

The CDAB met on a MS Teams virtual conference on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Mark Shively, Board President called the meeting to order at 3:05. Members present were; AAA Representative – Molly Feesler, AAA Representative - Mark Shively, AA Representative – Ryan Fitzgerald, AA Representative – Chad Little (arrived 3:15, left 4:30), A Representative – Troy McIntosh (left 4:40), A Representative – Bob Britton, Female Representative – Pam Bosser, Middle School Representative – Jay Cauley (arrived 3:15), Secretary/Treasurer -Jim Hayes

Ethnic Minority Representative – Bill Warfield - absent

November 11, 2020 Minutes - motioned by Mr. Britton, seconded by Ms. Feesler to approve the minutes. Motion passes 6-0 (Little, Cauley, Warfield absent)

November Financial report prepared by Treasurer Hayes:

Financial Report-checking	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2020	\$211,247.59
Plus Deposits	\$ 27,836.21
Minus Payment	<u>\$ 80,000.93</u>
Ending Balance, November 30, 2020	\$160,082.87

Arbiter Balance November 30, 2020 - \$5,840.99. (not included in above numbers)

Mr. Fitzgerald moved, second by Ms. Bosser to approve the financial report. Motion passed 8-0 (Mr. Warfield absent.)

Mr. Hayes informed that board that he had been requested to send excess funds over \$50,000 to the OHSAA Cash consolidation account. A payment of \$109,000 was sent on December 8, 2020.

Guest – OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute.

Mr. Ute thanked the board for their work during the fall season in providing the students the opportunity to complete fall tournaments. He reminded us the OHSAA is going to continue to move forward and provide participation opportunities for the schools. The decision to compete or not compete will be determined by the local schools.

The OHSAA is continuing to watch finances and look for ways to reduce expenses. They are looking at using different venues for Regional and State tournaments. (He mentioned they were able to keep the Girls Tennis State championship at the Lindner Family Tennis Center because they did not charge the OHSAA; not many venues are that generous.) There will be some changes in employee benefits going into effect in February that could potentially save the association over \$150,000.

He referenced there are some staffing changes going on the office and as some staff have left, they initially are going to re-assign duties within the current staff rather than immediately hire replacement staff.

Mr. Ute reminded us of the upcoming All Boards meeting on December 15, 2020 which will be held virtually.

Winter/Spring Tournament updates

1. **Swimming/Diving – Frank Croft– Mr. Croft** shared he is continuing to look at options for the swimming/diving tournaments. He is looking to add additional venues so the number of teams at each venue can be reduced. Sessions will be doubled to reduce the size of each session. We will have two sessions of girls one day and two sessions of boys on a second day at each venue rather than the traditional one session. Sectional venues have indicated, at this time, spectators will not be permitted. He is not sure where District will be held. Ohio State and Ohio University are not available. Local high school venues do not want to host the district. Has been in communication with a facility in Cincinnati.
2. **Baseball – Mark Aprile – Mr. Aprile** has updated the general information for the tournament to reflect virtual draw meetings, online tickets and the ticket prices. Mr. Aprile shared he has concerns about sending schools to neutral sites for the district tournaments.

Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion that all baseball and softball games be hosted by the better seeded team through District Finals. Motion was seconded by Mr. Britton. Motion passes 8-0. (Mr. Warfield absent)

Mr. Aprile will update his information to reflect the approved motion. He will reach out to a few sites to see if they are willing to be backup sites in case one of the assigned sites is unable to host a contest.

He also asked the Board to reach out to the schools and explain the ticket process this year as this will be the first year tickets have been required for Sectional level contests. Mr. Hayes will work with Mr. Shively to send a memo to the schools.

3. **Softball – Lisa Morelli – Ms. Morelli** reviewed the dates she has planned to use for the divisional games. She mentioned she has met with the Softball Coaches Association to discuss any concerns they may have. While discussing sites, Ms. Feesler shared it would have been difficult for the Pickerington Schools to host the District games as they have in past because of attendance restrictions and the openness of allowing fans to move from field to field to watch games. As already approved, all softball games will be played at the site of the better seeded team through District Finals.
4. **Track/Field – Chris Ludban – Mr. Ludban** is in the process of confirming with schools if they are willing to host District meets this year. For the sites that are hosting multiple Districts (D1 and D2) he suggested a revised format. In the past, Field Events and Running events have been conducted at the same time. Mr. Ludban is suggesting that Field Events be held in a morning session, clear the stadium; then conduct the Running events in the afternoon. The reasoning is to reduce the number of competitors in the venue at any given time. The Board told him to continue to pursue that idea as he confirms the host sites.
5. **Gymnastics – Marty McLain/Debbie White – Ms. McLain and Ms. White** expressed continued concerns about the size of the district meet and whether they will be able to complete it in a timely fashion. The number of teams in the Central District has increased and when you include the schools assigned to the Central from other districts, we have maxed out our numbers. Ms. Bosser indicated she would reach out to Emily Gates, OHSAA Director of Sports Management for Gymnastics, to see if some teams could be re-assigned to other districts. Tournament Representation is always a concern when moving teams between districts.

Liaison Reports

Soccer - Mr. McIntosh addressed a concern mentioned in the tournament evaluations about the draw process. Coaches are unhappy with the way schools absent from the draw are assigned spots on the bracket. This is also a concern in other sports. Suggestions were made. It was determined this would be a Summer Meeting discussion for a possible change beginning next school year.

Tennis - Mr. Cauley reported that venue confirmation is still taking place. Some schools are hesitant to host. It was asked whether the board would assign sites as we did in the fall or continue to let schools pick their site. No action was taken.

Wrestling - Mr. Shively reported that Tyler Brooks, OHSAA Director of Sport Management for Wrestling, will be holding a meeting with DAB Wrestling managers later this week to discuss logistics for wrestling. There is discussion of splitting the tournament into multiple days by splitting the weight classes between days.

State Board of Directors Report – Ryan Fitzgerald

Mr. Fitzgerald reported that Executive Director Ute and COO Keihl would be presenting an updated Organization Chart and job responsibilities at their next board meeting.

A new controller has been employed to replace Todd Boehm. The new controller will start in January.

Ms. Bosser motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Feesler. Motion passed 6-0 (Absent Little, McIntosh, Warfield)

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is January 20, 2021.