President Christy Wright called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m., Tuesday, April 24, 2012, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Keith Bauder, Riverton; Jim English, Torrington; Dan Espeland, Converse County School District #1; Joe Hicks (WSBA), Meeteetse; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Tony Hult, Cody; Stuart Larson, Niobrara County; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Jim Levine, Lyman; Jim Malkowski (WSBA), Daniel; Meaghan McClellan, State Department of Education; Jerry Schlabs, Cheyenne East; Owen St. Clair, Wyoming Indian; Ken Stoick, Natrona County; Russ Wiggam, HEM; Pete Wilson, Upton; Tom Wilson, Green River and Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

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

**Agenda – Add Item C.1.b. 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 – add item b. – Suspension of Reclassification Rules.**

**MOTION: Mr. St. Clair moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended.**

**MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

**MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Hocker seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 7-8, 2012, regular meeting.**

**MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney, Clint Robus, sports reporter for the Casper Star-Tribune, Kevin Koile from WyoPreps, Cliff Hill from Gillette and Kay Fackrell and Bubba O’Neill from Evanston.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Hocker moved and Mr. Larson seconded the motion to go into Executive Session

MOTION PASSED: **

Informational discussion only, no formal action was taken.

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

STUDENT HEARING

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner’s decision on the transfer ruling.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Owen St. Clair, Keith Bauder, Joe Hicks, Mike Lashley and Tom Wilson.

Ad Hoc Members: Kay Fackrell, Chris Gray, Cliff Hill, Bruce Miller, Jim O’Connor, Steve Pollock, Shane Schaffner and Ann Wille.

WIAAA 5 CLASS PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Wilson moved and Mr. Hicks seconded the motion to table the 5 Class Proposal.

MOTION PASSED: **
SUSPENSION OF RECLASSIFICATION RULES

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion to suspend Rules 3.1.0 through 3.1.26 and Rule 2.3.2 which refer to Classification of Senior High Schools and continue the current reclassification structure through 2013-14.

MOTION PASSED: **

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Shon Hocker, Keith Bauder, Joe Hicks, Stuart Larson, Jim Levine and Ken Stoick.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2011-12

MOTION: Mr. Larson moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and third quarter report for 2011-12 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Larson seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the February Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Larson moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **
SELECT THREE YEAR MEMORABILIA BID

MOTION: Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Larson seconded the motion to award the 3 year memorabilia contract to Shirts and More of Lander, WY.

MOTION PASSED: **

SELECT THREE YEAR PHOTOGRAPHY BID

MOTION: Mr. Larson moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to award the 3 year photography contract for volleyball, wrestling, spirit, basketball and track to Foto-Sport of Lander, WY.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVE 2012-13 BUDGET

MOTION: Mr. Stoick moved and Mr. Larson seconded the motion to approve the WHSAA 2012-13 budget as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMISSIONER’S CONTRACT EXTENSION

MOTION: Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to extend the Commissioner’s contract for an additional year.

MOTION PASSED: **

2011-12 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black and increase corporate sponsorships.
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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Tony Hult, Dan Espeland, Jim Malkowski, Owen St. Clair, Pete Wilson and Tim Winland.

RULE 7.7.30 – FOOTBALL TIE BREAKING CRITERIA PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve the football tie breaking criteria proposal which would assist in reducing the possibility of playoff teams being determined by a coin flip.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.8.63 – 2A STATE GOLF ROTATION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Espeland moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 7.8.63 to establish a set rotation for 2A State Golf host sites.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.8.78 – STATE GOLF PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 7.8.78 as follows:

_During a state tournament, no two individuals from the same school will be allowed to compete in the same foursome of play. If there is a tie in score from players from the same school, the order in which players will be assigned in the second round will be determined by the coaches seeding them on their team list. This rule does not have to be applied to the golfers in the last ten places or the 2A golfers at the discretion of the tournament director and rules committee._

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2011-12 COMMITTEE GOAL

To prepare a proposal for consideration by basketball coaches at the summer WCA Clinic concerning a mercy rule in basketball.
RULE 7.8.82 – SPRING GOLF SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. English seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 7.8.82 as follows:

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\text{WHSAA Rule 7.8.82: The spring golf season begins on week 38 and ends on week 46. Week 38 may only be used for classroom instruction.}
\]

MOTION FAILED: **

SELECT 2013 2A STATE GOLF SITE

MOTION: Mr. English moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to accept Sundance’s proposal to host the 2013 State 2A Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

2011-12 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to look at all events in an effort to minimize lost school time.

