Southwest District Athletic Board OHSAA.ORG/SWDAB



SWDAB Board of Directors Business Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 3, 2021 Lakota West High School

- Roll Call Mr. Tim Cook, President, called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm
 - **Board Members Present:** Tim Cook, Jonas Smith, Andy Bixler, Doug Foote, Scott Kaufman, John Kronour, Matt Macy, Paul Stone, Jan Wilking (via Zoom), Phil Poggi (Secretary)
 - OHSAA Staff Present: Dr. Kimberlee Kiehl (via Zoom)
- Approval of December Meeting Minutes
 - Motion by Scott Kaufman, seconded by Doug Foote, to **approve** the SWDAB Meeting minutes from business meeting on January 7, 2021. Motion passed 9-0.
- OHSAA Office Update
 - Dr. Kiehl gave the board a quick update that the OHSAA is still working to finalize sites for all state championships including BBK, GBK, Wrestling and Hockey
 - Also noted that financial reports should be available by end of week for managers or no later then early next week for all sectional tournaments.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Jan provided a brief update to the board that the greatest challenge we are working toward in the winter is mitigating loses associated with reduced and no spectators for events.
- Winter Tournament Reports
 - Basketball
- Cheerleading Phil provided the board with a discussion surrounding cheerleading and the number of cheerleaders permitted during sectional and districts based on questions from Tournament managers.
- Board noted that based on the regulations, only 8 cheerleaders will be permitted to enter a contest site "free" and to be on the floor both before, at halftime and during the game as outlined. Only one (1) coach plus a uniformed mascot will also be permitted in "free"
- If schools choose to sell tickets to other cheerleaders to attend that is at their discretion but anyone above 8 and 1 coach should have a ticket.
- Bowling
- Phil Poggi shared with the board some concerns from coaches over no spectators in the north. He also noted and thanked Jenny Martin-Clarke, tournament manager, for handling those complaints.
- He reminded the board that we did increase the number of coaches allowed from 2 to 3
 with the idea that the third person can be utilized to stream their teams lane and
 tournament games.
- Wrestling
- Phil Poggi updated the board in regards to the Division III Wrestling Sectional at Reading HS.
 Unfortunately, Reading Community Schools went back to virtual learning due to a Covid outbreak. Jon Payne, AD, indicated they was no guarantee they would return which means they cannot host. We are currently working with the other 14 schools in that sectional to find a replacement for this year.

Swimming

- Jan Wilking gave a special "Thank You" to Ward B and his entire team for adapting and pulling everything together for this year's swim sectional.
- Phil noted to the board that each site will be able to provide streaming capabilities throughout the sectional and district events which we will post those links as well on the SWDAB website.

Spring Tournaments

- Phil began a brief discussion with the board regarding Spring season tournaments. It was noted that there has not been any information from OHSAA to date regarding how spring sports may be conducted.
- Phil brought up the discussion, recommendation and concerns from the Track Coaches Association regarding Division I district alignments. That said, the board has chosen not to take any action until information is sent from the OHSAA about tournament/meet formats.
- Phil also presented a concern regarding track officials for district meets and getting those schedule as early as possible. Action Item – Doug Foote will reach out to see when track officials will be available and Phil will confirm sites and times for 2021 with District host sites.

Old Business

- DAB Review Committee
 - Andy Bixler shared with the board that this committee has be reformed after a number of years of being defunct.
 - The group reviewed a tabled list of policies and procedures from June 2017 that may be presented to the Board of Directors in the future.
 - He also noted that a number of areas that the DAB committee reviewed in the past will now fall under the new Finance Committee.
- Dale Creamer Friends of Athletics Award this award has been "suspended" for 2021 with the hopes to resume in 2021-2022 school year. We will update the website to reflect this information.
- Administrators Breakfast another casualty of COVID for 2021 but we will look to recognize those accomplishments in the Fall of 2021 for the 2020-21 school year.

OHSAA Update

- Scott Kaufman updated the board that the OHSAA is continuing with some staff re-organization. Kristin Ronai has been promoted over to the Compliance office with Ronald Sayles also joining her in a support role.
- He also noted that Sports Administrators are now reporting to Beau Rugg and finances and other operations positions reporting to Dr. Kim Kiehl.
- Next Meeting Wednesday, March 3rd at 4:00 pm at Lakota West High School

Motion by Matt Macy, seconded by Tim Cook, to **adjourn** the meeting. Motion passed 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm