

Action Items

Motions Voted On

Minutes for OHSET State Board Zoom Meeting Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:30 PM

In Attendance: Candi Bothum – State Chair, Scott Chauncey – State Vice Chair, Denise John – State Treasurer, Jan Harer – State Secretary, Bill Weir – Co-Op’s & Eligibility, Anne Garrett – Judges Chair

Lisa Zollinger – W, Jaimie Dickey – W, Heather Zumwalt – C, Christina Bates – C, Kristen Schweitzer – NV, Kari Salzberg – NV, Sena Conn – SV, Sherry Henry – SV, Macy Schulyer – SV Youth, Corinne Dimick – NW, Launa James – NW, Kim Ries – S, Desiree Eddy – S, Chris Dinsmore – NE, Jenny Tackett – NE, Denise Greif – TRV, Tiffanie Epperson – TRV

Donna Espelien, Britney Morlan, Sue Lowe

Vote Count – 17 (Those underlined above are voting members at this meeting. One voting member left during the meeting and one joined the meeting at different times. The vote count was 16 for all motions and votes.)

W – 2

C – 2

NV – 2

SV – 3

NW – 2

S – 2

NE – 2

TRV – 2

OHA Ruling and Decision –

- Candi sent out the response from the OHA via email prior to the meeting.
- Our volunteers do not need to be vaccinated in order to volunteer at meets according to the OHA.
 - If the school requires the volunteers to be vaccinated – then they must follow the school’s rules and guidelines.
 - All volunteers (parents/district officers/coaches/advisors/etc.) will follow all OHSET Covid and OHA rules/guidelines and mandates.
- All contractors will not need to be vaccinated or show proof of vaccination.
- **Sherry motioned to accept the OHA ruling/guidelines for OHSET volunteers. Denise seconded the motion.**
- Discussion –

- Might some schools pull out because we do not require volunteers to be vaccinated? Could.
- Protocols will be in place for all.
- Need to enforce all of our rules/guidelines across all districts.
- Mandate requires masks for those indoors and those outdoors (that can't maintain a safe social distance).
- Will masks be required for athletes when riding? Probably not as they compete individually and safety for team events.
- Contractors will be required to wear masks.
- Will update our Covid protocols to reflect what is current now.
- **Vote: 16 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.**
- If your school requires that the volunteers be vaccinated – you must follow their rules/guidelines.
- We will continue to follow the state guidelines and mandates issued by the governor and OHA.
- **Candi will draft a letter to schools/teams that will be available early next week.**
 - **Will be available next Thursday (at the work session) and updated protocols (these will be on the website when ready).**

8th Grader Grooms –

- It has been brought to our attention that an 8th grader was being “coached up” at a practice – this counts as a year of eligibility according to the AD at the school. Thus, the athlete/groom will lose a year of eligibility and will not be able to ride their senior year.
- OHSET did not know about this OSAA rule. So, OHSET allowed 8th grade grooms to ride at the practices.
- Several options –
 - Don't follow OSAA rules.
 - Drop 8th grade grooms.
 - Allow the 8th graders to ride only before practices and after.
 - Don't allow 8th graders to ride at all and do other activities that grooms “normally” do.
- Goal is for 8th graders to be competing athletes starting their 9th grade year.
- Might lose some 8th graders by not allowing them to ride during the team practices.
- Grant exceptions for those that have ridden at practices in the last two years to make them eligible their 4 years of high school.
- Discussion about how this worked in the past and what to do now.
- **Lisa motioned to grant an exception for those that rode and were coached up as 8th graders since we allowed them to do so. Sena seconded the motion.**
- **Vote: 16 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.**
- Discussion after the vote -
 - Candi will draft up something to send out.
 - Will need to rewrite the rules to reflect what is allowed according to OSAA rules.
 - For this year – no practices, but still be involved with the team.

- Would like to include an exception for those athletes that will be 8th graders this year.
- Don't feel we can allow an exception for this year because the season has not started yet.
- Do more research on how schools handle 8th graders and sport practices.
- Please let coaches and advisors know are still researching and will decide when more has been gathered.
- **For now – 8th graders will not be practicing/coaching up with the team.**

5th Year Student/Athletes –

- SV has a 5th year student special needs athlete from Junction City in a life skills class monitored by the high school that would like to ride this year.
- State board will need to make an exception if wanted.
- This is not a typical 5th year exception.
 - Most 5th year students have not graduated.
 - This special needs athlete has graduated from the high school program and is now in the life skills program through the high school.
 - Does not have any graduation requirements or on track requirements.
- These need to be done on a case-by-case basis for these athletes.
- Sena motioned to accept this exception for a special needs 5th year athlete to compete this year in OHSET. Sherri seconded the motion.
- Kristen amended (1st amendment) the motion to waive all eligibility requirements for this student. Sue seconded the motion.
- Sena amended (2nd amendment) the above motion to include that the student is not eligible to qualify for the state meet. Kristen seconded the motion.
- Vote on the 2nd amendment: 15 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.
- Vote on the 1st amendment: 16 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.
- Vote on the original motion: 16 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain. Motion passed.

Revisit Hermiston Request to Move to WASHET –

- Brandon Garrison (WASHET Chair) will be joining us at the Saturday, October 30 State Board Meeting.
- Candi will send out an email from the school.

Other –

- Will set up a Zoom for the state board meeting on Saturday.
- If an athlete is getting their GED – can be treated as a homeschool athlete for eligibility purposes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.