

OHSACA EXECUTIVE MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

10:00 a.m.

OHSAA Offices

A. Attendance

Meeting brought to a start by President Chris Cores at 10:02 am.

President Chris Cores asks Vice President Eric Heitkamp to recite The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance is taken: Casey Milligan, Kevin Smith, Joe Matheny, Dick Scaiffe, Rob Griffith, Mike Gardner, Ken Youngman, Chad Orecchio, Chris Cores, Eric Heitkamp, CD Bucher, Jeff Combs, Diane McCall, Tom Rider, Quinn Parker, Lauren Prochaska, and Brian Unk

Introduction of each board member and their school is delivered.

B. Treasurer's Report – Casey Milligan

Casey Milligan, Treasurer reported that this is not the "official" reporting date of the treasurers report, but that we are in good standing. We are about \$1,000 less than last year at this time in the account. Somewhere near \$26,000 in the account right now.

- Still have outstanding bills for
 - State plaques, hotels, and bag tags
- Anticipate being \$3,000 less than where we were last year.

A decline in membership with the 2019 clinic having been moved from May to June. Had a total of around 200 in attendance for the clinic.

Ended the year with about 400 members, where we usually have about 500.

The names on the account are now Casey and Chris.

C. Comments from the President Chris Cores

- a. Congrats to Chad Orecchio of John Glenn for competing at the state tournament.
- b. Congrats to Jeff Combs for his team competing in their 4th consecutive state championships.
- c. Congrats to Quinn and his team, Akron Hoban for a runner up finish in Boys Division I.
- d. Tom Rider will be stepping down from the NorthEast as Girls Appointee
- e. Alice James from the North West. Need a suitable replacement.
 - i. Mike Gardner noted that this process was started the previous night at their district meeting. Should be done by spring.
- f. Need a new girls appointee from the South West.
- g. Appreciate CD now being a part of this group.

D. State Tournament Review

- a. Division 2 was at North Star.
 - i. Continue to get nice comments
 - ii. Golf course was in great shape
- b. New rules with OHSAA and golf carts
 - i. Those were rented out starting at 7:00 and all 25 were rented out by 7:05.
- c. Ken
 - i. Thought things went really well.
- d. Mike
 - i. Only one parent went off the cart path. He quickly returned the cart to the path.
 - ii. Saw a cart in the fairway...
 - 1. Was a player with a medical condition who had a cart.
- e. Jeff
 - i. Questions from NorthWest on why so many PGA/USGA rules officials at OSU but not at Scarlet
 - 1. Randy Iceman (PGA) was at North Star.
 - 2. Tim H and Ryan K also PGA pros in clubhouse there to help with the rules
- f. Chad
 - i. To create less confusion, could we consider making those 25 carts for handicapped only.
 - ii. “We had people more than capable of walking, get a cart”, but “those with a handicap could not get a cart”
 - 1. Lauren – Tim said they were not selling out, so they went on a first come, first serve.
 - 2. Would it be possible to create a cutoff time? Say from 7:00-8:45 is for handicap, after that then carts will be sold to the public
 - 3. Chris “More chaotic than he thought it would be”
 - 4. Mike – Could they bring in a fleet for carts?
 - a. Tried to work out a deal with Bent Tree, but had some snags
 - b. Really making no money on cart rental, and not worth the effort or costs
 - 5. Lauren and Chris said they would talk to Tim about making this more efficient for coming years.
- g. Thought that Birdie Fire was great
 - i. Little hiccup early, but got it worked out
 - ii. Chad said he was following it while he was coaching
 - 1. People had it up at school, and country club
 - 2. Spent time Friday night going though hole by hole.
 - iii. Eric – did you look at your analytics. How many users you had
 - iv. Chris – it’s going to be a big part of HS golf, and we need to get over the fear of using it.
 - v. Jeff Combs – all positive from his end
 - 1. It’s not official.

