



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2020

President Ben Smith called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2020, in the conference room of the Hilton Garden Inn.

The following members were present: Jon Abrams, Laramie County School District #2; Keith Bauder, Wyoming Indian (via Zoom); Justin Carr, Douglas (via Zoom); Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Beau Garcia, Upton; Mike Hamel, Carbon County School District #1; Jason Hansen, Lyman; Loren Heth (WSBA), Lusk (via Zoom); Terry Hooker, Casper; Thomas Jassman, Rock Springs; Bruce Jolley (WSBA), Lovell (via Zoom); Reggie Miller, Riverton (via Zoom); Christina Mills, Shoshoni; David Nicholas, Washakie County School District #1; Josh Sandlian, Wheatland; Ben Smith, Big Horn County School District #1; Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central (via Zoom) 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. Abrams moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2020, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Scott Burckingham of Lenhart-Mason; Stephanie Cozzens of Rock Springs and Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney. Danielle Cole of Laramie joined the meeting via Zoom.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

FINANCIAL REVIEW – SCOTT BUCKINGHAM

Scott Buckingham from Lenhart-Mason and Associates provided the Board with the 2019-2020 Financial Review Report and Graph Report. Mr. Buckingham explained the graphs and summarized the findings of the review which showed no areas of concern.

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 FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2020-21

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

2019-20 FINANCIAL REVIEW

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to approve the 2019-20 Financial Review as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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

RULE 7.10.58 – ALPINE SKI PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hamel seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.10.58 that would add the following wording:

Athletes may compete in up to four additional race days if they are independent of the high school racing program and require no additional funding from schools.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.10.24 – NORDIC SKI PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hooker moved and Mr. Jassman seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.10.24 that would add the following wording:

Athletes may compete in up to four additional race days if they are independent of the WHSAA ski program and require no additional funding from schools.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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. Hansen moved and Mr. Abrams 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.***

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: **FIRST READING

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.16.72 – REGIONAL AND STATE WRESTLING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Hansen seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 7.16.33 as follows:

Regional qualifying tournaments will be conducted by the WHSAA with each school allowed to enter two wrestlers per weight class. Only one wrestler per weight class per school will be scored. In the event a wrestler is disqualified for flagrant misconduct, the following will be implemented in relation to computation of team scores since only one wrestler may score: 1) If the wrestler were the “point scorer” for their team at the time of disqualification, the wrestler would lose all team points scored to that point of tournament plus an additional three team points in accordance with NFHS rules AND any other wrestler from the same team at the same weight could continue to wrestle and place, but that wrestler would not be allowed to score team points since the team’s “point scorer” was disqualified, or 2) If the wrestler was not the “point scorer” for their team at the time of disqualification then the team will lose 3 points in accordance with NFHS rules AND the team’s remaining wrestler would be allowed to continue to wrestle, place and score team points. Eight wrestlers will advance to the State Tournament from each Regional Tournament. Whenever two wrestlers from the same school wrestle a match, pin points will automatically be awarded to the winner, regardless of the outcome of the match.

MOTION FAILED: **(4-12)

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 discussion making process.

DISTRICT REPORT

MOTION: Mrs. Mills moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to approved a Gold Card request for Bob McCarty of Torrington.

MOTION PASSED: **

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Ejections are up slightly when compared to fall season numbers from last year. Sportsmanship awards are comparable to last year. The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition.

WYATA CULMINATING EVENTS PROPOSAL

The Wyoming Athletic Trainers Association (WYATA) submitted Medical Information Requirements to be added to the Culminating Event Proposal Form that would require an Emergency Action Plan and AED be in place at all events. Additional recommendations include contracting with an Athletic Trainer or EMS, providing ice / ice bags and making sure a general first aid kit is available.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

FALL SEASON REPORT

Fall culminating events are continuing to wrap up. State Cross Country was held at 3 different sites and moved up a day due to expected bad weather. A mandatory face mask requirement was implemented at State Girls Swimming and Diving and State Volleyball. The tournaments went well and there was great competition. State football finals will be held this weekend.

STATE MARCHING BAND

The State Marching Band Festival was done virtually this year. Participating band ratings were presented. No Caption Awards were given this year.

GOSHEN COUNTY'S INDOOR TRACK REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve Goshen County's request to combine athletes from Lingle-Ft. Laramie, Southeast and Torrington into one Indoor Track team for the 2020-21 school year.

MOTION PASSED: **

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

NFHS NETWORK COVERAGE

The NFHS Network streamed all State Volleyball matches and the State Swim Meet. Most regional volleyball sites were able to stream their matches and 18 of 20 first round football games were streamed. The NFHS Network will broadcast all five football finals.

CONCUSSION INSURANCE UPDATE

The latest Concussion Insurance claims form was presented.

STUDENT COUNCIL CONVENTION

The State Student Council Convention (WASC) has been cancelled.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting has been cancelled.

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT

The State Sportsmanship Summit has been cancelled.

STATE THESPIAN FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 3-5, 2020

The State Thespian Festival, December 3-5, 2020, will be done virtually.

SPEECH SEASON – VIRTUAL TOURNAMENTS

MOTION: Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to allow speech and debate participants to compete in no more than 15 competitions (in person and virtual) during the 2020-21 speech season.

MOTION PASSED: **

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

SPIRIT CONSIDERATIONS – STATE SPIRIT

Spirit Considerations, updated as of 11/10/2020, were discussed.

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to hold an in person State Spirit Competition on January 28-29, 2021 at the Casper Events Center.

MOTION PASSED: **

MIDDLE SCHOOL MESSAGING

With Middle School basketball and wrestling seasons currently underway, it is imperative that middle school personnel be diligent about Smart Start protocols and per sport considerations so that high school seasons are not compromised.

WINTER SPORTS DISCUSSION

The WHSAA will start winter season practices as scheduled: Nordic skiing on November 16; basketball, wrestling and alpine skiing on November 23; boys swimming on November 30 and indoor track on January 4th unless otherwise directed by the State Health Department.

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Jassman seconded the motion that in order to keep activities open, the WHSAA will mandate face coverings at all WHSAA winter sanctioned events for all spectators and/or non-participants.

MOTION PASSED: **

BASKETBALL CONSIDERATIONS

Basketball Considerations, updated as of 10/11/2020, were discussed. The face covering mandate will be added to the current considerations. Regional and State Tournament formats were presented and approved.

WRESTLING CONSIDERATIONS

Wrestling Considerations, updated as of 10/1/2020, were discussed. The face covering mandate will be added to the current considerations. Quadrant qualifier sites were presented and approved. The State Tournament will utilize a 1 day per classification format.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT (Continued)

ALPINE AND NORDIC SKIING CONSIDERATIONS

Alpine and Nordic Skiing Considerations were presented. The face covering mandate will be added to the current considerations.

INDOOR TRACK CONSIDERATIONS

An Indoor Track Committee is working to finalize Indoor Track Considerations. With limited venues able to host meets, scheduling has been a challenge. The WHSAA is planning a Zoom meeting with all Indoor Track schools and may also require a scheduling meeting. The considerations have been sent to the State Health Department for approval.

WINTER SEASON MESSAGING

Winter sports (basketball and wrestling) are the first activities which involve indoor contact. The WHSAA will emphasize the face covering mandate as well as the importance of following protocols so that seasons can be completed.

WYOMING SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The Wyoming School Boards Association Convention will be done virtually.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CONFERENCE

The December National Athletic Directors Conference will be done virtually.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m. on November 10, 2020.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
BEN SMITH

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD