

The following are the preliminary minutes from the August 8, 2007, OHSAA Board of Control meeting. The minutes will not become official until they are adopted by the Board at their September 13, 2007, meeting.

OHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL MINUTES (August 9, 2007)

The Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Control held a regularly scheduled meeting in the Board Room of the OHSAA office building on August 9, 2007. President Phil Ackerman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Dan Bise and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Karen O'Hare.

Board Members Present: Phil Ackerman, president, presiding; Dan Bise, vice president; Teresa Alberts; Bob Britton; Dale Gabor; Gene Klaus; Bill Koppel; Karen O'Hare; Mike Richards, and Phil Stevens, and Tom Farbizo (ex-officio) and Jeff Jordan (ex-officio). **Board Member Excused:** Keith Bell.

Administrative Staff Present: Dan Ross, commissioner; John Dickerson, Bob Goldring, Deborah B. Moore, Steve Neil, Duane Warns and Henry Zaborniak Jr., assistant commissioners, and Roxanne Price, director of membership services.

Others Attending: Steve Craig, OHSAA legal counsel; Todd Boehm and Brenda Murray, OHSAA staff; Sam Morris and Nicole Gragson, OHSAA interns; Clair Muscaro, former OHSAA Commissioner; Ron Knight, former OHSAA Board of Control member; Rich Corvin and Frank Gamble, Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association; Dave Froelich, Dan Schwieterman and Pete Liptrap, Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association; Dick Kerschbaum and Wally Hood, Ohio High School Football Coaches Association; Casey Milligan, Ohio High School Golf Coaches Association; Russ King, Ohio Tennis Coaches Association; Vern Kiehl, Ohio Association of Track & Cross Country Coaches; Carol Russo, Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association; Jerry Fick and Dan Steiner, OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee; Abbie and Matt Wymer and their son; and Melody Tye and her two sons.

I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Gene Klaus to **adopt** the agenda as amended for the August 9, 2007, Board of Control meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bob Britton, second by Bill Koppel to **approve** the minutes as amended from the June 7, 2007, Board of Control meeting. It was noted that the girls bowling representation was not correct as listed and will be clarified later in this month's Board of Control meeting.

Motion passed 9-0.

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. Financial Reports

Comptroller Todd Boehm provided the financial reports for June and July. The reports are summarized as follows:

Balance — May 31, 2007	\$520,650.02
Receipts — June 2007	<u>1,462,804.72</u>
	\$1,983,454.74
Disbursements — June 2007	<u>393,911.56</u>
	\$1,589,543.18
Accounted for as follows:	
Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (6/30/07)	\$1,682,457.06
Less Outstanding Checks	\$1,682,457.06
Balance — June 30, 2007	<u>92,913.88</u>
Available Funds — June 30, 2007	\$1,589,543.18
Bank Balance	\$1,589,543.18
Minus Reserve for Building Fund	0
Minus Reserve Fund	<u>(292,378.95)</u>
Working Capital	\$1,297,164.81
Reserve fund (\$7,621.63 in savings + \$500,000 in CD + \$292,378.37 in bank balance)	\$800,000.00
Building fund (\$0 in bank balance + \$438,782.95 in investments)	\$438,782.95
Balance — June 30, 2007	\$1,589,543.18
Receipts — July 2007	<u>584,664.85</u>
	\$2,174,208.03
Disbursements — July 2007	<u>1,041,745.68</u>
	\$1,132,462.35

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Accounted for as follows:

Checking Account Balance per 5/3 Bank (7/31/07)	\$1,444,470.50
	\$1,444,470.50
Less Outstanding Checks	312,008.15
Balance – July 31, 2007	\$1,132,462.35
Available Funds – July 31, 2007	
Bank Balance	\$1,132,462.35
Minus Reserve Fund	(286,230.42)
Working Capital	\$846,231.93
Reserve fund (\$7,621.63 in savings + \$506,147.95 in CD + \$286,230.42 in bank balance)	\$800,000.00
Building fund	\$430,240.74

Motion by Phil Stevens, second by Dale Gabor to **accept** the financial reports as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. 2007 Winter Sports Tournaments Financial Reports

