



**Southwest District Athletic Board Meeting
September 25, 2007 Meeting
Spring Coaching Representatives**

ROLL CALL

President Ray Spicher, Vice-President Mark Hughes, Kathy Davisson, Jim Ladd, Gene Klaus, George Rise, Dave Gray, Andy Bixler, Secretary Dale Creamer, and Treasurer Bob Huelsman. All present.

SOFTBALL REPRESENTATIVES– 4:30 P.M.

Invited coaches: Rick Armstrong, Fairmont; Steve Castner, Lakota East; and Doug Orange, Brookville. Mr. Castner was not present

Topics:

1. Determining host sites for sectional and district games. How are sites chosen? Mr. Creamer gave an explanation on how this is done.
2. District championship game should not have home team playing on their home field. Sectional and District Finals should be on neutral fields.
3. Divisions II and III coaches had no issues
4. Division IV - Open draw survey. Twenty-seven (27) schools participated in the Division IV Tournament in 2007. Twenty-one (21) surveys were returned. Thirteen (13) schools returned completed ballots with “yes” votes. Four (4) schools returned “yes” ballots with partial signatures. Five (5) schools returned completed ballots with “no” votes. Five (5) schools did not respond.

TRACK REPRESENTATIVES – 5:15 P.M.

Invited coaches: Max Benton, Manager; Scott Dalton, Middletown; Warren McConnell, New Richmond; and Mike Meredith, Milton-Union. Mr. Benton was the only representative present.

Topics:

1. Order of events to be identical to Regional and State meets.
2. The elimination of semi-finals in 2007 was well received.
3. Common implements – coaches prefer that athlete brings his own implement rather than having one provided.
4. Passes – some sites issue passes to coaches while others do not. Perhaps a policy should be developed to assure consistency across the district.

BASEBALL REPRESENTATIVES – 6:15 P.M.

Invited coaches: Kevin Bowdle, Urbana; Lee Day, Lebanon; and Mark Thompson. Present were: Kevin Bowdle, Lee Day, and Dan Roberts for Mark Thompson.

Topics:

1. Coaches appreciated moving the tournament back one week.

2. Continue to start tournament the second week. Play two games the first week with one day between the games, and finish the sectional during District Championship week with one day between games.
3. In all tournaments in the south, allow the highest seeded team to host the game provided that they can charge and field is suitable. This concept would be observed up to the finals, and this game would be on a neutral site.
4. Coaches would like to pursue an Open Draw concept.

BOY'S BASKETBALL DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK

Due to the University of Dayton's basketball schedule, the Arena will not be available all day on Saturday, March 1, 2008. The board members would like to keep all contests at the Arena. The following schedule was adopted via a motion by Gray and seconded by Hughes.

Motion passed 8-0.

Schedule will be as follows:

Tuesday, February 26, Division IV

Wednesday, February 27, Division II

Thursday, February 28, Division III

Friday, February 29, Division I

Saturday, March 1, Division I – Times to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT