

# CENTRAL DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD

December 11, 2024 – 3:00 PM

OHSAA Office

Ryan Fitzgerald, AA Rep. President

Scott Reeves, Ethnic Min. VP

Molly Feesler, AAA Rep.

Mark Shively, AAA Rep.

Scott Beery, AA Rep.

Lane Warner, A Rep

Lindsey Smith, A Rep

Pam Bosser, Female Rep.,

3:09\_Matt Gallatin, Middle School Rep.

Jim Hayes, Treasurer

Bob Britton, Secretary

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

1. Approve December agenda

Motion by Feesler 2<sup>nd</sup> Bosser Vote – 5-0

2. Review and approve the minutes from the November 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting. (Britton)

Motion by Shively 2<sup>nd</sup> Bosser Vote – 5-0

3. Financial Report (Hayes) – Reports sent last week to all members. For the year down \$28,000, investments are accurate, up to date on all payments. The “money grab” by the OHSAA by expanding the tournaments is not true. Attendance is down by approximately 1,000, and expenses have gone up. Coliseum preliminary costs are approximately \$3,000/game. We will have approximately \$500-\$600/game for security. We still have not discussed the additional cost for staffing, Coliseum does not provide staffing, we have approximately 37 games there this year.

Motion by Feesler 2<sup>nd</sup> Gallatin Vote – 6-0

4. Fall Tournament Evaluations

- a. 3:15 - Larry Morris – Golf; a lot of DI boys responses, concerned with no spectator carts and rules officials being inconsistent due to course conditions. Concerns cancellation and better communications. Email was sent out by 3:00 p.m. Tournament was played the next day and went well. The ultimate decision to play is up to the course pro/superintendent. Mostly positive feedback from the coaches. D II and III blended tournament was well received by the

golf courses. Important to stay with the same number of teams in those blended tournaments. Fewer comments on the use of iWannamaker scoring app, there may be some miscommunication that the scoring app is not a ticket to the event.

Girls had 1 extra sectional advantage to have both D1 and 2 at Echo, would like to be more flexible with the D1 dates to make the schedule work a little smoother. Good tournament overall.

- b. 3:25 - Jeff Good - Girls Tennis; Not a lot to report on since it is my first year. There are things that we will do differently next year. There will be some small adjustments moving into the boys tournament this spring. Looking to move back to four sites for districts as opposed to two. We have three sites secured for the spring, looking to lock down a fourth, may consider the park of roses, but could come at an additional cost without being able to charge admission. The only real issue was the draw meeting and not being able to enter the meeting. Want to get the dates out earlier for the site selection and draw meeting to prevent scheduling of matches on those days. DI coaches would like to keep the district finals at UA as opposed to other sites due to the newer facilities and courts.
- c. 3:35 - Chris Ludban - Cross-Country;
- d. 3:45 - Kyle Hamrick – Soccer; Would like to see D1 finals hosted at the better seeded site. Procedural issues with a team being placed on the bracket earlier than they should have been. Seems to be fewer comments that last year, tournament went well. Recommend to the coaches to work with their association and go to the OHSAA and work to get a seeding procedure in place instead of coaches voting. Mike Altoff is interested in continuing as the assignor.

Lindsey Smith excused at 3:37 p.m.

- e. 4:00 - Jill Logan – Volleyball; Question whether we were going to go back to in person meetings. Another question is why we are not seeding like boys and girls basketball. OHSAA will support the use of Max Preps with the coaches setting the parameters. There was a concern with security at ODU and a grandparent approaching the coach and confronting them. Looking to secure the same sites for next fall's tournament. The tournament went very well.

## 5. Winter Tournament Update

- a. Tom Stoughton – Handout

Motion by     Gallatin     2<sup>nd</sup>     Shively     Vote – 5-0

6. Board of Directors Report (Feesler) – Voting on proposal to expand track and field for the 2026 sport season. Holding off to make sure that the expansion is done appropriately and used as a model for other individual sports. Looking at a model similar to the expansion in team sports, it is still in its infancy and the number of divisions is still up in the air. Modification for football rules and all-star games regulation 6.2 general sports regulation 7.6. Looking at NIL language to put on referendum items in the spring, there are more states that have NIL than in the past so there are some examples to follow.
7. All Boards Committee Report (Shively) – Update on the East and Southeast districts to combine wrestling tournaments, will not happen this year but will look at the this in the future. Looking at getting together with the Northwest to combine D1 schools for the tournaments in basketball.
8. Nomination for A Representative to the OHSAA Board of Directors effective August 1, 2025 – July 31, 2028.
  - a. Lane Warner – Elgin Local Schools

Motion by Feesler 2<sup>nd</sup> Gallatin Vote – 5-0

9. Liaison Reports
  - a. Baseball – Proposed tournament structure shared with the board from Mark Aprile. Looking at a super district in DI and DII only, also wanting to move to 2:00 and 5:00 start times.
  - b. Basketball – Nothing to report
  - c. Bowling – Nothing to report
  - d. Cross Country – Good report other than parking fees
  - e. Golf - Reported earlier
  - f. Gymnastics - Nothing to report
  - g. Soccer - Reported earlier
  - h. Softball – Nothing to report
  - i. Swimming/Diving – Zoom to transition
  - j. Tennis - Reported earlier
  - k. Track - Nothing to report
  - l. Volleyball – Reported earlier
  - m. Wrestling – Mr. Rooney has everything to the website manager for boys. We will establish draw meeting times for girls wrestling. DIII will go to Ridgedale as a 2 day event.

10. Other

a. Hotel Rooms:

- i. Feb 18-22 Swimming and Diving – Canton, OH
- ii. March 1-2 Gymnastics – Hilliard, OH
- iii. June 4-8 Softball – Akron, OH

b. Next regular meeting is January 8, 2025, at the OHSAA offices.

11. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Motion by Gallatin 2<sup>nd</sup> Bosser Vote – 5-0