

OWOA Board of Governors Meeting Minutes
Nov. 14, 2008
Davis Middle School

1) Call to order – Meeting was Called to Order at 7:34 PM by Dick Loewenstine.

Welcome & Introductions (Board officers, appointees, Association Reps) Dick gave the Stalling Presentation requested by the NFHS (on CD) to each Association for use in local meetings.

2) Attendance – Ralph Farmer, Greater Cincinnati; (Representative, Officials Association) Ray Anthony, State Interpreter; Paul Basinger, Lima-Findlay; Chaz DeShayes, Southwestern Ohio; David Detec, Steel Valley; Bruce Doll, Southwest Ohio; Charlie Hardman, Wayne County; Jack Kruse, Central; Vince Matteucci, Interpreter Emeritus; Scott Morgan, Northern Ohio; Michael Rovtar, Northern Ohio; Larry Rump, South Shore; Larry Saxton, North West D5; Kelly Stillman, Greater Cleveland; Ken Trussa, Greater Cleveland; Jim Vreeland, South Shore; Dean Wikel, Greater Cleveland; and Steve Zarlengo, Wayne County. (Associations Represented - 11)

3) Financial Report – Dan Cutcher

Current Balance \$219.18. With Association dues it should be higher by the end of this meeting. Less money was spent at the State Tournament last year.

4) Approval of Minutes – Ralph Farmer

Motion by Jim Vreeland, Seconded by Jack Kruse to approve minutes of March 1, 2008, as posted on the OWOA web site

5) New Business

a) Novice Officials Training Program – Jim Vreeland

524 Class 1 Officials, 162 Class 2 Officials, 3 Class 3 Officials, and 1 Class 4 Official in the State of Ohio. A request was made by Jim to forward all Test result to Connie Scherpf after recording them online. A request was made by Dick Loewenstine to have Training Disks sent to all instructors even if they are not sponsoring a class, as several Associations have multiple Trainers for a single class. If anyone needs to modify a PowerPoint presentation, call Jim Vreeland for the password.

b) Web Site – Jack Kruse

Only State Interpreters can place interpretations on the OWOA web site. It is highly suggested that all officials visit the web site on a weekly basis.

c) Mentoring Program – Dick Loewenstine

There is a Mentoring Program available to those Associations who don't have one. Contact Tony Campolo for further information. Future plans are to place it on the OWOA web site. Jack Kruse will contact Tony for the documents.

d) Hall of Fame Selection(s) – Dan Cutcher

Four names submitted to the BOG, from the Hall of Fame Committee, each voted on separately: Dave Kavolick (Unanimously Approved), Denny Palmer (Unanimously Approved), Jim Johnson [posthumously] (Unanimously Approved), and Dave Nosker (Unanimously Approved). We need to address the idea of a "Service Award" from local Association, not necessarily worthy of Hall of Fame recognition, but worth of some award at the Annual Clinic. This will be addressed at the BOG Meeting at the State Tournament.

e) Update on Rule changes & myOHSAA Reminder – Lyle Smith, Ray Anthony, & Dick Loewenstine
With New Starting Position, it has been suggested that we say to the top wrestler “Elbow Last” as
NCAA Officials do. That would be acceptable to do if it is done for both wrestlers. We need to
strictly enforce the new starting procedure.

The CD’s on Stalling that Dick Loewenstine handed out have several new interpretations that need to
be given to each official through the local Association.

At the 2009 State Tournament, ALL Officials will be observed and evaluated.

f) 2008 OWOA State Clinic Information & Agenda – Dick Loewenstine

We currently have about 70 people pre registered. That means we can expect about 100 to attend.

We need to attract Novice Officials to the Clinic, without reducing the fee. No suggestions were give
on how to do so.

Dick Loewenstine handed out the Agenda for the Clinic.

g) 2009 OWOA State Clinic Date Preferences – Dick Loewenstine

Date preferences will be based on OSU home games and facility availability.

h) Re-Visiting the Gray Pinstriped Shirt Option – Steve Zarlengo

Hank doesn’t want it! The same reasons give last year also hold for this year. The cost, and all
officials having on the same shirt in tournament situations.

i) Next meeting date: State Tournament - Following the HOF Luncheon.

March 7, 2009, at approximately 3:00 PM.

j) Anything else for the Good of the Order?

A point of information and prayer: Kirt Rockel has recently had quintuple bypass surgery and is
recovering well.

6) Adjournment

Motion by Jack Kruse and seconded by Jim Vreeland to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by R. W. Farmer, OWOA Secretary