2. Try to avoid having players doing it. (maybe a parent)
 - a. Chris agrees to keep it away from players inputting
 - b. Every hole being updated would be powerful.
 3. Lauren asked for more help by sending out an email looking for volunteers. Only received two emails.
 4. Quinn loved it. Would love to see it at more invitational throughout the year.
- vi. Lauren said it cost \$500 for the entire tournament, each division, both boys and girls.
 - vii. Encouraged to use during the year, but need to contact Lauren ONLY if the players are inputting scores.
 - viii. Rob – had permission in league tournament for kids to input.
 1. Most of the kids did not like it.
 - a. Concerned with cell phones dying
 2. Eric had a different reaction from players. Many enjoyed the experience. Coaches liked it. Scores were accurate and posted quickly.
 - a. Options available for alternative devices (See Hurricane Tour)
 - h. Eventually a rule will need to be in place with regards to the use of electronic devices.
 - i. The originality behind the cell phone was to prevent the phone from ringing.
 - i. Now using social media on phones as a platform to sell our programs.
 - j. Casey suggests a new proposal be made for ruling
 - i. Chris seeks suggestions from past presidents
 - ii. What is the current goal of the cell phone rule (Jeff to Chris)
 1. Prevent distributions from a golfer executing a shot
 - a. Kids are still not to use communicative devices (Coaches only)
 2. Current rule states “The use of any electronic communication devices shall be prohibited on the course during any competition by all players, and spectators” IN no way do we suggest that they should be prevented during an emergency. A coach or spectator can remove him/herself from the playing area of the course.....
 3. Officials can declare that if there is a ruling and give kids permission to call rule official this is permitted.
 4. CD – take coaches and spectators out of the rule (off of that line)
 - iii. Jeff makes a motion to change the cell phone policy.
 1. Mike seconds
 2. All in favor of changing our coaches rule as it applies to electronic devices (coaches ~~and spectators~~ removed from original rule)
 - a. All in favor. Nobody opposes.
 3. Joe suggests we remove only coaches from the rule. See strike through above)
 - iv. A proposal is being made to Lauren. (removing the word “coaches” from the rule)
 - k. Ohio State Golf Course (Boys DI, DIII, Girls DI, DII)
 - i. Lauren was at North Star on week 1.

1. Jackie W oversaw week 1 at Scarlett
 - a. Struggled with BirdieFire. Scored 4,6,12,18.
2. Glad it was implemented.
3. Was present on week 2
 - a. Noted that the rules officials were fantastic
 - b. Thank you to the OHSGCA for all their hard work and dedication from the coaches
 - c. 2 incorrect rulings made during the weekend. Diffused situation and everything ended up OK.
4. Jeff – treat to be at OSU.
 - a. Suggestions
 - i. Range (time) was much better
 - ii. Time AFTER the round (had it on practice rounds). Would like this on tournament dates
 - iii. More access to the short game area (Worried about safety concerns)
 - iv. Starters. (They do a heck of a job, but...) Too much talking, setting groups behind their times, leading to rules officials telling kids they were out of position.
 - v. Need to consider roping off holes 4 and 18. Too much foot traffic. Needs to be controlled better.
 1. Casey – Roping around the greens should not be an issue. Talk to Dennis and believes he would be willing to set up some roping.
 - vi. The pin locations were suspect. Greens were in very bad shape, and some of those pins were located in those locations. Felt like there were better places to put the pins (where there was more grass)
 1. Quinn was told “they would not be in the dead spots” and there were 4 or 5 that were most definitely on dead spots.
 - vii. We need to be able to sub players in
 1. District feels unanimously about allowing coaches to sub players in.
 2. Chris – “Still 1 event” and “none of our events allow for substitutions”
 3. Samples given by Eric and Jeff where this could be utilized.
 - a. Camp suggests we look into what others states are doing.
 - i. Chris says he has done so, using mostly neighboring states, and most every state event is a two

