



# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2021

President Ben Smith called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 9, 2021, via Zoom.

The following members were present: Jon Abrams, Laramie County School District #2; Keith Bauder, Wyoming Indian; Justin Carr, Douglas; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Beau Garcia, Upton; Mike Hamel, Carbon County School District #1; Jason Hansen, Lyman; Terry Hooker, Casper; Thomas Jassman, Rock Springs; Bruce Jolley (WSBA), Lovell; Reggie Miller, Riverton; Christina Mills, Shoshoni; David Nicholas, Washakie County School District #1; Josh Sandlian, Wheatland; Dicky Shanor, State Department of Education; Ben Smith, Big Horn County School District #1; Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central and Larry Yeradi, Wright. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

#### AGENDA

President Smith asked the Board if there were any changes or additions to the agenda.

**Agenda** – no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Finance and Personnel** – no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Handbook** – no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Calendar and Culminating Events** – no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Reclassification** – no changes and/or additions.

**MOTION:** Mr. Whitworth moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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## COMMITTEES

### RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chair Larry Yeradi, Jon Abrams, Justin Carr, Mike Hamel, Reggie Miller and Chad Whitworth.

Ad Hoc Members: Brandon Deromedi, Mike Gregory, Mike Lashley, Jim O'Connor, Dustin Rees, Jerry Schlabs, Ann Wille and Rod Winland.

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

### FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair Chad Whitworth, Glenn Freeburg, Reggie Miller, David Nicholas, Josh Sandlian and Dicky Shanor

#### APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2020-21

**MOTION:** Mr. Shanor moved and Mr. Nicholas seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and second quarter report for 2020-21 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

**MOTION:** Mr. Nicholas moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the November Board Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

**MOTION:** Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Nicholas seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)

#### INVESTMENT REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported that the WHSAA's investments are doing well and he continues to work with the Association's financial advisor to monitor assets.

#### 2020-21 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black and to work with Mr. Laird and Mr. Merback on monitoring the WHSAA's investments.

### HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chair Christina Mills, Mike Hamel, Loren Heth, Terry Hooker, Thomas Jassman and Larry Yeradi

#### 2020-21 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to evaluate fair play and equity throughout all WHSAA events.

### CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chair Beau Garcia, Jon Abrams, Keith Bauder, Justin Carr, Jason Hansen and Bruce Jolley

#### RULE 7.13.33 – TENNIS COACHING PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 7.13.33 as follows:

*During the regular season, coaches can coach between points and any breaks of play so long as the coaching does not interfere with play. Coaches comments can only be directed at their players and not at the opposing player when the coach is on the same end as their player. Also, coaching by the coach or designee may take place during the changeovers, not to exceed the 90 second limit. Coaching may also take place before the match or within the ten (10) minutes between the second and third set of split sets. Coaches are reminded that they are responsible for their team's actions on and around the court and the actions of any spectators from their respective schools. **Do not intentionally interrupt concentration or play in any way.***

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*During Regional and State Tournaments, coaches can only coach before the match and at the end of each set (up to one minute at the end of set 1, and up to 10 minutes at the end of set 2, if split set). Players may receive coaching from their coaches **and/or teammates with the number of persons coaching limited to two per visit.***

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*FINAL READING**

STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

**Tennis:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Carr moved and Mr. Jolley seconded the motion to accept Gillette's proposal to host the 2022 – 2025 State Tennis Tournaments at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**Indoor Track:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Carr moved and Mr. Jolley seconded the motion to accept Gillette's proposal to host the 2023 – 2026 State Indoor Track Meets with 80% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**Alpine Skiing:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to accept Jackson's proposal to host the 2023 – 2026 State Alpine Ski Meets with \$500 per year payable to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**Girls and Boys Swimming:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to table awarding 2022 – 2026 State Girls and Boys Swimming and Diving host sites to allow the WHSAA to work on establishing a rotation with schools that submitted proposals.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*TABLED**

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**CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)**

**Softball:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Jolley moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to table awarding 2023 – 2026 State Softball host sites to allow the WHSAA to work on establishing a rotation with schools that submitted proposals.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*TABLED**

**Volleyball, Wrestling, 1A/2A Basketball, 3A/4A Basketball and Outdoor Track:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Carr moved and Mr. Hansen seconded the motion to accept Casper’s proposal to host the 2022 – 2025 State Volleyball Tournaments and the 2023-2026 State Wrestling Tournaments, 1A/2A State Basketball Tournaments, 3A/4A State Basketball Tournaments and State Outdoor Track Meets with a \$15,000 signing bonus, \$5,000 per year and 100% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*(16-1)**

**2020-21 COMMITTEE GOAL**

To continue work on the event calendars to help the needs of students involved in activities while keeping budgets, time out of the classroom, travel, and the health and safety of all involved in the decision making process.

