

OSSCA Board Meeting

2/4/96

- President Pat Marinan called the meeting to order.
- Treasurers report - Bob Ellis sent in a report via Don Skelton - current balance \$11,525
- Brian Stevens - McDonalds has agreed to sponsor our All Star game. This is a long term commitment. The amount will be \$50 per player from each regional McDonalds group for a total of \$5,500 this year. Brian distributed a copy of the promotional proposal. All Star players are to receive a complete Nike uniform and a commemorative T-shirt.
- John Johnson - Pat Marinan and he have worked up an improved method of player contacts for the All Star game that will include letters to eligible Seniors, their schools AD, and their coach. A registration letter with stamped return envelope will be sent to players and follow-up phone calls will be made to remind and confirm attendance. The girls game will be at 12:30 on May 4th followed by the boys game at 2:00.
- Pat indicated that the sponsorship was a big achievement for OSSCA. Brian and John are to be thanked for their major contributions.
- After short discussion of the ramifications of gifts to players, Pat agreed to check with OHSAA and NCAA to be sure that our plans for the All Star game are OK.
- Pat indicated a need for a meal function on Friday at the Clinic to honor: COY's, Pinsenchaum Winners, Dick Tremeer, invite Clair Muscaro, John Dickerson, Hank Zaborniak, honor Kevin Hinton, Hall of Fame induction's, McDonalds. All were in agreement. We will include meal cost in clinic fee. Pat will take care of invitations. Gene DeWeese will arrange for facilities and plan it into the clinic schedule. It was agreed to pay for housing (1 night) for those honored and for their meal. As in the past the Executive Board will have Thursday nights room paid by OSSCA.
- Pat relayed information from Chris Marsh that it looked like 3 will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.
- The Breakfast at the NSCAA clinic in Philly was a success. We were only billed for 50 attendees even though many more attended.
- Pat distributed results of the Issues vote and reported on a meeting he and John Johnson had with John Dickerson, OHSAA Soccer Commissioner about these issues. No formal proposals were requested. Mr. Dickerson has agreed to work on issues dealing with: 30 minute warmups for Tourney games, Ball people for tourney games, staggering times of the 4 final games, improving the selection of regional playoff sites, and the weighting system used for selection of tourney officials. It was felt that no progress could be made on the 2 yellow ejection rule. Pat thought it would be in our best interests to have this come from the officials committee. We must have 501 boys teams to go to 3 divisions. We have about 450 now.
- Pat reported on Sportsmanship in Soccer meeting held at OHSAA. A positive was that ejections for boys was down and for girls only slightly higher. This group asked Pat as our President, to send a letter to coaches of teams with the higher number of Red cards last year. His review of information supplied to him by OHSAA was that 5 Red cards for the season was the high number for last season. Board members indicated that even though we had little power in this area, it would be a good idea to send out the letters. The Sportsmanship in Soccer group had suggested an association member discuss items that coaches could do to improve sportsmanship at the rules interpretation meetings. Plans are under way to begin a new training class program for new officials that follows federation and FIFA programs. Pat asked us to vote on a proposal on how a yellow card should be handled. After much discussion none were in favor of choices for sitting a half or sitting out one substitution opportunity. All were in favor of continuing coaches discretion.
- John Johnson reported on his attending a meeting of a new committee of officials that represents officials state wide.

- Brian Sullivan from the Columbus Crew discussed their recent signings like Brian Bliss and others. He invited anyone interested to the upcoming draft. He indicated that they would work with groups smaller than 25. They offer \$1 off of regular Adult-\$12 and Children-\$8 prices. There is larger discounts for groups over 500. He was interested in setting up a OSSCA night.
- Rehashed without any progress the OHSAA sportsmanship award - we have agreed to giving the first to Ron Pinsenschaum posthumously, but have not come up with a women's coach.
- All Central region awards will be mailed very soon let Pat know if not received with a couple of weeks.
- Pat presented 2 scholarship models. We agreed to finalize at the next meeting.
- Gene Pitstick asked for Board member changes and announced a US Women's National Team game Vs France on April 28th at 2:00 PM in Kuntz Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana. Ticket Information can be got by calling (317) 255-0499.
- Roy Bohaboy discussed changes to made in next years All Star voting: 1) Vote for first team and COY by division, come together to produce national nominees, divide back up and complete votes for second and third teams, 2) the Pinsenschaum award nominations will be collected at the All Star Vote and then ballots will be mailed to regional Presidents for the vote.
- Pat presented an idea for a business card sized card with a honor code to be distributed to players state wide. He distributed a sample card. All liked the idea and thought putting it in a plastic holder to attach to players bags was a good way to do this. We discussed giving 20 to each coach at the spring clinic. Gene Deweese will bring back costs at the next meeting.
- John Johnson relayed concerns about John Scramling's proposal at the last meet that "any player nominated for all Ohio must meet OHSAA rules for eligibility." This was a first reading of a charter amendment. After discussion John Scrambling moved with a second from Gene DeWeese the following:
Any player that is nominated for All-Ohio honors must meet with OHSAA rules for eligibility with regards to the 8 semester rule.
This was given a unanimous vote by those present. It will be brought up again at the next meeting.
- The next meeting will be March 17th at Noon at the Parke Hotel.
- Adjourned at 2:00 PM