Comptroller Boehm reviewed financial reports from the 2007 OHSAA winter sports tournaments. The state wrestling tournament had a net profit of \$127,915.84 after showing a net profit of \$106,327.13 in 2006. The state gymnastics tournament had a net loss of \$24,511.76 after showing a net loss of \$22,535.46 in 2006. The state girls basketball tournaments had a net profit of \$39,491.36 after showing a net profit of \$78,110.65 in 2006. The regional girls basketball tournaments had a net profit of \$120,923.26 after showing a net profit of \$139,658.57 in 2006. The state boys basketball tournaments had a net profit of \$903,256.03 after showing a net profit of \$972,595.39 in 2006. The regional boys basketball tournaments had a net profit of \$351,656.24 after showing a net profit of \$456,123.63 in 2006. The state swimming and diving tournaments had a net loss of \$32,047.86 after showing a net loss of \$31,357.85 in 2006. The state ice hockey tournament had a net loss of \$11,377.01 after showing a net loss of \$9,019.07 in 2006. The district ice hockey tournaments had a net profit of \$29,106.99 after showing a net profit of \$23,249.70 in 2006. The state boys and girls bowling tournaments had a net loss of \$11,475.71 in its inaugural season as an OHSAA sport.

B. Minutes of All-District Boards Meeting of June 11, 2007

The Board was provided the minutes of the OHSAA All-Districts Boards Meeting, which took place on June 11, 2007, in Akron, and Assistant Commissioner Goldring reviewed the highlights. He said there was a variety of topics that were discussed, including technology, officials fees, coaches education, insurance for OHSAA tournaments, the OHSAA television contract and corporate sponsorships. Commissioner Ross said the agenda for the meeting was recommended by the District Boards Review Committee and that the meeting took on more of an educational format rather than a discussion format.

C. Meeting of Softball Advisory Committee Meeting of June 25, 2007

The Board was provided the minutes of the OHSAA Softball Advisory Committee Meeting of June 25, 2007, and Director of Membership Services Price reviewed the highlights. She said among the items the committee discussed were the OHSAA tournament ball contract with Worth; the on-line officials rating procedure, and the need for the advisory committee to respond to NFHS surveys and send the results to the national office. In addition, Ms. Price said the committee reviewed the setup and conditions of the state tournament at Ashland and agreed that proposals and presentations will be sought from Ashland and other sites to host future state tournaments. A site selection committee will be developed to review the proposals.

D. Minutes from the OHSAA SEI Committee Meeting of July 31, 2007

The Board of Control was presented the minutes of the Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committee Meeting of July 31, 2007, and Director of Membership Services Price reviewed the highlights. She said most of the time during the meeting was spent evaluating the Harold A. Meyer Sportsmanship Award applications that were submitted. A recommendation for winners of the awards would be acted upon by the Board later in the meeting. Ms. Price said a subcommittee will likely be formed to review the criteria needed to win the award. In addition, the committee was informed that OHSAA Student Leadership Conferences will not be held this fall; was provided a list of student and coaches ejections, and was provided an update from Dr. Mike Thomson on his "Respect the Game, Respect Yourself" program. The committee is considering providing Mr. Thomson's program at no cost to those schools that win the Harold A. Meyer Sportsmanship Award, but funding for the project is a concern.

E. Review of OHSAA New Administrators Workshop of August 7, 2007

Commissioner Ross and Assistant Commissioner Moore provided the Board with a review of the OHSAA New Administrators Workshop that was held August 7, 2007, in Columbus. They said that attendance was an all-time high of approximately 162, including approximately eight schools that had not pre-registered. Dr. Ross commended Dr. Moore and fellow staff members Warns, Price and Dickerson for their roles in the workshop. He said the workshop was videotaped this year and will be posted on the OHSAA web site in the near future. Dr. Moore noted that the new OHSAA video, "Let's Get It Started," produced for schools to use in their mandatory preseason meetings, was shown to attendees.

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F. Reserve Fund Resolution

Commissioner Ross reviewed the reserve fund resolution that was adopted by the Board of Control on January 13, 1971. The resolution is as follows: “Motion by Clayton Wolfe, second by James Mains that the Ohio High School Athletic Association maintain a Reserve Fund equal to seventy percent (70%) of the previous year’s total receipts. Any monies in excess of this amount may be apportioned equally to member schools as of November 1.” The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Dr. Ross said Board member Jordan will be heading a subcommittee that will review the resolution to determine if it is still applicable today with the goal of devising a plan that will help ensure that the OHSAA has sufficient funds in reserve.

