

2023 OHSSCA Fall Membership Meeting

- I. Call to order- Oct 16, 2023
Start at 8:04- Mike DeBear intro as new president
- II. Financials—Rich S- Not available to report
 - Mike DeBear reports we are in a good position
 - Rich came on around 8:15- need to figure out where we can start allocating more money because we are in such a strong financial position (roughly \$25,000 in reserve with about \$7,000-\$8,000 coming in each year). More scholarship money, money to the swimposium, OHSSCA branding at C.T. Branin? etc. Send ideas to Mike DeBear
 - a. Notable expenses
 - i. Scholarships
 - ii. Awards- Let us know of any new awards or scholarships that need added
 - iii. Swimposium- total cost about \$2500, low compared to years past
- III. Recent OHSSCA work
 - a. talk of possible restructure of the state tournament- Rob Johnson talks about wanting consistency between districts in terms of championship season, but these talks are put on pause for now. Switching to a consistent number of qualifiers across each level has put people at ease.
 - b. Rob Johnson ran a “New Coaches” class in the early fall. Call for all coaches to promote to new coaches in future years
 - c. Swimposium at UA in September- goal to make it more relatable to normal circumstances was a success
- IV. Awards
 - a. Last Years Winners
 - i. Coach of the year awards: All coaches have received their awards.
Division I Girls: Jordan Gundlach and Morgan Quesnel – Dublin Jerome
Division I Boys: Brent Ransom – Toledo St. Francis—NFHS Nominee
Division II Girls: Liz Cremer and Tim Hable – Hathaway Brown
Division II Boys: Matt Harrison, Indian Hill
 - ii. Performance of the year:
Division I Girls: Addie Robillard, Cincinnati St. Ursula
Division I Boys: Scotty Buff, Toledo St. Francis
Division II Girls: Kami Periat, Port Clinton
Division II Boys: Gibson Holmes, Indian Hill
 - iii. Athlete Scholarship :
Girls: Abigail Haas, Tippecanoe High School
Boys: Gavin Hang, St. Xavier High School
 - iv. Wirthwein:
Tim Murphy/Jason Vickers- Trainers on site at C.T. Branin for a number of years

- v. Larry Lyons:
Rick Szczepinski

b. Nominations

- i. First of all a huge thanks to Eric Peterson for his service! Plaque in his honor on the way
- ii. Cindy Virdo for President Elect
- iii. Keeler Callahan for Secretary
- iv. Rich Szczepinski for Treasurer
- v. Anyone else who is interested in those positions? Call for any new nominees- no one nominated anyone different from above.
- vi. Trying to strengthen the voting process- more complete biographies for Hall of Fame nominees
- vii. Coming online nominations—Rob J
 - 1. SEI- sports, ethics, integrity—Need Nominees
 - 2. Wirthwein—Need Nominees
 - 3. Hall of Fame
- c. Annual scholarship expanded- don't have to be a state qualifier
- d. Hall of Fame
- e. Rob Johnson calls for more nominations along with bios sent in when you nominate someone for clarity when voting.

V. Committee reports

- a. Mike reports for RJ- make sure you watch the preseason video
- b. Diving- Ryan Wilson—Not on call.
- c. NISCA- Keeler Callahan and Wally Lutkus push for NISCA memberships and the spring swimposium in Indianapolis in line with Men's NCAA swim meet. Wally will send something out to OHSSCA membership on how to come

VI. This season

- a. 10/27 season start
- b. MyOHSAA rules meeting- GET IT DONE! Only about 34 minutes. Screenshot when you're done, even though it hopefully pops up right away that you have completed
- c. Encourage association membership- Mike notes recent changes because of OHSSCA- more swimmers at districts and states, relay judgment platforms, para-events at the district and state level. Your voice is actually heard when you join OHSSCA. The more membership we have the stronger voice we have when we go to the State with potential changes.
 - i. Going to continue to try and make the Swimposium better and better

VII. District needs

- a. All district rep positions are filled. Strong voices right now from across the state, if you are interested in getting more involved reach out to them or me

VIII. Old business?

Nate Lavengood of New Philadelphia brings up concerns of his girls team being D1 and boys D2 and different meet times/dates and the hardship that can cause. Mike suggests reaching out to Mike after the meeting and discussing options to help out Nate's position.

Denise Humphrey from Athens talking about girls and boys D1/D2 split teams. Mentioned D1 girls at a mostly D2 sectional don't get an automatic qualifier in these scenarios but an at-large bid.

IX. New business/open questions/concerns

Mike answers a handful of District meet questions from the chat.

Meeting concludes at 8:35pm

After Carolyn stays on to talk with Nate from New Philadelphia. New Philadelphia considered Central District- his D2 boys sectional was at Steubenville and his girls were at Worthington at the same day and time. Carolyn mentions the NW district has in school with both teams (boy's and girl's) always go to the same sectional, regardless of D1/D2 split.