- g. Coaches meetings are tough for coaches who have late practice rounds. They can't make it to both.
 - i. Could we have tee times for practice rounds on holes #1 and hole #10.
 - 1. Practice rounds begin around 10:40
 - 2. See no problem doing this at North Star
- 5. Diane – a motion was made to ask for 16 teams and 16 individuals to get down to the State Tournament
 - a. Chris prepared some research and looked at the surrounding states. Here is what he was able to produce.
 - i. Michigan (Upper and Lower State Tournament)
 - 1. 18 teams, 18 individuals
 - ii. Indiana
 - 1. 15 teams, 25 individuals
 - a. Boys in the spring/Girls in the spring
 - iii. Kentucky
 - 1. 12 teams, 84 individuals
 - a. A cut after day one down to 42 individuals
 - b. Tee times all day long
 - iv. West Virginia
 - 1. 8 teams (4 players, count 3)
 - v. Pennsylvania
 - 1. Separate team championship (1 day event)
 - a. 6 teams
 - 2. Have a separate individual championship (2 days)
 - a. 36 players
 - b. Not sure a shotgun start is a good idea for the state tournament
 - i. Rob mentions this is a district concern for him as well
 - 1. Would like to see extra individuals
 - c. Lauren mentions this would be very difficult from a financial viewpoint. No way this would get approved.
 - d. Pace of play is very good at the State Tournament.
 - e. No motion being made at this time on adding teams to the State Tournament.
 - f. Contracts are up at OSU and North Star. Mr. Snodgrass wishes to continue at OSU as long as they are going to have us.
 - i. Coaches association is willing to have teams pay for their greens fees at the State Tournament.
 - 1. Lauren – Jerry takes pride in not charging a tournament entry or membership fee
 - a. Change the language to a “Tournament fee” and not a “range fee”.

- i. This includes coaches cart, tee times, score cards, range balls, etc....

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E. Comments from OHSAA

- a. Brenda Murray – Tournament Representation
 - i. We are not a “best of the best”.
 - 1. If we were it would be Q school and qualifiers
 - ii. Representation of our schools from the 6 athletic districts.
 - iii. Each school must have 4 golfers finish with a score
 - 1. If a player is ill/injured/disqualified
 - a. THEY DO NOT COUNT
 - i. Unless it is a DQ due to an inaccurate score
 - b. Reach out to tournament manager to find out when the disqualification occurred.
 - 2. Once a list is completed, the base enrollment for the gender is added. (Spreadsheet provided by Ms. Murray)
- b. For more information you can seek Divisional Breakdowns from 2019-2020 by clicking on the following web site:
 - i. <https://ohsaa.org/School-Resources/Divisional-Breakdowns-2019-20-School-Year>
 - 1. Plan is to also post this information on our association web site (www.ohsgca.org)
- c. The Mercy Rule was put into place to encourage kids to play and grow programs and increase District representation at the state level.
 - i. Thank you to Lauren for disseminating the Mercy Rule to all tournament managers.
 - ii. We are still accomplishing the goal of growing the game with the Mercy rule in place.
 - iii. Mercy Rule used regularly with JV programs and Middle School programs
 - iv. Joe mentions that the rule is working well as it is. We have also seen some nice growth with girls golf.
- d. Thank you to the OHSAA for being transparent. All information is posted to their web site and it is encouraged by any with questions to seek this information.

F. Clinic Update

- a. Casey referred to this early in the meeting with the treasurer's report
 - i. When are we going to have the annual clinic?
- b. Casey's take on the June date vs. May Date
 - i. The big move on the June date was to get the rules interpretation to be recognized. Would it always have to be in June?
 1. It would always have to be after the board approves the sports regulations which happens in early June.
 2. Casey - Is it possible to move the approval of golf regulations to May?
 - a. Lauren will ask.
 - i. Currently no meeting in May
 - b. We would get better attendance if we moved to a date back in May.
 - i. Chris – liked that we tried it.
 1. We worried too much about teachers not being able to get out of school.
 2. Coaches had jobs and vacations planned in June.
 3. Chris would like to go back to the first Sunday/Monday in May.
 - a. That would fall on Sunday, May 3, and Monday, May 4
 - i. To accommodate the size crowd, the Fawcett center still feels like the most centrally located venue.
 1. Consider alternative locations?
 - a. North Star, Medallion, Local Schools
 - b. School in session would be a problem with parking.
 - i. Could Use Pickerington?
 - ii. Golf after at Turnberry
 - c. Cost of lunch was \$16, where buffet at OSU was \$8.99.
 2. Let's have Lauren ask if it is possible to get golf regulations passed, to get our traditional dates in first part of May.
 3. Less than 200 at the clinic signed up in advance, with about 30 walk-ins.
 4. Chris mentions that maybe we could consider using an online payment method.
 - a. Casey mentions he did not want to do this.
 - i. Quinn – could this just be placed on Arbiter.
 1. Believes we would have a higher percentage of attendance