DISTRICTS

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Espeland moved and Mr. English seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Gerry Loader of Douglas.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Stoick moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Tom Racette of Sheridan.

MOTION PASSED: **
DISTRICTS (continued)

**MOTION:** Mr. Wilson moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Brett Weaver of Newcastle.

**MOTION PASSED:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Winland moved and Mr. English seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Ina Hubbell of Lovell.

**MOTION PASSED:**

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Tony Hult was selected as the 2012-13 President-Elect.

ASSOCIATE COMMISIONER’S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Sportsmanship numbers for the winter sports were down a bit when compared to those from last year, while spring sportsmanship is comparable to last year. Spring ejection numbers may slightly exceed those from last year.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

REGION IX MEETING

Commissioner Laird and Casper College Athletic Director, Bill Landen, recently met with Region IX Junior College representatives and were able to secure a two-year commitment that will eliminate the conflict between the Region IX basketball tournament and WHSAA State basketball tournaments.
WINTER REASON REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported that the winter culminating events went well. The Region IX conflict negatively affected the gate for the 3A/4A basketball tournament, but gate receipts and crowds were favorable for boys swimming, wrestling and 1A/2A basketball.

WORLAND’S REQUEST TO ADD INDOOR TRACK

MOTION: Mr. Hocker moved and Mr. English seconded the motion to approve Worland’s request to add Indoor Track and be allowed to participate in the 2013 state meet.

MOTION PASSED: **

LEGAL MEETING UPDATE

Bob Despain, Board Attorney, and Commissioner Laird recently attended the NFHS Legal Meeting in Indianapolis, IN. Mr. Despain reported that the meeting was very informative and provided a forum to hear what is going on around the country.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The list of 2012-13 Student Advisory Council members was presented. The council will meet in August to plan the Statewide Sportsmanship Summit to be held in November.

UW FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

As per the 2012 UW football schedule and the UW/WHSAA agreement, the 2012 WHSAA football play-off games will be played on Friday, October 26, 2012; Friday, November 2, 2012; and Friday and Saturday, November 9-10, 2012.

STATE FAIR PRACTICES

The 2012 State Fair, to be held August 12-18, will coincide with the opening week of practices for fall sports. Once again, Douglas coaches will offer the opportunity for athletes to practice with their teams during fair week. A practice schedule will be sent out in the next couple weeks.
FOTO-SPORT FINANCIAL REPORT

Foto-Sport provided the Board with a financial report for the winter activities. State wrestling sales were down significantly and the WHSAA will work with Foto-Sport to try and remedy the situation.

BUILDING UPDATE

Commissioner Laird reported that bids are in and the new building should break ground very shortly.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL / PROUD TO HOST POST-TOURNAMENT EVALUATION

The Executive Council will meet with representatives of Casper’s Proud to Host the Best Committee on April 25, 2012, to evaluate the culminating events held in Casper.

REGIONAL TRACK MEET TRAINING

The WHSAA will provide Hy-Tek training for all regional track meet directors on April 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

2012-13 BOARD COMMITTEE SURVEY

Commissioner Laird asked all Board members to complete the committee survey for 2012-13. He will try to assign members to the committees they requested. The 2012-13 Executive Council is comprised of the President, President-Elect, Past President and committee chairs, making sure all classifications and districts are represented.

SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE / WORKSHOP

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson will meet with the Sports Medicine Committee on May 23, 2012. The committee will finalize the agenda for the July 18, 2012, sports medicine workshop, which will be combined with the WCA Clinic’s Strength and Conditioning Class this year.
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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT (Continued)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DATE
The Executive Council meeting date has been set for June 26, 2012.

FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING
An NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching class will be offered on July 17, 2012, in conjunction with the WCA Coaches Clinic.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING – AUGUST 8, 2012
The WHSAA will provide a training seminar for all new Activities Directors and Principals on August 8, 2012. A follow-up session will be held at the Statewide Scheduling Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Wilson moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to go into Executive Session

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Hocker moved and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve Ron Laird’s request to retire June 30, 2012 and be rehired August 1, 2012, and approve all other staff compensation recommendations.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Hocker moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to approve Trevor Wilson as Interim Commissioner during the month of July, 2012.

MOTION PASSED: **
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Wright adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m. on April 25, 2012.

Respectfully submitted:

President ________________________________
CHRISTY WRIGHT

Commissioner ________________________________
RON LAIRD