

NORTHEAST DISTRICT ATHLETIC BOARD – OHSAA

Holiday Inn—4073 Medina Road, I-77@ Route 18

Akron, Ohio 44333

Tuesday, July 14, 2009, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 16, 2009, 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Gabor @ 12:30 p.m.

President Gabor Welcomed Board Members and Guests

Attending the meeting –

John Ault, “AA” Rep.

Jim Borchik, “AAA” Rep.

Howard Friend, “A” Rep.

Dale Gabor, “AAA” Rep.

Lynn Gotthardt, Female Rep.

Bill Koppel, 7/8 Grade. Rep.

Rocco Nero, “A” Rep.

Bill Schumacher, “AA” Rep.

Phil Stevens, Ethnic Minority Rep.

Mark McGuire, Board Member Elect—“AAA”

Treasurer Al Lopez and Secretary Larry Acker

District Boards’ Committee/Officials Liaison, Ron Knight—7/14&16/09

NEDAB Web Site Coordinator, Genne Zimmerly attended—7/16/09

There was a motion by Phil Stevens seconded by Lynn Gotthardt to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried 9–0.

There was a motion by Bill Schumacher seconded by Jim Borchik to approve the minutes from the previous [6/14/09] meeting. Motion carried 9–0.

Bill Koppel announced to the board that he will be retiring from his position as Principal At Mineral Ridge Middle School—Trumbull County and subsequently he will be vacating His position on the Northeast District Board effective July 31, 2009. The total board expressed their sincere appreciation and gratitude to Bill for his dedicated service to the Northeast District Board—State Board of Directors and our member schools—especially the boys and girls involved in the interscholastic athletics programs.

The board wished Bill the very best in his pending retirement and invited/welcomed him to attend a board meeting and or NEDAB sponsored events/tournaments in the future.

Financial reports through June 30, 2009 as listed below were presented and reviewed by Treasurer Al Lopez.

Northeast District Board	
Checking Account	\$200,402.74
Savings Account	\$7,391.57
Certificate of Deposit	\$34,603.53 [1 st PI Bank]
Certificate of Deposit	\$74,296.86 [Chase Bank]
Net Assets	\$316,694.70
DOC Checking	\$2,200.63

There was a motion by Bill Schumacher and a seconded by Howard Friend to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion passed 9-0.

There was a review of the check listing and bills to be authorized for payment. Rocco Nero moved and Howard Friend seconded a motion to pay the bills. Motion passed 9 – 0.

Northeast Board of Directors representative Rocco Nero and 7/8 grade representative Bill Koppel reviewed a couple additional items from the June 11, 2009, Board of Directors Meeting. The board thanked Rocco and Bill for their work this past year on the State Board—congratulated Rocco on his election as Vice President of the Board for 2009-10 And again thanked Bill for his dedicated service on the State Board these past 2 years.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled on Thursday August 6, 2009 at 9a. At the State Office in Columbus.

President Dale Gabor presented tournament regulations and guidelines for each sport to be completely reviewed and updated as needed. He emphasized the importance of consistency and continuity across the board in this process. The afternoon work session was spent primarily reviewing the tournament regulations sport by sport with a board member then taking a respective set of regulations along with them to make the necessary editorial changes and present to the board when they reconvene on Thursday morning for a final review.

A subsequent area of discussion and review was that of the manager's meeting agenda and structure which the board felt needed to be adjusted/changed to accommodate two goals #1. Provide for a briefing/orientation session for new managers in an effort to better prepare them for managerial duties and responsibilities and # 2. Allow more time for the Treasurer to review in detail the financial reporting procedures in an effort to secure accurate financial reports. Manager's meetings will also provide sessions for each respective sport to cover tourney operations that best serve the member schools and the student athletes. Power point presentations will be developed to better accommodate/facilitate these meetings.

President Dale Gabor called for an executive session.

There was a motion by Rocco Nero and seconded by Bill Schumacher for the board to hold an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and any other items permitted under ORC 121.22. The board went into executive session at 3:15p. President Dale Gabor declared the executive session over at 3:50p. and the meeting continued as per agenda items listed.

There was a discussion and review of procedures on tournament site selections, assignment of teams, geographical locations, home floor issues, and consistency throughout these processes.

Also, the matter of tourney manager responsibilities was discussed including attendance at manager's meetings following guidelines and expectations/procedures as well as accountability and reporting of tournament information and financial data. Improvements are needed in these areas more with some and less with others.

It was felt by restructuring the manager's meetings beginning with the fall tourney manager's this will provide an opportunity for improvement overall and enhance the procedural, operations and reporting processes.

President Dale Gabor declared the meeting to recess at 5p. and reconvene on Thursday morning July 16th at 9a. to complete the agenda. President Dale Gabor and Vice President Bill Schumacher will meet at 8a. on July 16th with Secretary Larry Acker for his annual evaluation and at 8:30a. with Treasurer Al Lopez for his annual evaluation.

President Dale Gabor reconvened the meeting at 9a. on Thursday, July 16th with all Board members in attendance.

The ensuing item of business was to complete the review of all of the tournament regulations and guidelines and provide a final draft of that information to be edited by the respective board member and web site coordinator and posted on the district web site for ready access by board members, tourney managers, member schools— personnel and the public. At the conclusion of this work session President Gabor thanked the board members for their work on this process indicating that the fruits of their labor will be of great service to everyone associated with the district's tournament operations.

Web site coordinator Genne Zimmerly reviewed with the board several new format ideas for the district web site that will make the web site more users friendly and will really provide needed pieces of information that will be most beneficial to member schools, tourney managers and the public. She will continue to work in concert with the board members, tourney managers, state office personnel and others to provide pertinent and timely information. The board thanked Genne for her dedication, commitment and Ingenuity in providing the district with a state of the art web site and other needed technological advancements.

Secretary Larry Acker provided each board member with a Member Handbook containing the member handbook information provided by the State Office. Also included in the Handbook/Notebook was the State Directory of the all district board members roster, Northeast District policies and once the Committee Assignment Roster for 2009-10 once completed should be placed in the handbook for reference along with the final set of tournament regulations and guidelines.

The 2009 fall sports tournament sites, manager's listing and team assignments were presented to the board by Tourney Committee Chairman Dale Gabor for consideration/approval. Following discussion and a thorough review of the information it was moved by Jim Borchik and seconded by Bill Koppel to approve the fall tournament sites and assignments as presented and updated. Motion passed 9-0.

Rocco Nero was excused from the meeting for another appointment/engagement @ 3:00p.

Committee assignments for 2009-10 were reviewed and updated and the secretary will provide an updated listing along with the minutes for this meeting at the next regular meeting of the board.

One item of operation still pending is the matter of tournament ticket distribution and reconciliation as per the state auditor's recommendations. The tournament ticket committee will meet following the next meeting on August 12, 2009 with a group of tournament managers in the Ashland—Stark—Wayne County area to set up a pilot program for the 2009-10 tournaments in that area of the district. This procedure will then be shared with board members and tournament managers in the other areas of the district for implementation.

There was a motion by Howard Friend and seconded by Bill Schumacher to reemploy the secretary and treasurer for the 2009-10 school year. Motion passed 8-0.

President Dale Gabor thanked everyone on the board and those who served the Northeast District throughout the year for all of their help and assistance as collectively it made for a great year. The board in turn thanked Dale for his leadership, dedication and professionalism which kept things running smoothly and moving forward.

There being no further business to be transacted at this time Jim Borchik moved and Lynn Gotthardt seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 3:45p. Motion passed 8-0.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Acker, Secretary

The next meeting of the Northeast Board is August 12, 2009 @ 10a. in Wooster
Commissioner Dr. Dan Ross will be attending the meeting followed by the annual
Commissioner's Corn Roast Luncheon @ 12:30p.

President Pro-Tem Dale Gabor opened the floor for nominations for the office of President of the Northeast District Board for the 2009-10 school year.

Bill Schumacher nominated Phil Stevens. There being no other nominations, Howard Friend moved and John Ault seconded a motion that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be conducted for the election of Phil Stevens. Motion passed 8-0.

President Pro-Tem Dale Gabor opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Northeast District Board for the 2009-10 school year.

Bill Koppel nominated Lynn Gotthardt. There being no other nominations it was moved by John Ault and seconded by Jim Borchik that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be conducted for the election of Lynn Gotthardt. Motion passed 8-0.

President Elect Phil Stevens thanked the board for their vote of confidence in electing him to the position of President for 2009-10 and assured the board that he is committed to working hard and in concert with the goals of the board.

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Larry Acker