for girls' basketball. Could be due to having fewer lower level games due to added divisions in basketball. OHSAA needs to do a postmortem on the tournament to see what changes could be made for future tournaments. We are no longer close to deficit spending as in the past.

Motion by Feesler 2nd Bosser Vote – 8-0

4. Tim Stried – Website Audit – The OHSAA is looking at the current website structure and ways to improve the site at both the state and district levels. May not be a complete redesign but more of tweaking what we have with Gravity Works. Meeting with all district boards and some media groups across the state. Will be meeting with the DAB webmasters next week. Mr. Hayes stated that the shared information from the state site to the DAB's do not update at the same time. State knows this and Gravity Works are addressing the situation to pull automatically. One thing that

the state would like is a search bar for schools on the bracketing page. Would like it to be easier to find the bylaws, policies and sport regulations. What the search bar is pulling may not be the most relevant or current information. Comment was made that there is good consistency between the State page and the DAB pages, however it is difficult to find finishers in the individual sports.

5. Spring Tournament Draw Dates:
 - a. Boys Tennis – Thursday May 1, site selection; Sunday May 4, 2:00 p.m.
 - b. Track and Field – Sunday April 27, 2:00 p.m.
 - c. Softball – Sunday May 4, 2:00 p.m.
 - d. Baseball – Sunday May 11, 2:00 p.m.
6. Winter Tournament evaluations – reviews will be conducted at the May 14, meeting.
7. Board of Directors Report (Feesler) – Meeting at State boys basketball referendum items and fall tournament sites were established. Working on a new ticketing vendor and media sponsorship/streaming. Next meeting will on Wednesday April 23 and 24, 2025.
8. All Boards Committee Report (Shively) – email to wrestling liaisons about number of participants in each district and will discuss in the future. Also having the girls district as a one day event it is maxing out the fire code for certain venues. Looking to have conversations with everyone this summer.
9. Liaison Reports –
 - a. Baseball – Mt. Vernon Nazarene has agreed to host some dist. Final lower-level games.
 - b. Basketball – Good tournament overall there are concerns with clearing crowds and certain personnel and how they treat other staff members. No other DAB clears if they have the capacity to hold the crowds. The tournament manager did a great a job and the Expo is a great venue for our schools. Revisit having pep bands at the coliseum.
 - c. Bowling – Nothing to Report
 - d. Cross Country – There is some concern about the regional site in central Ohio, with the increase in the number of runners and the safety of the course. There are some questions about providing medals for the 1st and 2nd place team runners from each division. There will be a conversation with Dr. Kronour about supplying those awards.
 - e. Golf – Nothing to Report
 - f. Gymnastics - Nothing to Report
 - g. Soccer - Nothing to Report

- h. Softball - Nothing to Report
- i. Swimming/Diving - Nothing to Report
- j. Tennis - Nothing to Report
- k. Track – Minor adjustments on the number of qualifiers from district to regional that may require another district.
- l. Volleyball – Jill Logan will have a new email address
- m. Wrestling – Suggesting that we clear the gym for the sectional and district levels due to decrease revenue. CDAB used to charge twice for one day tournaments between qualifying and finals, this was discontinued about 3-4 years ago. It is different from DAB to DAB. OHSAA is open to continuing the discussion about have sessions or to charge a higher fee for the one day tournaments.

10. Scholarships – 28 scholarships from CDAB/OHSAA. Gift card \$200 per recipient or banquet or a combination of both?

- a. Gift card only for \$200/recipient

Motion by Feesler 2nd Beery Vote – 8-0

11. Other

- a. Received tentative fall sports alignment from Ronald Sayre
- b. Next regular meeting is May 14, 2025, at the OHSAA offices.

12. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Motion by Bosser 2nd Smith Vote – 8-0