



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

President Larry Yeradi called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, in the Central Ballroom of the Ramkota Hotel.

The following members were present: Keith Bauder, Wyoming Indian (via Zoom); Justin Carr, Douglas; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Beau Garcia, Upton; Will Gray, Pine Bluffs; Mike Hamel, Carbon County School District #1; Loren Heth (WSBA), Lusk; Terry Hooker, Casper; Dustin Hunt, Hot Spring County School District #1; Thomas Jassman, Rock Springs; Bruce Jolley (WSBA), Lovell; Reggie Miller, Riverton; Christina Mills, Shoshoni; Mark Puev, Cheyenne South; Jake Rich, Pinedale; Josh Sandlian, Wheatland and Larry Yeradi, Wright. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office was also present.

AGENDA

President Yeradi 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. Freeburg moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Greg Vandermade of GoFan; Mik Lashley of Lingle-Ft. Laramie and Mark Broderon, Kirby Bair and Dusty Petz of Moorcroft.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

GoFAN TICKETING

Greg Vandermade of GoFan addressed the Board and explained how this digital ticketing platform works. GoFan is associated with the NFHS and has partnered with 38 State Associations across the country. The program is free to schools and offers revenue sharing. Some schools in the state are currently using the platform with positive results.

MOORCROFT ADMINISTRATION

Moorcroft High School Activities Director, Dusty Petz; Principals, Kirby Bair and Superintendent, Mark Broderson made a presentation to the Board requesting a percentage reduction in Projected ADM's when considering enrollment figures for the next reclass cycle.

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to approve Moorcroft's request.

MOTION FAILED: **

WYOMING INDIAN ADMINISTRATION

Wyoming Indian High School Activities Director, Keith Bauder, requested that Wyoming Indian be allowed to opt down to 9-man football for the next reclass and be eligible for post season play, should they qualify.

MOTION: Mr. Hamel moved to approve Wyoming Indian's request, there was no second.

MOTION FAILED: **

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chair Thomas Jassman, Justin Carr, Will Gray, Mike Hamel, Dustin Hunt and Reggie Miller.

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

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RECLASS COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF RECLASS NUMBERS FOR 2022-23, 2023-24

MOTION: Mr. Hunt moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the reclass numbers for 2022-23 and 2023-24 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONFERENCE ALIGNMENTS FOR THE NEW RECLASS CYCLE

Members of the Reclass Committee went through the Classification and Culminating Event Structure for 2022-23 and 2023-24 booklet page by page and offered suggestions for conference alignment. The booklet will be sent out before the next round of District meetings for further input.

BEGIN RECLASSIFICATION DISCUSSION FOR NEXT CYCLE

The Committee began preliminary discussions on philosophies and foundations that should be considered for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 reclass cycle. The committee will focus on 1) Enrollment equity, 2) Consistency in classifications and 3) Identifying clear and natural breaks.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair Josh Sandlian, Matt Davidson, Glenn Freeburg, Thomas Jassman, Reggie Miller and Jake Rich

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2020-21

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Hamel seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2020-21 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Rich moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the April Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

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RECLASS COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM

MOTION: Mr. Rich moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the Culminating Event Proposal Request Form after verifying event dates.

MOTION PASSED: **

INVESTMENT REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported that the Association's investments are doing well.

2021-22 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 Mike Hamel, Loren Heth, Terry Hooker, Dustin Hunt, Christina Mills and Dicky Shanor

RULE 8.3.2 – SPEECH SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Heth moved and Mr. Hooker seconded the motion to table the proposed change to Rule 8.3.2 pending additional considerations.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Puev moved and Mr. Hooker seconded the motion to approve Riverton's request to host the 2022 State Speech Tournament.

MOTION PASSED: **

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

2021-22 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chair Beau Garcia, Keith Bauder, Justin Carr, Will Gray, Bruce Jolley and Mark Puev

RULE 7.14.60 – INDOOR TRACK CLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Jolley moved and Mr. Puev seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.14.60 that would recognize two classification for Indoor Track, beginning with the next reclass cycle.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.14.82 – STATE INDOOR TRACK EVENTS PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Puev moved and Mr. Jolley seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.14.82 that would switch the State Indoor Track 55m hurdles and 55m dash events to the 60m hurdles and 60m dash.

MOTION FAILED: **

2021-22 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 discussion making process.

DISTRICT REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Carr moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to approve a Gold Card Request for Randy Sieg of Douglas.

MOTION PASSED: **

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DISTRICT REPORTS (continued)

MOTION: Mr. Hamel moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve a Gold Card Request for Dale Ann Meeker of Powell.

MOTION PASSED: **

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

STATE GOLF PRACTICE ROUND

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mrs. Mills seconded the motion to exclude free practice rounds prior to state golf tournaments from the host site requirements.

MOTION PASSED: **

STATE WRESTLING FORMAT

MOTION: Mr. Hamel moved and Mr. Rich seconded the motion to return to a 2-day, all class state wrestling tournament.

MOTION PASSED: **

WRESTLING WEIGHT CLASSES

The NFHS has given states a choice of a 12, 13 or 14 wrestling weight class format, effective with the 2023-24 season. Mr. Wilson would like Wyoming to make it's choice by the end of the 2021-22 school year.

GIRLS WRESTLING

The 2022 State Wrestling Tournament will not include a girls' division. As per WHSAA rules, 8 schools must commit before a new sport may be implemented.

OFFICIALS PAY COMMITTEE

The Officials Pay Committee will be submitting a proposal for consideration at the next round of District Meetings that would increase officials' pay. The proposal is meant as a means to help recruit and retain officials.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS (continued)

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

STATE GOLF AND TENNIS

The first 2 state events of the 2021-22 school year have been completed. There was great competition in both events and host sites are commended for a job well done.

GLENROCK GOLF REQUEST

Glenrock's request to add golf was approved at the Executive Council Meeting in July.

WESTERN HERITAGE VOLLEYBALL REQUEST

MOTION: Mrs. Mills moved and Mr. Puev seconded the motion to allow Western Heritage Lutheran Academy to play junior varsity volleyball in 2022 and 2023.

MOTION PASSED: **

LARAMIE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #2 INDOOR TRACK REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Hamel moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to allow Burns and Pine Bluffs to participate as a combined team for Indoor Track on a permanent basis.

MOTION PASSED: **

TITLE IX – 50 YEAR CELEBRATION – WYOMING 12/6-10/2021

The WHSAA will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Title IX the week of December 6-10, 2021, by recognizing Wyoming's outstanding female pioneers and role models.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

COVID UPDATE

The WHSAA is continuing to work with the Wyoming Department of Health on guidelines that will allow our activities to continue. Visiting schools must follow the guidelines of the home community.

SHOT CLOCK

A decision on whether the WHSAA will adopt a shot clock beginning in 2022-23 for all girls' and boys' basketball games in all classifications and at all levels (grades 9-12), will be made soon. A vote will be taken at the next round of District meetings.

MILESPLIT

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Puev seconded the motion to approve MileSplit as the statewide platform for cross country and track entries, with the WHSAA purchasing the subscription.

MOTION PASSED: **

NFHS NETWORK FALL COVERAGE

The NFHS will stream state swimming, volleyball, and football, as well as the State Marching Band Festival.

STATE MARCHING BAND – OCTOBER 16, 2021, 3:00 P.M.

The State Marching Band Festival will return to a live format on October 16, 2021, at the Ford Wyoming Center in Casper.

SPIRIT COACHES SUMMIT – OCTOBER 18, 2021 – RAMKOTA, 11:00 A.M.

The WHSAA will meet with Spirit Coaches on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

As per the agreement with the University of Wyoming, the first round of football playoffs will be played on Friday, October 29, 2021, and the semi-final games will be played on Friday, November 5, 2021. The state championships will be held in Laramie on November 12-13, 2021. The 6-man championship will be at 12:00 p.m. on Friday the 12th, followed by the 3A championship at 3:00 p.m. The 2A championship will be played at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 13th, followed by the 9-man championship at 1:00 p.m. and the 4A championship at 4:00 p.m.

DRAGONFLY TRAINING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021 – RAMKOTA, 1:00 P.M.

DragonFly Training will be held on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING – TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16-17, 2021 - RAMKOTA

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting will be held on November 16-17, 2021, at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper.

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT – NOVEMBER 22, 2021 – RAMKOTA, 10:00 A.M.

Members of the Student Advisory Council will host a statewide sportsmanship summit on November 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper. Further information will be sent to schools soon.

BOARD PICTURE

The group Board picture will be taken at the next meeting on November 2nd. Commissioner Laird is hopeful that the meeting will be at the WHSAA office.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Yeradi adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m. on September 28, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
LARRY YERADI

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD