



OADA League Representative Meeting

Sunday, February 21st, 2021

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Virtual Meeting over Zoom – Minutes

Call to Order/Welcome – Kyle Cowan

Present: Steve Wallo, Andrew Stiles, Mark Freeman, Pete LeMay, Sam Stevens, Scott Preston, Jack Henderson, Tammie Parker, Ron Talbot, Clint Forste, Gary Hedin, Beau Sisneros, Steve Cooper, Aaron Sturdevant, Chris Dunlap, Erik Hoberg, Rob Casteel, Josh Crawford, Ryan Tompkins, Jamie Young, Scott Bow, Dave Ehrhardt, Ben Buchanan, Kristen Rott, Darren Shryock, Brian Brands, Jesse Hamilton, Darren Goodman, Patrick Richards, Chris George, Thomas Armstrong, Trent Kroll, Russ Bolin, Neil Barrett, Brian Armstrong, Thomas Bendt, Vicki Nelms, Anna Maria Lopez, Ryan McIrvin, Jack Folliard, Chris Knudsen, Troy Bolinger, Peter Weber, Toni Cowdrey, Dave Hood, Bart Rothenberger, Dennis Burke, Tim Sam, Doug Thompson, Bill Bowers, Kyle Cowan.

Treasurer's Report – Toni Cowdrey – Currently, \$84, 828.68 in treasury, large amount of this is conference fees from last year. Thanked everyone who submitted membership forms when paying for league member dues since it is easier to track. Also apologized to those who received a notice from Dave regarding unpaid dues; most were paid and she has now adjusted to reflect payment.

VNN Presentation – Troy Bolinger, sponsor of the OADA. VNN always trying to do new things. Communications platform available; love relationship with OSAA. What they do and updates. Bring everything together in one system: schedules, social media, and registration, ticket sales to keep simple for everyone at all levels and can include clubs. Keeps brand consistency, social media in one site, management now can all come in one site and now can be done through a mobile app. Information loaded in one place and then communicated out consistently to everyone who needs information. Can be customized to communicate with specific groups. AD's control content. Integrates live streaming, fundraising and digital tickets all into one place. Can upgrade graphics, live scores can be livestreamed – they are the only platform that integrates with the NFHS to provide viewing information. Schedules can be pulled from OSAA website for ease of entry. Ticketing can be done without any extra work by school; done online. Pushes info out to social media sites. If interested contact Troy Bolinger (information provided in chat). Box out sports provides school logos and graphics; not limited to athletic department.

OSAA Report – Peter Weber – A couple of updates; webinar earlier in the week with protocols and updates on cross country, soccer, and volleyball. With the fluid situation they are still working with OHA, ODE on updates and will continue to share. Webinars are recorded and available to go back and view.

Clarifications and interpretations will continue to be sent out/posted to COVID 19 page; these will come on at least a weekly basis. Board has been meeting on a regular basis; recently discussed culminating week for Season 2 activities and have given control back to schools to be used at their discretion to organize events. Still working on Season 3 and 4. This coming week is a movement week; encouraged by warning week numbers.

A few more counties could move down to lower risk. Trend is positive overall, hopefully we'll have more opportunities to play in the future.

Practice limitation rule has been changed for 2020-21 with input from schools and will follow the type of open/closed plan currently prescribed to by the 5A & 6A schools without having a closed period. Schools will be allowed to determine if and how they recognize open and closed periods as suited to their situation for this school year. They hosted a webinar and there is a link on their website to that information. Especially important for 1-4A coaches since this will be new to them. The policy will allow for skill development, but no competition outside the OSAA season for each team sport.

They are also working on helping get the word out to recruit officials, we need as many as possible along with flexibility in scheduling to allow for servicing games. Academic hardships still brings lots of questions; 20-25 schools this past week. Process has been stripped down, now a school can put students in a list versus filling out the online form for each. Schools still need to show student and grade as well as plan in place to get them back on track. Email to Peter, also if students who are not able to be in a full load of classes, email to Peter. Board also clarified if a student graduates early, they are able to complete the season they are in. On Coronavirus page, list of all schools who have completed opt-in for contact football through the ODE. These are the only schools who are eligible to move to protective gear in practices. Schools who are not currently in a high risk county should still fill out form in case their county moves up to a higher risk.

Masks must be worn by all players, they cannot attach to helmet they must be in contact with the face. They will be sending out a short survey to see where schools are opting in for participation in Season 2 sports. Looking forward to getting things rolling this week. Opt-in schools are shown are in real-time with info from the ODE.

OACA Report - Chris Knudsen – thanks all coaches/schools and appreciates relationship with OADA. Presented Oregon statewide coaches award winners; Doug Hilsop, Imbler and Annie Ellett, Centennial won national awards for coaching representing Oregon. Info Rob found regarding Superbowl participants, 90% were multiple sport athletes; 56% were two-sport, 32% were three-sport and 2% were four-sport athletes. Use this info to motivate your athletes. Coming out of high school only 1 player was a 5-star recruit, 20 players were 4-star and 22 players were 3-star and 41 were below 3-star recruits coming out of high school. Last spring they cancelled their banquet they had a lot of plaques to hand out; they want to thank Kelly Bokn, Tim Sam and Tony Smith helping get those dispersed. Professional development: the wrestling coaches had over 100 attend a workshop in December. Starting next week there is a one-week clinic going on for football coaches. Now that athletics are starting up again it would be a good time to send out membership information to coaches. The OACA Return to Play campaign advocated for students to return to athletics and was closely followed to support the safe return to athletics for students.

OAOA Report - Jack Folliard big thanks to OSAA staff keeping them in mind and working with them. Shortage of officials has been impacted further due to COVID. Hoping that with Season 2 opening up more

officials will sign up. Also asked schools to get schedules to commissioners/associations and be flexible to accommodate official's low numbers. Also grateful to OSAA in getting officials included in vaccination process. Another impact for officials is carpooling, CDC recommends people do not carpool which has been a common practice with officials traveling to contests in rural areas. Looking for suggestions to resolve. Still working on recruiting and attracting officials to cover games. Flexibility will be key in dealing with this situation.

LTI Report – Tim Sam – Many ADs have taken advantage of courses offered this year. Spring schedule for NIAAA courses posted on their website. Lots of ADs have been working on their professional development; if you have questions, please reach out. The OADA website now has a list of all classes/certifications of Oregon AD's; if you have any questions or find discrepancies check with Tim.

CAA Testing – Vicki Nelms – what does it take to get certified? Need 5 classes, most of them given by OADA and can be completed in two years along with working for 2 years as a contracted AD and passing 100 question written test with a 75% accuracy. Test can be taken online now or hopefully Vicki will be able to offer in person soon. Every year we have at least one or two who earn; she is willing to give a study guide session if interested. Tim offered it is a great indicator of your commitment to professionalism and dedication to this profession, modeling professional development to coaches and administrators above you, and those you serve. Every class needed for CAA was offered this past December; OADA state conference offers some of the most courses at our event.

Newsletter Report – Dennis Burke – We have signed with Mascot Media to produce our newsletter. We are always looking for stories to share with colleagues. What's working for you, something to share that is a good resource for all. March 25 is next deadline for submission of articles (April 1); last newsletter for year will be coming out in June.

Anyone that writes an article can earn points towards earning CAA or CMAA certification. Dennis appreciated the quick and easy response from those who wrote for last newsletter.

Mentoring/New AD Toolbox – Tim Sam/Dennis Burke/Kris Welch – Value mentoring program and now have put into action by assigning mentors and providing courses and networking/support opportunities. Have developed an AD toolbox with resources on the OADA website. If you have a resource that others could use, please send to Tim/Dennis/Kris. Tim and Dennis are a part of NIAAA national mentor program serving Oregon. 46 new AD's this year; OSAA has given live workshops for them; while it hasn't happened this year due to restrictions, they hope to get back to this face-to-face format next year sometime around the end of November. Also athletic secretary workshops have been well-received and greatly appreciated; this has been offered in Spetember/end of May. Current workshop was recorded and is on OSAA website for review.

AD Chat'n Chew is a new series that has been good at strengthening network; speakers, current topic discussion, time to talk through. Excited to have Bruce Brown on Thu., March 4 – Developing Character in Your Athletic Program. Open to all, simply secure link from OSAA or OADA website. Themed lunches have been suggested to keep interesting. Upcoming session with Bruce Brown will have BB as their theme – bacon burger.

EDI Task Force – Tim is working with a newly designed task force to come up with concrete solutions, pathways forward for promoting and insuring we are leaders in the work of equity, diversity and inclusion.

Representation at every level from underrepresented groups across state. Vicki offers they have had 2 meeting and are getting to know each other. The national organization has a similar group working on this.

Executive Director Report – Dave Hood presented the solvency of the organization given the current financial status and where the money in the account has originated. There is concern with what format we offer state conference. We have surveyed membership to see if people can attend; mixed responses with concerns either way. We will have elections during the conference – 2A and 4A positions open as well as OADA secretary position. Would appreciate suggestions, we can do the leg-work to follow up. If you have suggestions for improving our website, please contact Dave.

OADA/NIAAA Membership -OADA currently uses Final Forms for member ship registration and looking at for conference. Dave is working with NIAAA representatives to align OADA and NIAAA membership due dates. Would be helpful, boost membership for both if we can offer a dual registration option.

National AD Conference –They are hopeful to have in-person event in Denver, CO Dec. 10-14, 2021. The event comes out west (west of the Mississippi) once every three years.

State Conference – (Dave) Given the current state of risk levels, expenses to host and attend and ability for AD's to attend and PR of holding a gathering at this time the OADA Board has decided to stay with a virtual conference this year.

Bart asked that everyone discuss and come up with suggestions on what AD's would want to see in a virtual event this year. Dates and how many days.

Dave offered that Final Forms can help us and vendors/exhibitors have a good platform for hosting event. The vendors/sponsors along with a small registration fee would help cover the expense to have FF/Attendify host. The OADA will set a deadline for AD/leagues who rolled over last year's conference fees to roll over or donate. We would like to use the money to host this year's conference.

Hall of Fame – Bill Bowers sent a link in the chat for submission of candidates to nominate. The HOF banquet will be postponed again until we can honor the inductees' in-person. If you have names for consideration, please send to him.

Golf Tournament – If you are still interested in playing in the golf tournament in April when we originally scheduled it, let him know if you are still interested.

Classification Reports - Everyone has been assigned to a breakout room for 30 minutes; somebody take notes to give report when we come back together.

1A, Steve Wallo – Current rule policy modifications are hard to determine if we stay with depends on next year; they like the change to practice limitations. Archery is one more emerging sport to consider. Jack Henderson was in their group and did not think there would be a delay in announcement due to COVID. State conference virtual everyone thought staying on same weekend best, preferred over weekday dates. It would be hard to attend on those days. No one interested in golf, so no decision. Rule modifications important to communicate current protocols, i.e. – no spectators. Also important to get award nominations in.

2A, Clint Forste – No on Rule of 2; want to go back to same, want to get back to normal. Academic waivers – would like to go back to same. Wonder why seniors must take more classes than necessary to be eligible. Emerging activities to include would be OSIET/Equestrian or forestry. Not much to add to new classification discussions in August. Discussed golf tournament, but many not comfortable currently traveling to play.

3A, Erik Hoberg – Would like to keep Rule of 2, make sense to change now, but would like to go back. Would also like to go back to former academic waiver. Would also like to have consideration for seniors as Clint suggested. Emerging sport, clay target shooting; OSIET. Classification/districting – concern for number of special districts for activities; lots of different groups/shifts. Would it be possible to reduce number of special districts? What are we (everyone) doing to limit the number of spectators in Season 2? Could OSAA come up with tracking template for teams to have at each contest for contact tracing?

4A, Dave Ehrhardt- Appreciate flexibility the OSAA has offered in this situation. Like some of the pieces of open/closed, but will wait to see how it plays out. Would like to return to academic waiver process. NO suggestions for emerging sports. Reclassification will likely impact them again, but like the group and size they are working with.

5A, Patrick Richards – Accustomed to pilot, so fine with it. Emerging sport lacrosse can help with addressing Title IX, clay target, water polo. Classification – what have other states done; are we going to change things up again? With new Bend school coming on how will this impact the league these schools will be/have been in? Would like information and ability to provide input on how it will impact them. Conference; keep same dates. Push towards weekend or evenings. Everyone positive about golf, possibly something in summer or multiple events to provide camaraderie and social aspect of event. Fundraising for some club sports suggested as emerging sports will place more burden on students to offer the sport.

6A, Russ Bolin – Conference questions, liked academic waiver option. Rule of 2 pilot is not an issue for them. Like minimum number of practices in all sports. Emerging sports: rugby, bowling, OSIET. Reclassification, 6A would like even numbers in leagues and larger leagues. How match-ups going this spring could impact how this looks going forward. Scheduling has gone well/cooperative, but actual contests may be telling how match-ups work. Concerns for travel taking football out of equation. Conference days are fine, but adjusting hours to condense would be good. Workshop ideas would include how statewide scheduling works. Classification time for planning would be helpful. Spent time checking in and seeing where everyone is at in the reopening of schools.

What is the attitude/aptitude for going to 5 classifications? Anyone have input? This spring with cross-classification play may help drive the discussion. Keep football as a special district and combine all the rest together. Schools have worked cooperatively this spring, will see afterwards how well it worked. Leaving it up to schools there is mixed emotion. Football drives a lot of the discussion. Travel also comes into play. Some smaller schools do not want to match up with larger, traditionally dominant schools. There was a question regarding, do we create a different system for football; this was shot down last time around. Metrics of where line is drawn make a more significant difference at mid-range classification levels.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:20 pm

Next Meetings:

EB	Monday, April 5th 11:00am – 2:00pm	OSAA Offices?
ALL	April 16th – April 20th	State Conference
EB Officers	Executive Board Retreat	TBD