

# SECRETARY STUFF

by Mark Wilson / OBCA Executive Secretary

The yearly OSSAA Basketball Advisory Committee met at the OSSAA office on March 29<sup>th</sup>. This is the group of girls and boys coaches representing each of the seven classifications as well as the directors of the girls and boys associations. The following motions were brought to the OSSAA. Present from the OSSAA were David Jackson and Ron Etheridge. Mike Whaley also gave input and fielded questions about official assignment through out the playoffs. These motions were voted on by the committee:

**#1 - Motion to extend the opening date that football playing schools can scrimmage from November 1<sup>st</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed 15 – 0**

Rationale for this motion is that is it difficult to have all 6 allowed scrimmages within the current time frame, especially for coaches who are involved with their junior high teams. Also teams who do not have large numbers of players out until football is over would have the opportunity to scrimmage against another team with similar numbers. This would allow for two weeks of practice and then a scrimmage which would be helpful in preparing teams for the upcoming season.

**#2 – Motion to not charge the school for a team page in the State Championship Programs. Motion passed 15 - 0**

Currently, Oklahoma State Championship Programs require \$300 for a team page in the State Championship Programs. It is our belief that this is extremely unfair that schools are paying for the right to be in the program. Oklahoma Championship Programs are making a healthy profit off the advertising and sales of the programs and does not need to make \$33,600 on the schools that make the state tournaments.

**#3 – Motion to move the split of teams East/West back one week in 5A / 6A. Motion passed 15 – 0**

By making the East / West split one week earlier, it allows the coaches in 5A/6A to vote twice on OKrankings before the playoff pairings are determined.

**#4 – Motion to drop the high and low rankings for each team each week in OKrankings. Motion passed 15 – 0**

This allows OKrankings to drop each teams low and high rankings from their total each week so that one coach trying to manipulate the system by ranking a team much lower than the consensus of the rest of the coaches would not have a huge impact on the rankings.

**#5 – Motion to raise the basketball playoff reimbursement 10% across the board. Motion passed 15 - 0**

Basketball reimbursements generally do not cover expenses of teams during the playoffs. Football teams actually make money as the move through the playoff rounds because they receive a portion of the gate which is not the case in basketball. By increasing basketball playoff reimbursements the OSSAA could balance some of the inequities

The next step in the process for these motions is to be discussed and possibly voted on by the Athletic Directors Advisory Committee. Any motions that pass through the AD's will then be sent to the OSSAA Board of Directors for consideration and possible action.

Boy's basketball coaches present at the meeting were 6A – Tim Bart/Bartlesville, 5A – Jay Price/Carl Albert, 4A – Doug Schumpert/Anadarko, 3A – Randy Upshaw/Verdigris, 2A – Donnie Husband/Latta, A – Jim Petree/Thomas, B – Kevin Brown/Hammon, OBCA – Mark Wilson/Ardmore