G. Resignations and Updates on Board of Control and District Athletic Board Positions

Commissioner Ross informed the Board of several changes that have taken place on the Board of Control and District Athletic Boards. Bill Schumacher has resigned from his position from the Northeast District Athletic Board due to a position change, and Dale Gabor, athletic administrator at Cleveland St. Ignatius High School, will fulfill Mr. Schumacher’s final year as the district’s Class AAA representative on the Board of Control. Dr. Ross said there will be seven special elections to fill positions on the various district boards in the fall. The Central District has a Class A opening; the Northeast District has Class AA and Class AAA openings; the Northwest District has Class A and Class AA openings; the Southeast District has a Class A opening, and the Southwest District has a 7th-8th grade opening.

H. Refund Calculations to District Athletic Boards for District Officials Committees

Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak reviewed the first refund calculations that will be sent to District Athletic Boards to distribute to District Officials Committees (DOCs). The refund includes all renewals, reinstatements, review exams and individuals accepted through reciprocity through August 1, 2007. The refund rate within each district is \$6.00 for each official for each sport up to the first 1,500 officials, \$1.75 for each official for each sport over 1,500 and \$75.00 per official association within each district. There currently are 18,435 total officials, making the total refund for the six districts \$89,891.25 (the 18,435 figure represents the total number of officials in all sports, not the total number of registered officials).

I. Update of OHSAA Legal Issues/Infractions

The Board of Control was provided with a list of schools that recently violated OHSAA bylaws or sports regulations. **Groveport Madison High School’s** varsity boys tennis team used an ineligible student-athlete in a contest, and, in accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the contest in which the student participated (“All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited.”). **Cleveland South High School’s** softball team had a student-athlete participate in two practices with her non-interscholastic team while a member of the school team, which violates Bylaw 10-3-1, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams (“A member of an interscholastic squad shall not participate in a contest, tryouts, or any type of training or practices on a non-interscholastic squad in the same sport during the school’s interscholastic sports season.”). As a result, the student was ineligible to participate in four games during the 2007 season (the school had already held her out of three games and was instructed to hold her out of a fourth contest). **Ironton High School’s** varsity softball team had five student-athletes participate in a non-interscholastic contest, which violates Bylaw 10-3-4, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams (“The number of interscholastic squad members from the same school on the non-interscholastic squad is limited to a maximum of 50% of the members of a team as defined in the playing rules of the sport. In the sport of softball, that number is four.”). As a result, the five students are to sit out the first two games of the 2008 softball season. **Fort Recovery High School’s** junior varsity softball team used an eighth-grade student-athlete in a contest, which violates Bylaw 1-1-2, Application of Bylaws and Sports Regulations (“Students enrolled in grades 7 or 8 are ineligible for interscholastic competition on the same squad with students in grade 9 or higher.”). In accordance with Bylaw 11-2-1, Forfeitures, the school forfeited the contest in which the ineligible student participated (“All athletic contests in which ineligible players have participated shall be forfeited.”). **Van Buren High School** had a student-athlete whose mother signed an Affidavit of Bona Fide Residence that, based on information provided by an OHSAA investigator and the school’s independent information, was falsified. Penalties were assessed against the student in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-2, (“If a student participates in an athletic contest and his or her eligibility has been established by falsified information {includes but is not limited to: name, address, transcripts, birth certificate, etc.}, the student shall be ineligible in Ohio for a maximum of one year from the date the penalty is imposed.”). **Newark Catholic High School’s** varsity baseball team participated in more than the allowed regular season games during the 2007 season, which violates General Sports Regulation 19 and Baseball Regulation B-6 (“An athlete who exceeds the regular season participation limitation {periods, quarters, halves or contests} as specified in the individual sports regulations becomes an ineligible athlete. The athlete is ineligible for further regular season or tournament competition in the sport concerned, and the forfeiture bylaws apply as written in Bylaw 11.”). As a result, the school’s regular season participation for the 2008 season will be limited to 23 contests on 23 playing dates (versus the usual 27 contests on 23 playing dates). **Pickerington High School North’s** girl’s soccer team had six student-athletes participate in a non-interscholastic tournament last spring, which violates Bylaw 10-3-4, Playing on Non-Interscholastic Teams (“The number of interscholastic squad members from the same school on the non-interscholastic squad is limited to a maximum of 50% of the members of a team as defined in the playing rules of the sport. In the sport of soccer, that number is five.”). As a result, the six students will be ineligible to participate in the first two regular season matches of the 2007 season.