2. Casey believes he would not have the information needed to recognize the money and registration.
 - ii. Chris asks Lauren how other associations pay their dues
 1. Lauren will follow up. Mostly online.
5. Rules for the clinic, and the necessity of having the rules at the clinic and how this helps keeps attendance up.
 - a. Casey demonstrates the importance of this with numbers indicating this importance.
 - b. Must wait to have rules clinic until OHSAA passes the rules for the coming year.
6. Brian – Thoughts on Break Out sessions
 - a. Well received
 - i. Casey – main speaker for everyone, and then additional speakers for break out session
 - ii. Brian – how does advertising that work?
 1. Eric – Baums page has access to every coach in the state (email)
 - a. Topics of interest
 - i. Trackman
 - ii. TPI
 - iii. New Coaches
 - iv. Running an event
 - v. Deep Dive into the Rules
 - vi. Tour the Indoor OSU facility
7. Roles of the clinic
 - a. Get as many people to attend so that we can make money to help fund our association.

G. Hall of Fame

- a. Chris – The Boys SEI will come from the North East.
- b. Girls SEI (sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity) will be coming from the East District
- c. Distinguished Service Award comes from the North East.
- d. Boys Coach of the Year comes from the East
- e. Girls Coach of the Year will be coming from the South East
- f. George Valentine Award is decided by Past Presidents
 - i. Typically decided after January 1
- g. NOTE: Hall of Fame nominations are due March 1.
 - i. Frank Laudonia stepped down, and Chad will be taking this over
 - ii. Will keep previous year's applicants on file
 1. Critical that nominations come through the right doorsteps.
 - a. Must come from the District Representatives.
 - b. Rule is One nomination per district per year.

- c. Joe reads the guidelines
 - i. Hall of Fame nominations are available through our web site. Nomination forms should be given to your district rep for research and evaluation. District Rep must submit the best candidate form to the Hall of Fame officer by March 1. Qualifications are listed on the form.
 - ii. State wide there will be a maximum of 3 inductees with a maximum of 1 per district. There will be a rotation around the state while some districts may not have a candidate.
 - d. Please have information on the form updated by Johnathon. The form needs to say "send to the District Rep". It currently states to send to Kevin Smith.
- iii. Tentative Dates for the Clinic
 - 1. May 3 and 4
 - 2. June 15 and 16
 - a. Chris – these dates will have to suffice for now.
 - b. Casey will wait for Lauren and then will make reservations.

H. District Concerns

- a. Chris – good news, most of this has been covered this morning. Will start with the NE Ohio crew

NORTHEAST OHIO: (Diane and Quinn)

- 1. More representation at the State of Ohio
- 2. Earlier Start date
 - a. Start on July 28, 2020. With first match of August 1.
 - i. Chris, we actually have an extra Saturday. This may not be the year to entertain that with it being leap year.
 - b. Quinn – It really boils down to golf courses and access to private clubs on Mondays.
 - c. Currently the first competition date would be 8/5
 - i. Lauren was gracious to grant us this. As originally it was 8/6.
 - 1. Thank you to Lauren
 - d. No motion being made at the time
 - e. Is there any OHSAA rules on events on Sunday
 - i. No
 - f. Quinn, have the date being August 1, with first date of competition be August 3.

