

OHSET STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – January 2, 2010

In Attendance: Bill Weir (Co-ops), Peggy Smith (Southern), Anne Geser, Pam Steinke (Central), Carolyn Kronenberg, Scott Chauncey (Northwest), Jill Burnette, Dawn Keeney, Linda Sundberg, Brittany Sundberg (South Valley), Phil Armstrong, Chris Dinsmore (Northeast), Denise John, Ray Hickman, Amanda Larkin (Willamette), JoAnn Oswald (Judge's Chair), Todd Gary (TriRiver Valley), Candi Bothum (State Chair), Karissa Dishon (State Vice Chair), Debi Ferrer (Secretary)

Minutes from December meeting

No corrections were submitted. Moved and seconded to approve minutes. Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0

OHSET Stickers

Candy gave one out to all those present. They cost 28 cents each and we'll sell them for \$1.00 each. We also have coffee travel mugs. Let Candi know how many you want and she can ship them to you.

"How to" on Website

- JoAnn sent out the first clarification by email this past week. More will come out via email to the state board and they will be posted on our Website.
- Other things that need to go on the Website
 - How to hold split reins
 - How to dally
 - Other things – email questions to JoAnn

Insurance

If you're having any special events, you need to fill out a special insurance form. If your practice facility needs a certificate of insurance, email Candi and she will email you the current insurance certificate. We'll get a new one at the end of January for the 2010 insurance. LuAnn Boettinger is working on researching whether or not we are getting the best insurance for the money.

Registration

- Chris is getting a lot of incomplete registrations from districts. District registrars need to check to make sure all addresses, signatures, and also insurance card copies are complete before sending them to Chris. It's a lot of extra work for her to make contact with everyone and ask for missing information.
- Denise said OSAA does not require insurance.
- Candi asked if we want to pay \$2 per athlete to cover them all with insurance. It's not the greatest, but it would be something. For those who have good insurance, this would be supplemental. It would cover going to and from, and during practices or meets. If something happens, athlete or family would have to pay for medical services, then

would be reimbursed. No decision was made on this, but the consensus was that it is something to consider.

- District Chairs should keep copies of all registration packets, so they know who is on each team.
- Chris pointed out that the registration deadline is not in our rulebook, and not very obvious on our website. Let's get it on the main page of the state website right away.

Eligibility exception request

Previously, a request was made by two athletes and their parents for an exception to our eligibility rules. We heard some of the issue during a conference call meeting in December, but we did not hear both sides so today Candi has asked the athletes and school district official requesting the exception to present their reasons. The request is being made, in general, because of what the school district officials consider to be irreconcilable differences, and school officials have asked that we grant the request. An athlete and parent were present at the meeting and the school administrator was present by speaker phone. Letters from both athletes and parents were also read. (Because of the sensitive nature of the situation, the specific details have been left out of this public version of the minutes. However, the complete and official minutes are available upon request. Contact Candi Bothum, cbothum@ohset.com, or Debi Ferrer, dferrer@ohset.com.)

After much discussion, and hearing from athletes, parents, and an administrator, Chris moved that we allow an exception for these athletes to compete for another high school in another district if the receiving school and district agree. Denise seconded. We took a vote by ballot. Motion passed 12-2, no abstentions.

Candi said this is a responsibility of district chairs and vice chairs to know what's happening on their teams and step in when they see problems. If districts need help, Candi and Karissa can go and visit with the teams and people involved.

Standard Operating Guidelines

- Scholarship – several changes suggested.
 - A few mechanical errors were pointed out. Candi said she'd fix those.
 - Add information about the additional scholarship offered this year.
 - Add something about home schooled athletes needed to include most recent test scores as required by their ESD to participate in any interscholastic activity.
 - On the application form, add a place for the "Expected Major." At an earlier meeting, the board said they wanted a place for a signature from a coach or advisor, but the application also says that email applications are preferred. So, a solution is to have the scholarship chair send out a list to all district chairs showing who has applied for the state scholarships and asking if there are any problems with any of the applicants.
 - On the judging criteria sheet, at the bottom, revises to say Grade transcripts will be used for tie breakers only (leave letters of rec and eligibility out of this last part).

