

## **Executive Board Meeting Minutes for OHSBVA**

A meeting of the Executive Board was held on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, online via Google Meet.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Anitra Brockman, President, at 9:04 PM.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

The Roll Call was made by Tina Gustely, Secretary.

#### **Members present:**

Anitra Brockman, President  
Sean Tierney, Vice President  
Tina Gustely, Secretary  
Vicki Phillips, Treasurer  
Matt Mihelic, OHSAA Liaison  
Ned Gruber, OBSVCA President  
Lucas Tuggle, State Officials' Coordinator

#### **Absent, but invited:**

Mark Tullis, Executive Director

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The December Minutes were approved by the board.

### **IV. STATE OFFICIALS' REPORT**

- Lucas Tuggle addressed questions the board had, and questions that were emailed to the board by members. It is important to note that the state does not appoint assigners for high schools. The regular season matches are left up to the schools. If your league has an assigner, that is who the school should use. This becomes a challenge in the North, as some schools do not belong to a league. Some ADs get their own officials, some use the assigner that their girls' program uses. Sean Tierney mentioned it is not the job of the OHSBVA to assign officials. The district and regional tournaments are assigned locally, and Lucas helps to assign the state tournament. Vicki Phillips suggested having a representative to help with communication in the North for post season officiating. The goal is for the post-season officiating assignments to be organized and streamlined prior to the start of the tournament for all regions.
- Lucas has 3 online dates planned for rules interpretation meetings, and there may be one face-to-face learning opportunity.

### **V. OHSAA LIASION REPORT**

- Matt Mihelic reviewed his recent email correspondence with Emily Watson from OHSAA. Matt thanked the board for the quick action of providing pertinent information to him that Emily requested. She mentioned they will be discussing the topic of boys' volleyball at the January 13<sup>th</sup> OHSAA meeting. Matt requested the opportunity to attend the meeting as a spectator, but he has not heard back.

- Matt sent the OHSAA an informative map of all-time boys' volleyball programs which included details of past and present teams and a video called Match Point: The Rise of Men's Volleyball, a documentary that brings awareness to the growth of boys' and men's volleyball in the US.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- The board voted to deny an appeal from Reynoldsburg HS for an age eligibility waiver for the 2022 season. The board has spent a lot of time working to make this decision and felt it would be in the best interest of the sport to be aligned with the OHSAA rules and regulations as we move closer to becoming sanctioned.
- Anitra Brockman announced that Lebanon HS, Cuyahoga Falls HS, and Newark HS will be starting new programs this season. There is interest from Christian Academy, Springboro HS, and Notre Dame Cathedral Latin, but we have not heard from the schools recently.
- We are still seeking sites for the North, East, and West Regional Tournaments. Princeton High School will be the host site for the South Regional Tournament this year.

## **VII. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Vicki Phillips gave a financial report stating the association has \$50,077 in the account. She is working on getting the taxes out. Dues for the 2022 season are still rolling in.

## **VIII. OBVSCA REPORT**

- Ned Gruber reported that there were 33 coaches in attendance at the coaches clinic this year. He sent thank you notes to the AVCA for giving us the space for the clinic and our membership meeting.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- The official volleyball for the 2022 State Tournament is the Molten FLISTATEC V5M5000-3USA. Although it is recommended to use this volleyball, it is the choice of the program to use whichever ball they choose for regular season play.
- The grant program deadline for renewals has passed, and the deadline for new schools to apply for a grant is January 15. The renewal schools are Toledo Scott, Centennial, Westfall, Berlin, and Firestone. We did receive renewal applications from Westfall and Firestone, and we received a new program grant application from Newark. Anitra will reach out to Berlin and Toledo Scott. Ned received an email he will forward to Anitra from Watkins Memorial HS who has interest in starting a boys' program. Vicki will send grant checks mid-March.
- Sean Tierney mentioned that it would be helpful to know how we will handle COVID restrictions in terms of teams switching sides each set or only if there is an obstruction on one side of the court. Anitra added that it may be helpful if teams decide before the match if they will shake hands after the match.
- Ned wanted to get some clarification on postseason match dates, as graduation ceremonies and Baccalaureate Masses do sometimes fall on regional/state tournament dates. The board will further discuss the rescheduling of regional semis and canceling/rescheduling matches during the season. We would like to put guidelines in writing next meeting.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

- Anitra Brockman adjourned the meeting at 10:48 PM. The Executive Board will meet on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, in conjunction with the OBSVCA at 7 PM via Google Meet.

- -Minutes prepared by Tina Gustely, Treasurer, on January 12, 2022.