

OHSBVA/OBSVCA General Meeting Minutes, 2/1/22

A meeting of the OHSBVA/OBSVCA Board was held on Tuesday, February 1st, 2022, online via Google Meet.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Anitra Brockman, President, at 7:03 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
Mark Tullis, Executive Director
Matt Mihelic, OHSAA Liaison
Ned Gruber, OBSVCA President
Katy Noel, OBSVCA Secretary
Jimi Yu, OBSVCA Treasurer
Rick Brown
Matt Butler, West Region Rep.
Matt McLaughlin, South Region Rep.
Herb Sharfenaker, East Region Rep.
Rob Ebel, ESP Media

Absent, but invited:

Lucas Tuggle, State Officials' Coordinator
Larry Meehan, North Region Rep.

III. OHSAA UPDATE

- Matt Mihelic is set to meet with the OHSAA in person this month. He has presented his availability to the association. As of now, the OHSBVA will operate as status quo for the 2022 season.

IV. PRESEASON UPDATE

- Dues
 1. Vicki Phillips mentioned there were several schools with unpaid OHSBVA dues. The dues need to be paid by March 1st or the member school loses tournament seeding privileges. If the dues are still unpaid by May 1st, the member school is prohibited from playing in the post-season tournament. Unpaid dues also affect voting privileges. Vicki would like the region reps. to send another reminder to the unpaid schools.
 2. Jimi Yu stated a decent number of coaches have paid their OBSVCA dues.

- Officials/Coaches Meeting
 1. Rick Brown noted there will be three virtual rules interpretation meetings on February 22nd, March 2nd, and March 10th. The meetings will begin at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Coaches may log on. A PowerPoint presentation with notes tailored to coaches may be available. Rick also added that new rules changes will be out this week and will be evaluated. If applicable to OHSBVA, they will be presented at the meetings.
- Pollsters
 1. Sean Tierney reported there will be six pollsters from each region (three D1 and three D2) who vote in the state poll every Monday. All region reps. need to be sure those pollsters are in place before the start of the season. Sean added that it is important for the integrity of the leagues that all member schools upload their schedules to the website.

V. SEASON UPDATE

- The Executive Board voted that each team would play no more than 24 matches on 24 playing dates for the 2022 season.
- The OHSBVA will use the Molten FLISTATEC V5M5000 as the official ball for the state tournament. The use of the FLISTATEC during regular season play is recommended, but not mandatory. The use of this ball is consistent with collegiate men's volleyball.
- Lucas Tuggle will be assigning officials for the 2022 post season tournament. Regular season

VI. POSTSEASON UPDATE

- The South Region will play their regional finals matches on Saturday, May 28 at Princeton HS. The East Region may play at Westerville Central HS, and the West Region will likely play at Centerville HS. The North is still working on a potential site, with Brecksville-Broadview Heights showing interest in hosting. Rick Butler added the earlier we know the dates and places of the regional tournaments, the easier it will be to assign officials.
- Matt McLaughlin will schedule the South Region General Meeting before March 1. The other regions meetings are not set yet
- Mark Tullis reported that Pickerington Central HS increased the cost of the facility rental due to additional custodial fees for parking lot clean up and staffing. Mark will send a formal letter to Eric Pope on behalf of the OHSBVA and get a confirmed cost to Vicki for the budget. He has secured 15 companies who have verbally committed to sponsor the state tournament.
- Rob Ebel from ESP Media thanked the OHSBVA and appreciates the partnership with us. He said last year was a great year and pay-per-view was a huge success. As a result, OHSVBA was not charged for services last year. ESP Media plans to cover 12 regional and 10 state matches this year.
 Matt Mihelic asked how OHSBVA could help his company to prepare for the post-season tournament. Rob mentioned supplying rosters and notes about each team and providing sponsors for the time between sets would help.
- The postseason regional seeding meeting will be held on Sunday, May 15th at 6 PM.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Vicki Phillips stated OHSBVA has \$50,000 in the account.
- Firestone HS and Westfall HS turned in their renewal applications and will be awarded \$500 as part of our Grant Renewal Program.

- Sean Tierney motioned to approve Newark HS, Cuyahoga Falls HS, and Lebanon HS for new grants of \$1,000 per school to start a boys' volleyball program. All members approved the motion.

VIII. OBVSCA REPORT

- Ned Gruber mentioned he was curious about how the transition to OHSAA will affect OBSVCA. He may survey member coaches to see what questions they have about the transition. He also mentioned that we may need to displace ball carts and volleyballs that belong to the association.
- Treasurer Jimi Yu gave a financial report that OBVSCA has \$43,000 in the account.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- Matt Mihelic proposed the idea of a new video to circulate that highlights Ohio boys' volleyball. There are so few promotional videos online, and it would be advantageous to get a designated person who could attend matches across the state and gather video and photos. Matt Mclaughlin recommended we check with Rob Ebel from ESP Media.
- Sean Tierney asked if the host schools should set pre-game protocols. There have been questions regarding handshakes, switching of benches each set, etc. All agreed with the idea host schools should set protocols with the officials before the match.
- Jimi Yu asked about the option of a weekend pass regarding ticketing for the state tournament.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- Anitra Brockman adjourned the meeting at 8:51 PM. The Executive Board will meet in early April via Google Meet.

-Minutes prepared by Tina Gustely, Treasurer, on February 3rd, 2022.