- Denise moved to accept this SOG with recommended changes; motion was seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Eligibility – Discussion: Can teams require an athlete to do a team event? Or any event for that matter? Some of our team rules require kids to participate in so many individual events and so many team events. Candi suggested it may be it’s okay to say they have to be on one or more team events to get a varsity letter. What about safety? What if we require them to do a certain event, and there is an accident? Peggy said what about the athlete who is really good in one event but then decides she wants to do something else. Coach should be able to say we need you in the event you’re better at. Brittany said this absolutely or ask them to do it to help the team. She prefers asking them to help out, and she usually gets what she wants that way. Todd has always required four individual and one team event, and he lays it out ahead of time so they know the expectation. In summary...
 - Can we say you can’t join team unless you do certain events? Consensus was NO.
 - Can coach determine what events an athlete can or cannot do? Only for safety? Bill suggested we include only what we can or cannot do for getting on the team. Leave the rest alone and allow teams to do as they see fit. Peggy said we should use the team lettering policy to address some of these other things like participation in team events.
 - Bill suggested we cut and paste the OSAA guidelines from our by-laws right into this document. He also said that every home-schooler must take an exam during the summer to be eligible for any interscholastic competition and that we should add Charter Schools to the heading of Private School Athletes. Bill will help Candi make corrections to this SOG based on our new by-laws and will present those back to the board.
 - For schools that do weekly eligibility checks, we need to re-define our week as being Mon- Sun so that we don’t have athletes being ineligible for part of a weekend meet. Candi will add something about that to the revisions.
 - South Valley shared a copy of the letter they give to their schools regarding eligibility for OHSET athletes. Other teams are welcome to use this or modify it to fit their needs.
- Re-Districting
 - To number 1, add “Human Resources”
 - Bill said we need to add requirements of state law governing non-profits. He’ll work with Candi on that.
 - Chris said sometimes we need to re-district because of a current issue, so 12-month waiting time is not very realistic.
 - Phil said it may not be the amount of time that is needed, but that those involved need to feel included in the process.
 - Bill said we could include more feedback in the Process portion of this.
 - Item 3 “...prepare a proposal including a transition timetable that will be presented....”

- Item 4 “at a regular meeting, board members and re-districting committee members will take the proposal.....”
 - Item 5 “ The state board will consider feedback and alter the proposal if deemed appropriate, and then vote.....”
 - Item 6 - delete
- Treasurer’s SOG
 - Bill suggested we add part about not having two members of an immediate family be signers on an account.

Co-ops (all details attached at end of minutes)

- Bill presented two Standard Co-op applications
 - Peggy moved to accept them both; motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- Bill presented one Standard co-op for conditional approval pending approval by district at upcoming district meeting; we need to conditionally approve so that as soon as form is complete, team can practice. Phil moved to conditionally approve; motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

State Photographer RFP

Chris moved to accept the proposal from Stalnakers; this was the only proposal we have received. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Order of reader-boards

Last chance for ordering new timers or other electronic equipment; Candi will put order together and send it out so let her know asap if you want to add something to the order.

State championship in Salem

Candi hasn’t gotten any response from Matt to her email request for a contract to sign. She asked if someone who knows him could try to get him to move on this. She needs a contract in writing asap.

Roping Dummies

Do we really want to DQ someone from practicing on a roping dummy? Phil said we originally made the rule so that arenas were not tied up by teams setting up their own equipment and excluding others from practicing. Practicing outside of an arena shouldn’t be a problem. Karissa said we either need to have the rule and enforce it, or get rid of the rule. Otherwise, somebody will inevitably try to break it. Denise said we can set up roping dummies and other equipment around the grounds. Consensus was that this is a good solution and fits our rules. Candi

suggested that every district bring two roping dummies to set up and those will be the “official” equipment.

Location of future meetings

Consensus was to keep them at Gateway (9:30 am), about every 6 weeks.

- Saturday Feb. 13
- Sunday March 28
- State Meet May 13-16
- Sunday June 13
- Saturday Aug. 28
- Saturday Oct. 2
- Saturday Nov. 6
- Saturday Dec. 4 – Annual Meeting

Rule Book

- Rule books were handed out as needed to district chairs. Contact Karissa if you need more. State pays for one per athlete. We agreed at June meeting that districts would pay for two per team for a coach and advisor. More would be up to the district, if they want to charge the teams or not.
- The dimensions pages for working rancher and stock seat didn’t get included in rule book but they are online.

Other

- Dawn brought up that our Code of Conduct says “unlawful” behavior. It’s not unlawful for adults to use tobacco and alcohol. Clarification – if we rent a facility for a meet, that facility becomes an extension of the school grounds so anything that shouldn’t occur on school grounds shouldn’t occur on meet grounds.
- Reminder that we want the code of conduct posters ready for the first meets.
- Anything on the 2010 State Meet? Peggy said nothing new that she is aware of. She added that Klamath is capable of having a State Meet there in terms of facility. Candi agreed and suggested she try and hold a district meet there before we think about having a state meet there.
- Where should our next state general meeting be? South Valley will do some checking on a place. The consensus seemed to be that more athletes showed up because there were demonstrations, and other presentations.

ATTACHMENTS

Standard Co-Ops --- State Board approval as one group

Central

Host School: Pendleton HS with 2 riders

Co-Op School: Hermiston HS with 1 rider

Co-Op forms signed by both schools and approved by Central District. Hermiston has only one rider and will not approve a team, approves the Co-Op and has been canvassed.

Northwest

Host School: Beaverton HS with 3 riders

Co-Op School: Aloha HS with 1 rider

Co-Op forms signed by both schools and approved by Northwest District. Aloha will not approve a team, but will approve the Co-Op and has been canvassed.

Standard Co-Ops --- For State Board Conditional Approval

South Valley

Host School: Coquille HS with 5 riders

Co-Op School: Bandon HS with 1 rider & 1 groom

Co-Op forms signed by both schools. On agenda for Jan. 10 South Valley district meeting for approval. Bandon will not approve a team, but will approve the Co-Op and has been canvassed. Also unable to find parental support/advisor. Motion will be for conditional approval from the state board pending approval by South Valley district at their 1/10/10 meeting.