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V. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2007 Regional Cross Country Tournament Sites and Revised Representation

Assistant Commissioner Neil presented regional tournament sites in the sport of cross country. The regional tournaments will be held on Saturday, October 27. Division III girls will be held at 11:05, Division II girls will be held at 11:50, Division I girls will be held at 12:35, Division III boys will be held at 1:20, Division II boys will be held at 2:05 and Division I boys will be held at 2:50. The sites are Youngstown Boardman, Tiffin Hedges Boyer Park, Pickerington High School North and Troy Memorial Stadium.

In addition, Mr. Neil presented revised divisional breakdowns and representation for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years in the fall sport of cross country.

Boys Cross Country

Division I, **184** teams (378 males or more from October 2006 enrollments)

Division II, **184** teams (195-377 males)

Division III, **187** teams (194 or less males)

Total Teams: **555**

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2007 and 2008 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast **12**; Northeast **28**; Northwest 8, and Southwest 16; **Division II:** Central 8; East 4; Northeast 20; Northwest 12; Southeast 8, and Southwest 12; **Division III:** Central 8; Combined East and Southeast 8; Northeast 12; Northwest 24, and Southwest 12.

Girls Cross Country

Division I, 163 teams (376 females or more from October 2006 enrollments)

Division II, 165 teams (191-375 females)

Division III, 166 teams (190 or less females)

Total Teams: **494**

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments for 2007 and 2008 would be: **Division I:** Combined Central, East and Southeast **12**; Northeast 24; Northwest 8, and Southwest **20**; **Division II:** Central 8; East 8; Northeast 20; Northwest 12; Southeast 4, and Southwest 12; **Division III:** Central 8; combined East and Southeast 8; Northeast 16; Northwest 24, and Southwest 8.

Note: Numbers in **boldface** represent changes from what was presented in May 2007.

B. Revised Girls Bowling Representation

Assistant Commissioner Price provided presented revised representation for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years in the sport of girls bowling.

Total Teams: 185

Representation from the district to the state tournament in girls bowling for 2008 and 2009 would be: Combined Central and three Southeast Schools (Chillicothe, Chillicothe Unioto, Chillicothe Zane Trace) **2**; Combined Northeast and six East Schools (Bellaire St. John Central, Belmont Union Local, Bridgeport, Magnolia Sandy Valley, Martins Ferry, Rayland Buckeye Local) 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest **6**.

Note: Numbers in **boldface** represent changes from what was presented in June 2007.

C. Position Change for Roxanne Price

Commissioner Ross recommended that Roxanne Price, director of membership services since February 2006, be promoted to assistant commissioner following the pending retirement of Assistant Commissioner Duane Warns on August 31.

Motion by Mike Richards, second by Gene Klaus to **approve** Old Business items V. A., V. B. and V. C. as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommendation of OHSAA Membership List for the 2007-08 School Year

The Board was provided with a list of member schools that have returned their required membership form with the OHSAA for the 2007-08 school year. The form (resolution card) affirms that the school's board of education or similar governing board has adopted a resolution authorizing membership with the OHSAA and, in doing so, agrees to conform with all OHSAA bylaws and regulations. There were 831 schools recommended for membership. Cleveland John Hay has been readmitted for membership, Youngstown Rayen and Youngstown Woodrow Wilson have combined to form Youngstown East, while Springboro Ridgeville Christian and Monclova Christian Academy have both withdrawn as OHSAA members.

B. Ratification of 2007 Fall Sports Manuals

The Board was provided copies of the 2007 fall sports manuals for cross country, field hockey, football, golf, soccer, girls tennis and volleyball that were prepared by OHSAA staff members. The manuals include the sports regulations that appear in the OHSAA Handbook and the tournament regulations that are posted on the OHSAA web site, plus additional information has been added as points of emphasis and for clarity. The manuals are mailed directly to member school head coaches in the respective sports, contest officials and are posted on the OHSAA web site. In the sport of football, manuals are also mailed to the athletic administrators. Also included in the mailing are sport specific rule books and attendance cards for OHSAA rules interpretation meetings.

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C. Recommendation to Adopt Brine as the Official OHSAA Soccer Tournament Ball and Wilson to as the Official OHSAA Football Tournament Ball for 2007

Assistant Commissioner Neil said that the OHSAA staff recommended that Brine serve as the official soccer tournament ball and Wilson serve as the official football tournament ball in 2007 for OHSAA regional and state tournaments.

