

Whistle - May 2022

Well spring is maybe here. Time to put away the snowblowers and get out the lawn mowers. Enjoy the warmer weather and longer days.

BAOA ANNUAL MEETING

As we have done every year (before the pandemic) we will once again have an annual banquet/business meeting. The date for this year will be Saturday May 21st and will be held at Mesenberg's Banquet Hall in Huron. The doors will open at 5:30, we will eat dinner around 6:15ish, enjoy a guest speaker, Kevin Katafias . After Kevin speaks, we will have the presentation of meritorious awards, a short business meeting then the election of our 2022-23 officers.

Our menu for this year's dinner will be Prime Rib, Honey Wine Chicken Breast, Yukon Golds w/sea salt, Country Style Green Beans, Rolls and butter, Garden Salad and a variety of pies for dessert.

Our guest speaker, Kevin Katafias, has officiated OHSAA basketball for 45 years and football for 44 years, he has officiated college football, has been a school administrator for many years and a member of the NW District Board. Kevin's years of experience in all of these areas will create a very informative message to our entire association.

Our 2022-23 Vice President will come from our basketball membership per our By-Laws, so anyone who may be interested should contact me or an Executive Committee member ASAP. We do have one candidate as of now, Tom Rini but any member of the basketball membership is welcome to throw their hat in the ring.

As part of the business meeting, we will be voting on a revision to our By-Laws to add a requirement for the Executive Committee to approve all OHSAA Hall of Fame nominee's sponsored by the BAOA. The Executive Committee feels this privilege, which all OHSAA sport associations have, needs to be documented in our By-Laws. Please find attached a "marked" copy of our By-Laws which we will vote on at the banquet May 21st. The proposed changes are in "**RED**".

BAOA ANNUAL MEETING- HEAD COUNT

An accurate head count for this event is very important therefore **EVERYONE** will be asked to **confirm - attending or not attending - via email.** As in the past, our members will be allowed to bring a guest. So I'm asking every member of the BAOA to send me an email and state #1) I will be attending with a guest (or no guest) or #2) I will not be attending. **AGAIN, AN ACCURATE HEAD IS A MUST, SO PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL ONCE YOU KNOW. - I NEED FOR EVERYONE TO COMPLETE THIS TASK PLEASE.**

If anyone has any questions, please let me know

BAOA FOOTBALL MECHANICS CLINIC

Chuck Caskey, our BAOA Mechanics Interpreter, has scheduled our 3rd annual Football Mechanics Clinic for Saturday June 11th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The clinic will be held once again at Huron High School. Bruce Maurer, OHSAA Football DOD, will once again be in attendance. Those who attend will earn 1 educational credit toward their required 4 credits for 2022. **THERE ARE ONLY 3 SPOTS LEFT FOR THE CLINIC SO CONTACT CHUCK ASAP.** Contact Chuck at styxdweller01@yahoo.com ASAP please.

BAOA DUES AND OHSAA PERMIT RENEWAL

Next month will be our month to renew our OHSAA permits and pay our BAOA dues. Since Covid OHSAA has revised the deadline dates for winter sports so as of right now I have no indication of what the requirement will be for the 2022-23 season. This is just a reminder that this is coming next month.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

As always if anyone has any ideas, concerns or questions about the association and/or high school officiating please let me or a member of our Executive Committee know. Also, pictures of our members officiating are always welcome so that I can update the website with more recent photos. Thanks for a great 2021-22 season, I hope to see everyone back next year (but we do have quite a few retirements), and I hope everyone has a safe and fun spring/summer.

Thanks,

Greg Bartemes

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