

Action Items

Motions Voted On

Minutes for OHSET State Board Meeting December 12, 2015 8:30 AM Linn County Fairgrounds

In Attendance: Chris Dinsmore – Northeast, Jenny Tackett – Northeast, Allison Byrne – Northeast Youth, Barb Walley – Central, Kelly van Beggen – Tri-River Valley, Kassandra Lovenburg – Tri-River Valley Youth, Wendy Bernards – Willamette, Sonya Kunkle – Willamette, Brittnay Walker – Willamette Youth, Sue Lowe – South Valley, Sherri Henry – South Valley, Tyler Wright – South Valley Youth, Michelle Michelson – North Valley, Deann Fettig – North Valley, Katelyn Salzberg – North Valley Youth, Corinne Morris Dimick – Northwest, Pam Anderson – Northwest, Bailey Naylor, Kerry McCarthy, Katie Renner, Brooke McCraw Gray, Maddie van Baggen, Erin Dose, McKenize Morrow, Kari Salzberg, Connie Bamford, Amanda Tackett, Karen Bragg – Rules Chair, Bill Weir – Co-ops & Eligibility, Denise John – State Treasurer, Scott Chauncey – State Vice Chair, Candi Bothum – State Chair, Jan Harer – State Secretary (Those underlined are voting members.)

Vote Count: 17

Northeast – 3
Central – 1
Tri-River Valley – 2
Willamette – 3
South Valley – 3
North Valley – 3
Northwest – 2
Southern – 0

Renaming IHOR –

- Keep it the way it is.
- Do not change at this late date.
- Some districts don't want a change.
- IHOR will remain for this year.

Combination Team Proposal –

- Scott sent out all proposed documents prior to meeting.
- Discussion –
 - Decision needs to include the athletes. Needs to be a team decision. Not just between advisors.
 - Concern that all athletes are able to participate if chose to do this.
 - Concern for going to the closest school. Could be a larger school and unfair.
 - This is voluntary and an option for athletes/teams.
 - Only advisors have sign off on this – the school doesn't need to sign anything.
 - This is an avenue for small schools to compete on team events.
 - Doesn't guarantee a placement of the athlete on a team event within the team.

- Don't think we can do this year. Not enough time.
- Would this affect some of the co-ops already in place? It could. Would not have some co-ops if team decided to do a combined team.
- Guidelines states that need to verify with school district – needs to change to be verified with district.
- Deadline would have to be before January 31st. There are districts that have first meets before then.
 - Date was to correspond with last date an athlete can registrar.
 - January 15th is the deadline for registration.
- Paperwork should go to district chair – not secretary.
- What would it hurt if made available this year? What are the drawbacks to doing it this year?
- Not enough responses yet from districts.
- Not enough information yet. It seems premature for this year.
- We did have an extended conversation about this at the work session.
- Could affect those team events that are already set and practicing – Drill for example.
- Can teams choose between schools if can't ride on any team events at a school or nothing available?
- Would like to see a trial period.
- Can a co-op change to a team if this goes into effect? Yes.
- How many teams would this effect in the state? Not sure.
- Deann motioned to implement the Combined Team Proposal on a trial basis for the 2015-2016 season. Sue seconded the motion.
- Additional discussion –
 - Will take about 30 hours to make changes to the points program to allow for this.
 - Would cost about \$500 for OHSET program and about \$300 for the PNWIC program.
 - Athletes would wear their own team uniform if on a combined team.
 - Need to make changes in the rule book about uniforms for combined teams.
- Vote: 17 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.
- More additional discussion –
 - Does the state need to approve these?
 - The districts can approve these.
 - Notify the state board when a combined team is formed.
 - Need to notify the state if a co-op dissolves because of a combined team forming.
 - Form will be on the website.
 - School and athlete(s) need to be registered in order to complete paperwork for combined team.
 - The district can make exceptions on where the schools combine.
 - Where to place in the rule book?
 - Will put under participation chapter in the rule book.
 - Chapter 3.
 - Will add information about uniforms in all places.
 - Guidelines will go in back of book with SOG's.
 - Need to make sure judges are aware of new combined teams and what this entails for them regarding judging.
 - Need to list both teams on the appropriate score sheets.

- Need to train all personnel/volunteers on handling this – score sheets, points, etc.

Co-Ops – (See attached listings of Co-Ops.)

- Standard –
 - NE district with one.
 - Lincoln High School and Wilson High School.
 - Chris motioned to accept this standard co-op between Lincoln High School and Wilson High School. Wendy seconded the motion.
 - No discussion.
 - Vote: 17 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.
- Non-Standard –
 - NE district.
 - Only reason non-standard is because paperwork has not been turned in.
 - This will be a co-op pending until all paperwork turned in.
 - District has approved it.
 - Chris motioned to accept this non-standard co-op between Lincoln High School and Cleveland High School pending appropriate paperwork is turned in. Sue seconded the motion.
 - No discussion.
 - Vote: 17 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed. Paperwork needs to be turned into the Co-Op Chair.
 - State to State Co-op –
 - Hood River High School wants to co-op with White Salmon High School in WA (WAHSET).
 - OHSET was not aware that this happened last year.
 - Has been approved by WASHET – but NOT by Central district.
 - The Dalles High School team would prefer not to have these athletes at this time.
 - Hood River High School can't have a team at the school.
 - Interstate co-ops are for 2 years. Last year's co-op would count as year 1.
 - What happens if OHSET doesn't approve this? Need approval from both states.
 - Number of athletes has increased since OHSET became aware of the issue.
 - What about having Hood River High School compete in the NE district? For future consideration.
 - OHSET does want them back.
 - Deann motioned to approve this interstate co-op between Hood River High School (OHSET) and White Salmon High School (WAHSET) for the 2015-2016 season. OHSET will work very hard to get Hood River High School back into OHSET next year. Barb seconded the motion.
 - Vote: 17 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.