D. Approval of OHSAA Officials Handbook for 2007-08 and 2008-09

As it does annually, the OHSAA staff recommended that the Board approve the OHSAA Officials Handbook that was prepared by Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak and his support staff. Mr. Zaborniak noted that there were not any substantial changes other than the handbook has been prepared for a two-year period covering the 2007-08 and 2008-09 schools years. The handbook is being mailed to officials and member schools and will be provided next year to any new officials.

E. Recommendation of Dr. Harold Meyer Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award Winners from the OHSAA SEI Committee

Assistant Commissioner Price said the OHSAA SEI Committee recommended that 97 schools — 83 high schools and 14 7th-8th grade schools — be presented Harold A. Meyer Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Awards for the 2006-07 school year. The awards are presented to schools that demonstrate they have completed an eight-part program that promotes sportsmanship, ethics and integrity in their schools and communities. High schools recommended for the award: Apple Creek Waynedale; Avon; Avon Lake; Bay Village Bay; Bexley; Brecksville-Broadview Heights; Brookville; Celina; Chagrin Falls; Chagrin Falls Kenston; Chesterland West Geauga; Chillicothe; Cincinnati Anderson; Cincinnati LaSalle; Cincinnati Madeira; Cincinnati Northwest; Cincinnati Seven Hills; Cincinnati St. Ursula Academy; Cincinnati Turpin; Clayton Northmont; Cleveland Cuyahoga Heights; Cleveland St. Joseph Academy; Columbia Station Columbia; Columbus Africentric Early College; Columbus Beechcroft; Columbus Bishop Hartley; Columbus Bishop Watterson; Columbus Briggs; Columbus Brookhaven; Columbus Centennial; Columbus East; Columbus Eastmoor Academy; Columbus Independence; Columbus Linden McKinley; Columbus Marion-Franklin; Columbus Mifflin; Columbus Northland; Columbus South; Columbus Walnut Ridge; Columbus West; Columbus Whetstone; Coshocton; Creston Norwayne; Dayton Oakwood; Defiance; Elida; Fairview Park Fairview; Germantown Valley View; Goshen; Grafton Midview; Granville; Hamilton Ross; Hilliard Darby; Hilliard Davidson; Independence; Jefferson Area; Johnstown-Monroe; Kenton; Lewis Center Olentangy; Lima Bath; Lima Shawnee; Loveland; Lyndhurst Brush; Mansfield Madison Comprehensive; Medina Buckeye; Millersburg West Holmes; Morrow Little Miami; Ottawa-Glandorf; Painesville Riverside; Pepper Pike Orange; Perry; The Plains Athens; St. Marys Memorial; Springfield South; Stow-Munroe Falls; Toledo St. Francis deSales; Vandalia Butler; Van Wert; Wapakoneta; Washington Court House Miami Trace; Westlake; Wilmington, and Xenia. 7th-8th grade schools recommended for the award: Ashville Teays Valley Middle School; Belpre Middle School; Cincinnati Nagel Middle School; Cleveland Cuyahoga Heights Middle School; Germantown Valley View Middle School; Grafton Midview Middle School; Hilliard Heritage Middle School; Independence Middle School; Lewis Center Olentangy Orange Middle School; Lewis Center Olentangy Shanahan Middle School; Medina Claggett Middle School; Newark Liberty Middle School; Newark Wilson Middle School, and North Royalton Middle School.

The awards began in 1992 and are named in honor of the late Harold A. Meyer, commissioner of the OHSAA from 1969 to 1977. Winners are presented a banner at a school assembly or athletic event. Three high schools — Bay Village Bay, Brookville and Painesville Riverside — have been recipients all 16 years since the awards began. All 10 schools in the Western Buckeye League have won the award for 10 consecutive years and the 16 schools in the Columbus City League each won the award for the fifth straight year. The Western Buckeye League schools are Celina, Defiance, Elida, Kenton, Lima Bath, Lima Shawnee, Ottawa-Glandorf, St. Marys Memorial, Van Wert and Wapakoneta. The Columbus City League schools are Africentric Early College, Beechcroft, Briggs, Brookhaven, Centennial, East, Eastmoor Academy, Independence, Linden McKinley, Marion-Franklin, Mifflin, Northland, South, Walnut Ridge, West and Whetstone.

