

Date: May 10, 2013

Subject: OAOA Softball Committee

Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Roll call was taken, the following were present:

John Christensen Rogue Valley, Larry Harwood & David Blake Lane County, Rick Booth Mid-Valley, Bruce Foster Three Rivers, Denny Palanuck & Matt Jacks Salem, Jim Miles Portland, Tim Murphy Klamath Falls, Bob Reichert Central Oregon.

Not Present:

Dale Andrews Longview, Mike Goetz Douglas County, Gary McCarney Malheur, Joe Wampler Mid-Columbia, Gregg Fowler Central Oregon.

Meeting called to order, beginning with reviewing the playoff protocol sent out by Peter Weber on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Reviewed the following protocols:

- Reminders of play in game schedule for 6A, 5A and 4A teams.
- Reminder that we do not have play in games for 3A, 2A/1A teams.
- All OSAA Championship games are played using three umpire assignments for all games.
- Reviewed the first round through the Semifinal round game schedules, for all levels of play.

It was brought to the committee's attention that Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a very full playoff day for Salem, as they may have as many as 11 playoff games scheduled on that date. Denny Palanuck and Matt Jacks suggest looking at the possibility of playing 3A, 2A/1A level games on the Tuesday to reduce the amount of coverage needed on any given date. They experienced 13 playoff games last season and had a difficult time scheduling 39 OCEP certified officials to cover those games.

Lastly we reviewed the weather reminders of lightning, rainouts and halted game procedures, along with the 10 run rule and the tie-breaker rule in the beginning of the 10<sup>th</sup> inning. All crews will be reminded of these requirements prior to starting OSAA playoff contest.

This year we scheduled two OCEP clinics and certified or re-certified over 60 umpires. Both clinics were well attended and were very informative clinics.

The committee asked who would like to host an OCEP certifying clinic in 2014. Both Denny Palanuck and Bob Reichert indicated they would be interested in hosting clinics. It was discussed and the decision was made to have the first clinic on the east side of the state with Bob Reichert in March and the second clinic with Denny Palanuck in April in Salem. The final dates and locations will be confirmed on or before January's commissioners meeting in Wilsonville.

Matt Jacks made a suggestion to hold a three person umpire clinic in the summer months utilizing ASA teams to give high school umpires more in depth instruction. This would be structured as a two day camp where the umpires would not be charged a fee, but would be getting instruction at all three positions in the three umpire system. The tournament would be run by the OCEP certified clinicians to

insure the high school manual was being taught and followed at all times. John Christensen committed to reviewing this idea with Cindy Simmons and getting back to the committee.

The softball committee made a suggestion in the January meeting to add additional trainers to the OCEP clinician staff. Currently there are 5 trainers that have covered the state for the past 5 years. It is believed that additional resources should be added to help carry this process into the future.

The committee received a list of 15 names and with further discussion it was decided to add 10 people to the clinician staff. A list will be sent to the committee for a vote and the top 10 will be notified that they are added to the OCEP training staff. These 10 new clinicians will be required to attend one of next year's clinics to receive training in the OCEP process. They will assure we are teaching "One Rule, One Mechanic, One Interpretation" going forward.

A sub-committee was assigned for writing a proposal to allow "Advanced Umpire Mechanics" for OCEP certified umpires. The sub-committee will be chaired by Matt Jacks/Denny Palanuck, Marcus Eng and Gregg Fowler will be assisting in writing the proposal. This proposal will be sent to the committee chair. John Christensen will forward the proposal to Cindy Simmons for review. The hope is to have resolution by the next Softball Committee meeting in January 2014.

There were three names submitted to the committee for Umpire of the Year consideration for the 2013 season. Prior to the review and vote for this award, Tim Murphy was asked to leave the meeting as he was one of the nominees submitted this season. The committee then reviewed each umpire and voted for a winner. The vote produced Tim Murphy from Klamath Falls Umpire Association. The committee would like to recognize all three candidates for their contribution to softball umpiring in the state, and in their local associations. These three are Michelle Hughes - North Coast Softball, Tim Murphy - Klamath Falls Softball, and Danny Perez - Three Rivers Softball. Congratulations to all three for their successful seasons.

David Blake mentioned that there were conflicting dates on the Umpire of the Year nomination forms. This caused some confusion as the form online states June 30<sup>th</sup>. John Christensen pointed out that the requirement changed last year to accommodate presenting the winners with their award at the championship game site each year. He will review with OSAA to get all dates corrected.

The meeting was closed at 6:48 and John Christensen thanked all for joining the teleconference.

Reviewed and respectfully submitted,  
John Christensen  
OAOA Softball Committee Chair