Conference Call Verification Vote – (Minutes will be sent out.)

- December 3, 2015 conference call for co-ops and eligibility.
- Wendy motioned to accept those co-ops and eligibility items voted on at the December 3, 2015 conference call. Sherri seconded the motion.
- No discussion.

- **Vote: 16 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.** (One voting member stepped out of the room at the time of the vote.)

Rule Books –

- **Karen needs counts from district chairs ASAP.**
- Will also need shipping addresses.
- Please email her your count.
- Rule book will go online as soon as it goes to the printer.
- Remember – talked at the work session about do we need all these rule books? Are there some on your teams that don't really need a hard copy?

Coaches Training Exceptions –

- There were seven coach's training exceptions granted.

North Valley District Issue –

- Candi sent out emails prior to the meeting.
- These athletes were told could not ride in parade and did anyway.
- Have proof that this was communicated to athletes that they could not ride in parade. Also pictures of participation in parade.
- Coach suspended the athletes for the first upcoming meet.
- Coach has since quit.
- North Valley district has approved the suspension.
- Parents wanted to come before the state board to appeal this. They were not in attendance.
- What would happen to OHSET if an accident? We could be liable if spectators were injured.
- We need to set the standard for everyone.
- Are these athletes on team events? Yes, does affect others on the team.
- There was reference to OHSET at the parade – were not wearing helmets.
- Historically this has happened before – the coach was removed from OHSET.
- School supports the decision to suspend the athletes.
- Has the coach been replaced? Yes.
- **Chris motioned to support the North Valley decision to suspend the two athletes for the first upcoming meet. Sherri seconded the motion.**
- No discussion.
- **Vote: 15 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstain. Motion passed.**

Patterns –

- Working Rancher –
 - Holding the coiled rope, reins, and opening the gate is a safety concern.
 - Would like to see building the loop inside the gate.
 - Could switch elements #5 and #6.
 - **Chris motioned to switch elements #5 and #6 in the Working Rancher pattern for safety reasons. Sue seconded the motion.**
 - No discussion.
 - **Vote: 16 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.**
- IHOR –
 - The lime circle can be destroyed after a few handlers.

- What else can we use for the 24" circle?
- Use a hose, lay a piece of rope, or use a wooden disk?
- Wooden disks are used a lot within the miniature horse world.
- Should be a 3/4" piece of plywood.
- Michelle motioned to use a 24" circle made out of 3/4" plywood instead of the lime for element #2. Sue seconded the motion.
- No discussion.
- Vote: 16 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.
- Dressage –
 - Riding the same test for 4 years is usual in the dressage world.
 - Training level tests are restricted to certain elements.
 - Scoring for training level tests are usually around the 4's and 5's on elements.
 - If move to first level tests –
 - Would be adding harder elements.
 - Would be adding more elements.
 - Would be increasing the individual ride time.
 - Are we over testing our riders?
 - Make the state championship test the first level test and keep the training level test at the district level.
 - Can be discouraging to those that want to try dressage if move to first level test.
 - We need to be raising the bar for our athletes.
 - There are other organizations that offer a variety of tests.
 - Have two classes of dressage – can choose a test level.
 - Athletes had to choose which test to ride.
 - Will add some time to the meets.
 - Will need additional awards for districts and state.
 - Could mandate a move up in test level after a certain percentage is achieved on a test.
 - This could open a whole new can of worms for other events.
 - Could have some athletes that ride the lower test level when they should be riding the next level up.
 - What about the Rider Test?
 - Was discussed at one point.
 - PNWIC didn't allow us to use it.
 - Don't score each element.
 - Will need judges training to make this happen.
 - Is very much like scoring for drill.
 - Scoring is at the end of the test.
 - There is no versatility for this test.
 - Time for a challenge.
 - Stick with what we decided.
 - Will stay with the First Level Test for 2015-2016 season.

Miscellaneous –

- South Valley District –
 - Termination of an advisor.
 - If hear or see anything pertaining to this – please contact Candi.

- Redistricting Meeting –
 - Need to move this meeting up to accommodate for decisions made.
 - Move to the March 12, 2016 state board meeting.
 - District numbers will come out in January after registration deadline.
- PNWIC –
 - Dates have changed to accommodate final testing in Washington.
 - June 18-June 20, 2016.
- Central District Team –
 - Mismanagement of some team funds.
 - District attorney is now involved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Future Important Dates – State Board Meetings begin at 9:30 AM unless otherwise noted

2016

State Board Mtg	Sat, Jan 23	Phoenix Inn, Albany	10:00 AM
Redistricting Mtg	Sat, Mar 12	Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem	TBD
State Board Mtg	Sat, Mar 12	Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem	9:30 AM
State Board Mtg	Sat, Apr 9	Yamhill County Fairgrounds, McMinnville	9:30 AM
State Board Mtg	Wed, May 11	Deschutes County Fairgrounds, Redmond	TBD
State Meet	Thu-Sun, May 12-15	Deschutes County Fairgrounds, Redmond	
PNWIC	Sat-Mon, June 18-20	Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake, WA	