

ALA/BCA Committee Meeting
August 17, 2019, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Birmingham Marriott Hotel

1. Roll Call

Attendance - Present at Meeting

1. Barry Dean – President/Executive Director
2. Johnny Johnson (James Clemens) – Committee Chair
3. Talley Haines (Mobile Christian), District 1 Rep.
4. Tyler Dent (Andalusia High School), Membership Chairman
5. Craig McDaniel (Sweet Water High School), District 3 Rep.
6. Patrick Ware (Jasper High School), District 5 Co-Rep.
7. Wes Henderson (White Plains High School), District 6 Rep
8. Jan Weisberg(Birmingham Southern), Small 4-Year College Rep.
9. Kelsay Cross (Brookwood High School), Committee Secretary
10. Adam Moseley (Hoover High School), Legislative Chair
11. Matt Whitton (Charles Henderson), District 2 Rep.
12. Eric Dubose (Kennan McArthur), Travel Ball Rep.
13. Travis Coleman (Houston Astros/TPL), Professional Scout Rep.
14. Chris Heaps (Russellville High School), District 7 Rep.
15. Casey Underwood (Snead State Community College), Comm. College Rep.
16. Bob Pickett (Macon- East Academy), AISA Rep.

Not Present at Meeting

1. Michael Dismukes (Wetumpka High School), District 4 Rep.
2. Tyrus Moss (A.H. Parker High School), District 5 Co-Rep. Minority Rep
3. Brandon Moore (Oneonta High School), District 8 Rep.
4. Lavert Andrews (Ramsey High School), Minority Rep.
5. Tyler Shrout (Samford University), Large 4-Year College Rep.
6. Mike Good (Sparkman High School) Convention Director

1. Barry Dean led the room in a prayer and then had members present introduce themselves.

2. New Business

- A. Financial Report- Barry Dean reported that we would not receive the full financial report until the next board meeting. The books run from August 1 thru July 31st. Barry mentioned that we are still included in the State Education budget to receive \$50,000 this year.
 - a. Barry Reported that 33 schools made \$77,500 on the Fall fundraiser in 2018.

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- b. Also reported that once again there was 400 plus coaches at the state convention.
- c. Barry went over his salary which is \$70,000. Up from \$50,000 a few year ago. He continues to increase amount of money coming in every year. He also gets \$500 put into a retirement fund as well.
- d. There was \$300,000 ran through the books this past year.
- e. Had 253 kids at the Mountain Brook Showcase – breaking record of 167 in 2018.
- f. 6 or 7 State Senators are still giving \$1000 donations a year.

B. Membership report- Tyler Dent

- a. Barry kicked off the membership portion announcing the change in membership from August- September, to September 1, to August 30.
- b. Tyler dent mentioned the importance of committee members tapping guys to join and become members. We can only grow if we are influential with the coaches. He mentioned he will start emailing lists out so districts can start tapping members.
- c. Barry Dean explained that he is meeting with Lee Marketing Group next week in Alex City about developing an app for the ALABCA. Members began to discuss how that can help recruit coaches who can join straight from the app.
- d. AISA push will come from Coach Pickett the AISA Rep.
- e. Even though 400 plus attended convention, we are still missing 60% of head coaches in the state.
- f. Also Barry asked college guys to tap college coaches around the state.

C. Convention Update

- a. Barry Dean introduced the change of the convention fee. The new fees will be as listed:

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- i. \$100 Staff Membership cost / \$50 individual
- ii. Early bird convention registration - \$80
- iii. \$100 second convention pre-reg period
- iv. \$120 on site for the convention
- b. Speakers already committed to coming, Marc Rardin, Chuck Box, Turtle Thomas, Ron Polk, Pat Murphy, Matt Bragga.
- c. Saturday sessions will not be single rooms and not split room speakers.
- d. Thursday will have speakers instead hot stoves. There will be hot stoves available in side rooms after speakers are done.
- e. Coach Heaps brought up idea of asking Cullman Coach to come speak. Coach Moseley then brought up the idea of having Blake Talley from Grissom come speak on using technology since it is becoming so big in today's baseball society.
- f. 25th Convention will be January 16-18, 2020
- g. Barry Dean mentioned that Mike Good will be the Convention Director and that he will be getting with committee members about duties that need to be handled for convention.

D. Proposals Adam Moseley

- a. 1A - 6A are allowed 32 games
 - i. Rationale: By getting away from the old playing dates system the AHSAA has made it much more attractive for teams to compete in only one game on a given day. That one game takes is a similar time commitment to a practice for many teams. This will give teams the option to play more games instead of practice if they wish.
- b. All 32 Teams in 7A make the playoffs
 - i. Rationale: this would line up 7A with other classes in terms of numbers of teams that make the playoffs. Playoffs would start on the same date as 1A - 6A.

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- c. Member schools will be allowed to hold voluntary workouts for underclassmen in the time frame from the end of the season until the beginning of the summer.
 - i. Rationale: under the current rules when a team is knocked out of the playoffs they can no longer practice their young players. For many teams this means their players have a month without instruction from their high school coaches. As a result they are either going to work with their travel coaches and causing more expense to their family, or they get no instruction which thereby increases the chance of injury.

- E. Barry reviewed the Calendar of Events for the upcoming year.
 - a. Added a coaches clinic at Jacksonville State on November 2nd.
 - b. Barry asked to tap coaches to help with Miracle league and get more teams statewide involved with Miracle leagues around the state. Very impactful for the young men in their programs to experience.

- F. New Thoughts for 2019-2020
 - a. Technology for showcases and ALABCA events to make them more attractive.
 - b. It was discussed to approach multiple solutions to adding technology to the ALABCA events and help create player profiles.
 - i. It was brought up for the ALABCA to look into purchasing Flight scope strike. However it was discussed that the cost would be too high to be profitable. \$20,000
 - ii. The idea was brought up to purchase multiple Rapsodo Pitching and Hitting devices. It was discussed to purchase 2 for north and south end showcases.
 - iii. It was also discussed to look into Hoover met and the trackman equipment there. However, some downfalls would be that agreements would have to be made with Trackman and keeping information confidential to just ALABCA site.

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- iv. The importance of having technology is to have the information so that college coaches coming to events can scout with their eyes and have the numbers and stats given to them after so they can spend more time watching the player and not trying to keep up with stats.
 - v. Barry Dean mentioned that the committee would have to take the lead in implementing technology. It was brought up to have a technology rep added to committee. Blake Talley was mentioned as possible candidate for that position.
 - vi. Astros rep discussed importance of having the numbers to go along with the player profiles. He also mentioned having Matt Pajak or MLB PDP guy come to discuss how implement technology information with the ALABCA. The committee then discussed the idea of having the MLB avg 20-80 scale and Avg stats of college players so that players coming to events can understand where they are in development compared to different levels of baseball.
 - vii. Barry Dean also mentioned that the ability to have player profiles on the ALABCA website is already created.
 - c. Casey Underwood brought up idea of changing format of Troy Events. Possibly still having the tryouts and having event at Troy being the top 120. However, maybe have a preferred list with the top prospects of the state to automatically be considered either for the top 120 or actually have them represent as Team Alabama in the Southeastern shootout.
 - d. It was also brought up to add players coaches opinions in the process of choosing top 120 to help avoid misses from one day tryout.
- G. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2020, 12:00-3:00 pm at the 25th Coaches Convention, Birmingham Marriot.