

## NOVEMBER 6 OACA BOARD MEETING SPRING SPORTS RECOMMENDATIONS

Marv gave brief history of the OACA. The OACA has been around since 1935 with Marv being director since 1986. The first office was in his basement. Basic structure has been the same from the beginning. Name was initially Oregon High School Association, changed name to OACA in 1992. 1<sup>st</sup> OACA Coach of the Year Banquet was in 1986 and had maybe 50 people in attendance to this last year having over 250 attending. When Dave came on in..... he started the coaches certification, which is now done by NHFS. Dave became Co-Director 3 years ago. Biggest change was adding a non-voting member to the OSAA board. Jerry Hauck was the first to be the OACA rep to the OSAA now it is Rob Younger. We will include Marv's complete synopsis in our Winter Newsletter.

Marv reported that our membership as of 11/6 was 3042 and hoped to reach 3500 this year. He gave a list of this years Oregon Coaches of the Year and said that Rob will be working to get some of these named as National/Regional Coaches of the Year.

Dave gave an update on Marv's recovery from 2 hip operations. Tough guy!!

Dave gave an update on the upcoming Nike Football Clinic to be held on March 6-8. Said it has become one of the largest in the Country and the largest on the west coast. He talked about the OACA wanting to venture into other clinics and briefly talked about the Basketball Clinic that was held in October. The OACA gave seed money to get the clinic started. Said the information was late getting out but was well run and well attended despite the short notice. Jerry said that there were 135 coaches that attended. Said that the speakers were great and the coaches really liked being able to go to the Nike store. He said they would try and pattern next year's clinic more like the Football Clinic and spread over 2 days.

Dave mentioned that they are working on getting a Volleyball Clinic started too.

OAOA rep Jack Folliard said that they have been an association for 6 years. They have since put on over 60 clinics for officials. It is a rule now that any official working in OSAA sanctioned games will have to take the OAOA certification course.

He mentioned that they will be choosing a coach each year to receive Coach of the Year from the OAOA much like the Official's Award that the OACA gives out at the COY Banquet each year.

Jack talked about a principal's course they offer for coaches that promotes better communications between coaches and officials. Need the emphasis more on younger officials. Jack mentioned that they are 8-10 percent short on officials with the biggest concern that they have so few for freshman level games.

OSAA rep Rob Younger gave a brief summary of the Sept/Oct meeting. Said that a 1<sup>st</sup> time increase in ticket prices for adults in championship games was passed.

It was moved that all athletic directors and coaches to be NHFS certified. It will be voted on in April. Rob also said that there was discussion to reduce the number of games for 3A-1A because there are fewer teams per league.

Said that the 1<sup>st</sup> classification and redistricting meeting was held in September to make recommendations for the next 4 year time block.

OADA rep Craig Rothenberger talked about the spirit of the champion program put on by Bruce Brown. Turnout was tremendous with 15 schools qualifying as Spirit of Champion Schools. Craig announced that Bill Bowers and Terry Hanson received National Awards.

Craig said that at the league rep meeting all were in agreement about all coaches needing to be certified except for 3A and 6A. Academic changes – all were supportive, Fine increases all supportive except for 2A and 6A. Length of season all supportive except 3A-1A. 3A-1A expressed concerns that they can't host state playoff games because of gym size. Craig announced that Dave Johnson is a nominee for this year's Athletic Director Hall of Fame. This is the first time.

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Maryann Wells, Girl's Golf – State Tournament at Eagle Crest was very successful. Only concern is that many courses are charging to play not only in district play but for the regular season. She said that 5A and 6A are having a hard time finding coaches and filling rosters but 4A-1A is fine because they combine.

Jim Wells, Boy's Golf – Sport is growing faced with more fees, most courses don't charge but some do. Working at league/district level to fix that.

Great State Tournament, added Emerald Valley as one of the courses to go along with the OGA Course, Tukwilla and Trysting Tree.

Jim would like to see a closer relationship between the OGA, OSAA and OACA. Maybe have a liaison between groups. Peter from the OSAA stated that they are starting to work with the OGA on the getting better communication.

Kurt Lindner, 6A Boys Tennis – Large growth in numbers last couple of years. Facilities at Tualatin Hills for State Tournament was outstanding. Would like to see number of seeds go from 4 to 6 stated that more players are deserving.

Kirsten Ruchaber, Girls Tennis – Excited about West Hills for new tournament site. Level keeps rising in tennis also agrees that the number of seeds needs to be looked at.

Ron Warkenton, 4A-1A Tennis – State tournament was great. Submitted a recommendation to have pigtail matches go into a consolation match and not just be out of the tournament if they lose the pigtail match... Also, would like to go up in number of seeds, from 4 to 5.

Chris Johnson, Track & Field – State Meet at Hayward Field overall good except it got expensive on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. New configuration of the field was hard to coordinate and events took longer to get through. Availability of officials was also an issue.

The small school meet was fine except for the high heat index. Should've moved the long events to earlier or later in the day.

Scott Vang, Softball – New pitching distance is in an experimental stage. Going to 43' from 40'. Taking survey of coaches to see if they want to change the pitching distance. All Classification. Said he needs help with 3A-1A coaches. Dave said that they would try and find someone. Expressed concern with ASA taking kids to play in tournaments during the season. Kids get hurt, etc.

Stacy Morgan, Baseball – All-Star Series Host Sites, Linfield 3A-1A, Roseburg 4A, Bend 5A, Bucks Field, 6A, Linfield June 20-21

Great Series. Have a golf tournament to raise funds. Financially independent this year with just Oregon teams participating.

There will be a clinic at OSU, baseball/softball the weekend after Thanksgiving.

OSAA – I was getting lunch ready ☺