EAST: (Chad)

- 1. The only District that does not allow carts at the sectional and district level
 - a. That is an East District Board decision.
 - i. Is it up to the tournament manager

SOUTHEAST: (Rob)

2. Would like to expand the number of individuals in the State Tournament (discussed previously)
3. Move start date to the month of July.
 - a. Would like an explanation
 - i. Lauren – The Board will not approve anything before August 1.
4. Stroke limit for a Sectional Tournament
 - a. Tournament Director would like to see a 10 or 12 stroke limit for every player without have a DQ attached to it.
 - b. Randy went back many years at the State Tournament and it not once made a difference where a team finishes.
 - c. In golf, the #1 rule is you have to hole out.
5. The SE tournaments are run VERY WELL
 - a. At the District tournament, there is a marshal (not a rules official) with EVERY Group. (help locate golf balls, call rules officials)
 - i. Tournament manager organizes this.
 - ii. If we did live scoring, we could do that with these people helping

CENTRAL: (Brian)

1. Cancelled DII and DIII Sectionals (in the 11th hour)
 - a. Low participation of teams
 - i. Did not warrant a sectional tournament and had all the teams enter straight into the District Tournament.
 - ii. Only sectional tournament cancelled in the entire state of Ohio
 1. Also a late switch to a different golf course
 2. Used to run both tournaments at Denison. They could not accommodate both DII and DIII. Decided to go to a different golf course (Darby Creek)
2. Would like more teams in the State Tournament
3. Why don't we have an athletic trainer at post season events
 - a. Eric – I believe we have one at Scarlet
 - b. Lauren – we have Ohio Health on call for all of the State Tournaments
 - i. If we did District Tournaments, it would be at the District Boards discretion.
4. At the State Tournament do they ever rotate the tee times for the runner ups (from District tournament results)
 - a. Lauren – Yes, they are indeed adjusted.

CENTRAL DISTRICT (girls, CD)

1. Who drives carts if kid (with medical permission) drives the cart
 - a. Lauren – anyone but a parent that is of age.

2. Rich Ritter wants to know why Junior High kids need waivers. (would like for kids to play in any non-scholastic events during the season)
 - a. Numbers are low
3. When seeding, why don't we put individuals out first? This way coaches with good players could also see what kind of scores are out there?
 - a. This is a District decision.
 - i. East is the other district that seeds
4. Participation is lower (and DII programs became DI)
 - a. Has anyone else noticed lower participation
 - i. Jeff Combs – believes it is nationwide across all sports
 1. Less 2 and 3 sport athletes, they are specializing

SOUTHWEST (Jeff Combs)

1. D1 Coaches would like to have more access to Scarlet.
 - a. Major disadvantage when coming to state for the first time.
 - b. Scarlet is really tough to get on.
 - i. Due to NCAA regulations
 1. But many centrally located kids still have access
 2. Jeff – LOVES scarlet. An awesome venue
 - a. Just once in the summer would love to have access.
 - b. Eric – would love to see an Open Invite (no hoops, just golf)
 - i. Had the Nationwide at one time. Seeing something like this again would be great.
 - c. Cheating – if someone is being deliberately dishonest with their score, should there be a rule to sit out a pre-determined number of events.
 - i. Can qualify a player for an unsportsmanlike act.
 1. Does not have to sit out in golf.
 - ii. Not going to solve this today.....too much to talk about, but need to revisit this.

NORTHWEST (Mike)

1. We need a girls rep with Alice stepping down
 - a. This process was started yesterday at our District Meeting.
 2. 2 courses changed District sites last minute
 - a. Red Hawk Run in large part due to unplayable bunkering (and potential of closing)
 - i. Timing was bad
 3. The “shiny certificates” for the Academic All-Ohio awards are so hard to write names on. The ink will not keep
 - a. Would like to run those down and find a new kind of paper.
- I. Adjournment:
- a. Thank you to Diane and Tom for their years of service to our association.
 - b. Kevin Smith makes a motion
 - c. Rob seconds