



Oregon School Activities Association
Student Activities Advisory Committee
Minutes
September 23, 2008 Meeting



PRESENT – Cori Mingear (DDCA), Linda Sheron (DDCA), Jennifer Muller (OMEA), Marci Taylor (OMEA), Janet Fryback (OCCA), Kristi Maley (OCCA), Michael Curry (OHSSLCA), Patrick Leahy (OHSSLCA), Mike Wallmark (OSAA Staff).

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Mike Wallmark.

INTRODUCTIONS – Committee members introduced themselves and the Charge to the Student Activities Advisory Committee was reviewed.

ELECTION – Patrick Leahy was nominated by Michael Curry, and seconded by Linda Sheron, to serve as the 2008-2009 Chairperson, and was unanimously elected.

Michael Curry was nominated by Patrick Leahy, and seconded by Linda Sheron, to serve as the 2008-2009 Vice-Chairperson, and was unanimously elected.

REVIEW OF TIMELINE FOR OSAA RULE CHANGE PROPOSALS – Mike Wallmark reviewed the timeline for rule change proposals for OSAA student activities and the committee member rotation.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – It was moved by Jennifer Muller, seconded by Linda Sheron and unanimously agreed to approve the amended minutes of the May 13, 2008 meeting.

OSAA REPORT – MIKE WALLMARK

1. Activities Participation Report. Ways to increase spectator attendance were discussed. Publicizing at retirement centers and selling blocks of tickets in advance were suggested.
2. Financial Report. Gate receipts, total expenses, and net revenue for all sports and activities were reviewed.
3. 2007-2008 Ejections Summary.
4. Summary of Eligibility Appeals for the last five years.
5. New Rules for 2008-09.
 - a. Apply the same individual eligibility rules to sports and activities.
 - b. Sportsmanship/spectator Conduct. Band directors and cheerleading coaches should be included in being informed.
 - c. Concussion Management (Board Policy 16).
 - d. Last game of the season ejection. (Board Policy 24) The fine has been increased.
 - e. Moratorium Week. No athletic or activities to be scheduled or allowed the week of Aug. 2 – 8, 2009.
 - f. Withdrawal from State Championships to avoid violating religious convictions. This allows the withdrawal of team or individual participants to withdraw as required by the recent State Supreme Court decision.
6. Upcoming Executive Board/Delegate Assembly Issues.
 - a. Classification and Districting for 2010 – 2014. In addition to the Charge in the OSAA Handbook, the Board asked the Committee to investigate whether the OSAA should increase league sizes, improve public/private competitiveness, and adjust the individual school ADM based upon socio-economic status.
 - b. Adult ticket prices were increased. Final round prices will be \$5.00 for students and \$8.00 for adults.
 - c. Proposed academic eligibility standards to raise the OSAA individual eligibility academic standards. A student must be enrolled full time *and making satisfactory progress toward graduation* as defined in the rule.

- d. Proposed AD/Coach certification would require all coaches to be certified.
- e. Proposal to increase the maximum financial penalty to \$2,500.00.
- f. Proposed 3A/2A/1A Contest Limitations. Six classifications have resulted in fewer teams in each district which requires less contests to determine league winners. Reducing the number of unnecessary contests means student athletes will miss less instructional time. It will also allow more time between seasons for multiple sport athletes.

7. Issues Facing the OSAA:

- a. Cheer Safety Clinics. Teams are on probation if the coach has not attended a clinic by November 1st.
- b. Portland Adventist Academy and the implications of the court ruling. One Adventist student has qualified to compete at the Cross Country Championships- usually a Saturday event. The event needs to be adjusted to accommodate the student.

- 8. The OSAA Handbooks were handed out minus the Dance & Drill Section, which is not completed.

9. The Case for High School Activities is available on the NFHS website.

10. 2008-09 OSAA Calendar. The Dance & Drill cutoff is now January 7, 2009 instead of a February date in order to allow for an earlier category breakdown and site designation.

IMPACT OF RULE CHANGE TO CONSISTENT ELIGIBILITY RULES AMONG ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Muller shared that the Music community is concerned that the rule will generate more work for directors. Jennifer suggested that information regarding the rule change be presented and reviewed at the OMEA State Conference.

The Speech representatives indicated that Speech is already at the same level of consistent standards as athletics. Mike Wallmark discussed eligibility rule violation penalties.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mike Wallmark asked for input on Spring Floors for cheerleading. He received a NFHS rule change proposal form. Many high school cheerleaders are also involved at "All Star" gyms that are using Spring Floors. The high schools do not have the Spring Floors. The cost is approximately \$16,000.00 for a Spring Floor. School coaches are starting to think they need a Spring Floor to be competitive. Michael Curry will share information he compiled on Spring Floors and safety in the Salem-Keizer School District schools.

CONFIRM FUTURE MEETING DATE AND TIME January 22, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. at the OSAA office in the U.S. Bank Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, Michael Curry moved that the meeting be adjourned and Cori Mingear seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.