**DISTRICT REPORT**

**MOTION:** Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to approve a Gold Card request for Don Carroll of Green River.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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### ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

#### SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Sportsmanship awards and ejections are comparable to last year. The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition.

#### WANAMAKER AGREEMENT

The WHSAA has signed an agreement with Wanamaker to use their live scoring app for golf. Use of the app will be required at state events. The app is free to schools and helps to promote golf.

### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

#### STATE SPIRIT

The WHSAA would like to continue holding the State Spirit Competition in late January (Week 30). The competition was held on January 28-29 this year and went very well. In subsequent years, the competition will continue as a one-day event.

#### WINTER SPORTS CULMINATING EVENT TICKETING PROCEDURES

##### **Boys State Swimming and Diving:**

The meet has been moved to Laramie. Each qualified participant will be allowed 2 tickets.

##### **Regional Wrestling – State Wrestling:**

Regional sites will determine spectator limits based on County Health regulations.

The State Tournament will be a 3-day event with one classification participating per day. The WHSAA was granted a variance allowing 2,000 spectators per day at the Ford Wyoming Center.

##### **State Girls and Boys Indoor Track and Field:**

The State Meet will be broken into 2 participation dates in Gillette. The boys meet will be on 2/27/2021 and the girls meet will be on 3/6/2021. Each qualified participant will be allowed 2 tickets.

##### **Regional Basketball – State Basketball:**

Regional sites will determine spectator limits based on County Health regulations.

The State Tournament will take place one classification at a time using the Ford Wyoming Center, Casper College, Natrona County High School and Kelly Walsh High School. Spectator limits have not been finalized.

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### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)**

#### NFHS NETWORK

The NFHS will provide network streaming coverage for the State Swimming and Diving Meet, all matches at the State Wrestling Tournament, State Indoor Track and all 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A State Basketball Tournament games. Commissioner Laird will make sure all regional sites with Pixellot cameras are available as well.

#### STATE FOOTBALL VIEW NUMBERS

A report showing the number of viewers on the NFHS Network for state football was provided.

#### SPRING SPORT CONSIDERATIONS

Considerations for outdoor track, soccer and softball were discussed. These considerations will be sent to Dr. Harrist at the State Health Department for approval.

#### SCHEDULING MEETINGS

The WHSAA is holding a meeting on February 17, 2021 to schedule spring sports (track, soccer and softball) and will hold a meeting on May 4-5, 2021 to schedule events for next school year.

#### STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The WHSAA will be sending out a nomination form in the near future asking schools to nominate students who would have attended the State Sportsmanship Summit to be considered for the Student Advisory Council.

#### CONCUSSION INSURANCE UPDATE

The latest Concussion Insurance claims form was presented.

#### RADIO PSA'S

The NFHS has sent Public Service Announcements to radio stations around the state promoting the importance of high school activities.

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**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT (Continued)**

NATIONAL SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD

Whytney Murdock of Cokeville has been selected as Wyoming’s National Spirit of Sport Award nominee. Her nomination will be forwarded to the NFHS for consideration.

NATIONAL HEART OF THE ARTS AWARD

Dustin Olsen of Big Horn has been selected as Wyoming’s National Heart of the Arts Award nominee. His nomination will be forwarded to the NFHS for consideration.

LEGAL MEETING – APRIL 14-15, 2021, INDIANAPOLIS

The NFHS Legal Meeting will be held in person in Indianapolis on April 14-15, 2021.

PRESENTING AWARDS

Commissioner Laird extended an invitation to all Board Members wishing to help present awards at upcoming culminating events.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m. on February 9, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
BEN SMITH

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
RON LAIRD