

SWDAB Board of Directors Business Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 5, 2026

J. Alexander's Restaurant - Centerville

- Roll Call – Paul Stone, President, called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm
 - **Board Members Present:** Andy Bixler, Matt Macy, Tim Cook, Jonas L. Smith, Tom Nerl, Paul Stone, Ashley Naff, Scott Kaufman, Chuck Richardson, Phil Poggi (Secretary), Joe Roberts (Treasurer)
 - **Board Members Absent:** N/A
- GWOC Representatives
 - School Superintendent's, Principals, and Athletic Directors from the eight (8) GWOC member schools were present and shared their equity and access concerns regarding the Division 1 North/South Split for team sports.
- Divisional Tournament Structure Review
 - The board reviewed the information presented by the GWOC as well as feedback that it has received over the past year and a half of the new 7-divisional tournament format which includes the fact that Division 1 & Division 2 no longer start at the sectional level of tournament but District Semi-Finals.
 - Motion by Scott Kaufman, seconded by Jonas L. Smith to **approve** and “Open Draw | Super Draw” format for Division 1 and Division 2 only in the sports of Volleyball, Boys & Girls Soccer, Boys & Girls Basketball, Softball and Baseball, beginning with the Spring tournaments in 2026. Motion passed 9-0.
- Meeting Minutes
 - Motion by Tim Cook, seconded by Tom Nerl, to **approve** the SWDAB Meeting minutes from business meeting on January 7th, 2026. Motion passed 9-0.
- Treasurer's Report
 - No official report as winter tournaments have not begun
- Fall Tournaments
 - Boys & Girls Golf – Phil shared the 2026 District Practice Schedule proposal with the board for review as compiled by Steve Jurick.
 - Motion by Matt Macy, seconded by Paul Stone, to **approve** the final practice schedule as presented. Motion passed 9-0.
- Winter Tournaments
 - Boys & Girls Basketball – Phil shared a google link with Board basically outlining who would be covering District Final games at our university sites. Noted that coverage will be needed at University of Dayton on Saturday, March 7th.
- Spring Tournaments
 - Tennis – Phil shared that following a meeting with the Miami Valley Tennis Coaches Association there was a strong desire to move to an “Open Draw” format in the North similar to the South structure as presented by Scott Long.
 - Motion by Andy Bixler, seconded by Scott Kaufman to **approve** the request to move to an “Open Draw” format for Division 1 and Division 2 Boys & Girls Tennis in the North beginning in the Fall of 2026. Motion passed 9-0
- New Business
 - N/A
- Old Business
 - N/A
- OHSAA Update
 - Tom noted the following from recent meetings which included the official renaming of the track state championship meet. Also shared the move from Milesplit to Athletic.net for track and field. Shot clock discussion is ongoing. In addition, pointed out the potential legislation being brought attempting to ban NIL in Ohio. He also noted that revenue from Week 1 and Week 2 football was down, but overall revenue is up.

- Next Meeting

- Sunday, March 8th at 9:30 am – Xavier University, Cintas Center.

Motion by Ashley Naff, seconded by Chuck Richardson to **adjourn** the meeting. Motion passed 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phillip J. Poggi
Secretary