F. 2007 Girls Regional and State Volleyball Draw

Assistant Commissioner Moore and Carol Russo conducted the draws for the 2007 OHSAA regional and state volleyball tournaments. Division I and III regional semifinals will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 31, and Division II and IV regional semifinals will be held on Thursday, Nov. 1. The first semifinal match each day will begin at 6:00 p.m., with the second semifinal match to begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first match. Regional finals in all four divisions will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3. Sites hosting single divisions will begin their matches at 2:00, while sites hosting multiple divisions will begin Division II or IV matches at 2:00 and Division I or III matches at 4:00. Division I regional sites are Hudson, Norwalk, Hilliard Davidson and Vandalia; Division II sites are Stow-Munroe Falls, Newark, Ontario and Wilmington; Division III sites are Barberton, Findlay, Ohio University and Wilmington, and Division IV sites are Twinsburg, Elida, Lancaster and Vandalia. The state tournament will be held November 8, 9 and 10 at Wright State University. Division III semifinals will be held Thursday, Nov. 8, with the first semifinal beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the second beginning 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first match. Divisions II, I and IV semifinals will take place on Friday, Nov. 9. The first Division II semifinal will begin at 11:00 a.m., with each subsequent semifinal to begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of the preceding match. All final matches will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10, with Division III at 11:00, Division II at 1:00, Division I at 3:00 and Division IV at 5:00.

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G. 2007 Girls and Boys Regional Soccer Draw Information

Assistant Commissioner Dickerson and Frank Gamble conducted the draws for the 2007 OHSAA regional boys and girls soccer tournaments. Boys regional soccer tournaments will be held Tuesday, Oct. 30 (semifinals), and Saturday, Nov. 3 (finals), and girls soccer regionals will be held Wednesday, Oct. 31 (semifinals), and Saturday, Nov. 3 (finals). Sites are to be announced. State pairings are already established, where in Division I the Region 1 winner plays Region 2 and Region 3 plays Region 4, in Division II the Region 5 winner plays Region 6 and Region 7 plays Region 8 and in Division III boys the Region 9 winner plays Region 10 and Region 11 plays Region 12. All three boys divisions will hold state semifinal matches on Tuesday, Nov. 6, and both girls divisions will hold state semifinal matches on Wednesday, Nov. 7. The state finals will be held at Columbus Crew Stadium, with boys Divisions III (3:00) and I (7:00) playing Friday, Nov. 9, and boys Division II (11:00), girls Divisions II (3:00) and I (7:00) playing Saturday, Nov. 10. It was noted that at the regional level, district winners from locations more approximate to each other were automatically paired together rather than conducting a random draw.

H. State Ice Hockey Tournament Venue Agreement

Commissioner Ross and Assistant Commissioner Warns said that they met with representatives from the Columbus Blue Jackets recently and the team proposed a 10-year extension to host the state ice hockey tournaments at Nationwide Arena in Columbus. When combining the location, costs and effort and concern shown by the Blue Jackets and Nationwide Area staff to host the event, the OHSAA staff recommends that the extension be granted.

I. Approval of District Athletic Board Employment Recommendations

Commissioner Ross reported that three District Athletic Boards have recommended the hiring of new secretaries and treasurers to fill respective open positions. In the Northeast District, Larry Acker has been recommended to be hired as that board's secretary; in the Northwest District, Geoff Palmer has been recommended to be hired as that board's secretary, and in the Southeast District, Rick Edwards has been recommended to be hired as that board's treasurer.

J. Recommendation to Extend the Contract of Legislative Liaison Jim Betts

Commissioner Ross recommended that the contract for OHSAA legislative liaison Jim Betts be renewed for a two-year period.

K. 2007-08 Regional and State Tournament Officials Calculations

Assistant Commissioner Zaborniak provided the Board with the 2007-08 officials calculations for tournament assignments in the sports of boys and girls cross country (state tournament); football (regional and state tournaments); boys and girls soccer (regional and state tournaments); volleyball (regional and state tournaments); boys and girls basketball (regional and state tournaments); ice hockey (state tournament); boys and girls swimming and diving (state tournament); wrestling (state tournament); baseball (regional and state tournaments); fast pitch softball (regional and state tournaments), and boys and girls track and field (state tournament). Assignments were made on a proportional basis per district and were calculated based on the number of Class 1 officials who had registered with the OHSAA by August 1, 2007.

L. 2008 Spring Sports Divisional Breakdowns and Representation

OHSAA administrative staff members provided divisional breakdowns and representation for the 2008 and 2009 school years in the spring sports of baseball (Assistant Commissioner Dickerson), softball (Assistant Commissioner Price) and boys tennis (Assistant Commissioner Price). Divisional breakdowns and representation in boys and girls track & field was deferred until the September Board of Control Meeting.

Baseball

Division I, 195 teams (413 males or more from October 2006 enrollments)

Division II, 196 teams (231-412 males)

Division III, 195 teams (138-230 males)

Division IV, 195 team (137 or less males)

Total Teams: 781

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments in baseball for 2008 and 2009 would be:

Division I: Combined Central, one East school (Zanesville) and one Southeast school (Logan) 3; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 5; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 6; Northwest 2; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 3, and Southwest 3; **Division IV:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 6; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

Softball

Division I, 191 teams (394 females or more from October 2006 enrollments)

Division II, 193 teams (229-393 females)

Division III, 194 teams (133-228 females)

Division IV, 195 team (132 or less females)

Total Teams: 773

Representation from the district to the regional tournaments in softball for 2008 and 2009 would be:

Division I: Combined Central, one East school (Zanesville) and one Southeast school (Logan) 3; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 5; **Division II:** Central 2; East 2; Northeast 5; Northwest 3; Southeast 1, and Southwest 3; **Division III:** Central 2; East 1; Northeast 4; Northwest 3; Southeast 3, and Southwest 3; **Division IV:** Central 1; East 1; Northeast 3; Northwest 6; Southeast 2, and Southwest 3.

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Boys Tennis

Division I, 207 teams (361 males or more from October 2006 enrollments)

Division II, 211 teams (360 or less males)

Total Teams: 418

Representation from the district to the state tournaments in boys tennis for 2008 and 2009 would be:

Division I: Combined Central, one East school (Zanesville) and three Southeast schools (Jackson, Logan, Marietta) 4; Northeast 6; Northwest 2, and Southwest 4; **Division II:** Combined Central, East and Southeast (with Chillicothe, Chillicothe Unioto, Circleville, Washington Court House Miami Trace and Washington Court House Washington playing the the Central District sectional) 4; Northeast 5; Northwest 3, and Southwest 4.

Motion by Bill Koppel, second by Teresa Alberts to **approve** New Business Items VI. A., VI. B., VI. C., VI. D., VI. E., VI. F., VI. G., VI. H., VI. I., VI. J., VI. K. and VI. L. as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

VI. ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

A. Request to Grant an Exception to the OHSAA Sports Regulation with Prohibits Friday Night Regular Season Football Games to be Cybercast Live by School Web Sites

The Board was provided with a request from Cincinnati Elder High School to video cybercast home football games live during the 2007 season. OHSAA Sports Regulations prohibit live video cybercasts of regular season football games on Friday nights, although another Sports Regulation allows the Board to make an exception for live school video cybercasts if certain provisions are met.

Motion by Karen O'Hare, second by Gene Klaus to **approve** the request.

Motion passed 9-0.

It was noted that the OHSAA would view this as an educational experience for the students involved at Elder. The school has assured the OHSAA that the video cybercasts will be placed onto a school-owned or operated web site only; the web site/cybercasts will not accept sponsorships or advertising; at least half of the production and broadcast crew will be comprised of students, and a school administrator will accompany the students involved. In addition, the regulations state that opponents which host Elder are not obligated to accommodate the school group for video cybercasts and that this exception is for regular season contests only.

B. Member School Requirement to Place Home Varsity Schedules Into myOHSAA System

In order to populate the scheduling portion of the myOHSAA technology system and in order for the mandatory officials rating system to take place, the OHSAA staff recommended that the Board of Control approve its recommendation that member schools input sports schedules along with assigned officials into the system. Therefore, it is suggested that the OHSAA Board of Control adopt the following resolution:

OHSAA member schools are required to annually input team home varsity sports schedules into the myOHSAA system in which officials ratings are required and, when final assignments are known, to also input into the system assigned officials for each varsity contest. The following varsity sports schedules shall be keyed into the system by the deadline dates listed, with appropriate assigned officials as soon as possible to follow:

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>2007-08 schedule deadline</u>	<u>2007-08 officials deadline</u>
football	completed	as soon as possible
boys soccer	September 17	September 17
girls soccer	September 17	September 17
volleyball	September 17	September 17
boys basketball	December 1	December 1
girls basketball	December 1	December 1
wrestling	December 1	December 1
baseball	April 1	April 1
softball	April 1	April 1

Details on how to enter schedules and assigned officials will be forthcoming to the membership.

In addition, in order to assist and cooperate with the Associated Press in its statewide distribution of scores, OHSAA member schools are required to contact the Associated Press immediately following each football, girls basketball and boys basketball contest with their score via telephone, fax or e-mail.

Phone: 1-800-300-8340

Fax: 1-800-832-0338

E-mail: apscores@ap.org

Motion by Dale Gabor, second by Dan Bise to approve the recommendation.

Motion passed 9-0.

C. Recommendations from the OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee

Jerry Fick from the OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee reviewed recommendations from the committee. The committee proposed that: 1.) The six of the OHSAA Officials Advisory Committee be increased by six

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to include the president of each District Officials Committee; 2.) All current officials uniforms be retained and that requiring multiple uniforms in some sports should not be adopted; 3.) An official that is not a member of any officials association be charged 25 percent of the dues at any association meeting in which he or she attends as a guest (effective July 15, 2008), and 4.) each District Officials Committee president be elected for one two-year term and is ineligible to serve consecutive terms.

The Board will act on the proposals at the October Board of Control Meeting.

D. Proposals for OHSAA Comprehensive Media Rights

Commissioner Ross said proposals were submitted by companies interested in obtaining exclusive, comprehensive media rights for OHSAA tournament events beginning with the 2007-08 school year. After reviewing the proposals, the following resolution was developed and was read to the Board of Control:

“Be it resolved that, upon the recommendation of the OHSAA’s media right adviser and the media rights subcommittee formed in conjunction with the process, the Board of Control will take no action on any of the proposals that were submitted on or about July 31, 2007, pursuant to the May 2007 invitation to bid.

“Be it further resolved that the invitation to bid process remain open for an additional 30 days (or Sept. 7, 2007), during which time the committee/Commissioner’s office is authorized to accept proposals/bids from any/all media entities (including those that have not previously submitted bids) for broadcasting rights on a less than “total package” basis (e.g. sport specific rights, regionals rights, etc.).

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Mike Richards to **approve** the resolution as presented.

Motion passed 9-0.

It was noted that a committee will likely be assembled to review the additional proposals that are received. It is possible a recommendation to the Board of Control will come from that committee.

Motion by Bob Britton, second by Bill Koppel that the Board and administrative staff shall go into executive session for the purpose of hearing appeals.

VII. APPEALS

A. Bylaw 4-1-2, Eligibility, Abbie and Matt Wymer, re: Their Son, Grade 12, Van Buren High School (Northwest District)

A 12th-grade student transferred to Van Buren High School from North Baltimore High School last winter. He was ruled ineligible on June 18 for the 2007-08 school year by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-1-2, Eligibility: “If a student participates in an athletic contest and his or her eligibility has been established by falsified information, the student shall be ineligible in Ohio for a maximum of one year from the date the penalty is imposed.” The student, his mother, Abbie Wymer, and his stepfather, Matt Wymer, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics during the 2007-08 school year.

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Karen O’Hare to **table** the appeal so that more information on the appeal can be obtained.

Motion passed 9-0.

B. Bylaw 4-2-1, Age Limitation, Melody Tye, re: Her Son, Grade 12, Cincinnati Taft High School (Southwest District)

A 12th-grade student at Cincinnati Taft High School has been ruled ineligible for the 2007-08 school year by the OHSAA in accordance with Bylaw 4-2-1, Age Limitation, because he turned 19 prior to the August 1 deadline. The student and his mother, Melody Tye, appealed the ineligibility so that the student can participate in interscholastic athletics during the 2007-08 school year. Ms. Tye’s toddler also attended the appeal.

Motion by Bob Britton, second by Gene Klaus to **deny** the appeal.

Motion passed 9-0.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Board of Control and staff members, along with former OHSAA Commissioner Clair Muscaro, congratulated Assistant Commissioner Duane Warns for his 17 years of service to the OHSAA. Mr. Warns is retiring Aug. 31, 2007, after 46 years in education, and wishes of good health and happiness were extended to his family and him.

Motion by Dan Bise, second by Bill Koppel to **adjourn** the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Motion passed 9-0.

Bob Goldring, recorder.

FUTURE MEETINGS

(All meetings on Thursdays in the OHSAA Board Room at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise stated.)

September 13, 2007; October 11 2007; December 6, 2007; January 17, 2008; February 14, 2008; April 3, 2008; May 8, 2008; June 12, 2008; August 7, 2008; September 11, 2008; October 9, 2008, and December 4, 2008.

