

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 26, 2005

President Cliff Hill called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, 2005 in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Nancy Britton (WSBA) Green River; John Cook, Moorcroft; Mike Cothorn, Pinedale; Kay Fackrell, Evanston; Bill Fullmer, Burns; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Ken Griffith, Guernsey-Sunrise; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Richard Hoopes, Star Valley; Terry Hopkin, Riverside; Hal Johnson, Worland; Gerry Maas (State Department of Education) Cheyenne; Jim Malkowski (WSBA) Daniel; Kevin Mitchell, Burlington; Tracy Ragland, Newcastle; Ed Reed, Baggs; Duane Schopp, Cheyenne; Ken Stoick, Midwest; and Trevor Wilson, Cody. Ron Laird from the WHSAA office was also present.

AGENDA

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

Agenda – no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Finance and Personnel** – Add item F - Personnel. **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. Stoick moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Cothorn seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Hoopes moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 8-9, 2005, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

BOB BONNER – NEWCASTLE NEWSLETTER JOURNAL

Bob Bonner, representing the *Newcastle Newsletter Journal* and the Wyoming Press Association, asked for clarification regarding the flash photography rule (WHSAA Rule 4.2.1). Commissioner Laird explained that the rule is still in effect, however, there are some inconsistencies in enforcement throughout the state. The intent of the rule is for athlete safety and to ensure that a camera flash will not interfere with the strobe start at swim meets.

DAN SCHIEDEL, GENERAL MANAGER, WYOMING PUBLIC TELEVISION

Dan Schiedel, General Manager of Wyoming Public Television, addressed the Board regarding interest in broadcasting state culminating events. Wyoming Public Television currently reaches 85% of the population base in Wyoming and with anticipated upgrades, will soon reach 95% of the population. Mr. Schiedel and Commissioner Laird will meet to discuss a possible partnership.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney, informed the Board that the sponsorship agreement with Pepsi has been finalized and that the WHSAA is continuing to pursue corporate sponsorships in conjunction with Casper's Proud to Host the Best Committee.

NFHS LEGAL MEETING REPORT

Mr. Despain recently attended the NFHS Legal Meeting with Commissioner Laird and reported that the meeting provides an opportunity to talk with state associations around the nation about events and concerns that may affect Wyoming. Information provided at the meeting included out of season contact, temporary restraining orders, Title IX, fan violence and increasing concerns with gambling. Mr. Despain and Commissioner Laird gave a presentation at the meeting on Combination School Agreements.

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Trevor Wilson, Ken Griffith, Terry Hopkin, Bill Fullmer, and Tracy Ragland

Ad Hoc Members: Dianne Moser, Jerry Fullmer, Joel Eskelsen, Janet Ragan, Harold Bailey, Tom Racette, Gary Lee and Don Thomas.

The reclassification committee did not meet.

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Kevin Mitchell, Chris Gray, Hal Johnson and Gerry Maas.

CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2004-05

MOTION: Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and third quarter report for 2004-05 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

SELECT 3 YEAR AWARDS AND TROPHIES BID

MOTION: Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion to select Universal Awards from Billings, MT as the WHSAA medal and trophy provider.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVE 2005-06 BUDGET

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to accept the 2005-06 Budget as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Continued)

PERSONNEL

MOTION: Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion for the Board of Directors to move into Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Mitchell moved and Mr. Reed seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR COMMISSIONER, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER AND TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to approve the salary schedule for the Commissioner, Associate Commissioner and Technology Director as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

2004-2005 COMMITTEE GOAL

Budget developing and monitoring; review and address corporate sponsorship; and review employee salary schedules and make any necessary changes.

The committee will continue to develop and monitor the budget and review and address corporate sponsorship, but felt they had met their goal to review employee salary schedules.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Mike Cothorn, John Cook, Ed Reed, Terry Hopkin, Bill Fullmer, Nancy Britton and Ken Stoick

PROPOSED WORDING FOR TENNIS RULE 7.13.6

MOTION: Mr. Cook moved and Mrs. Britton seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording for Tennis Rule 7.13.6.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

PROPOSAL TO AMEND WHSAA RULE 7.5.3

MOTION: Mr. Reed moved and Mr. Hopkin seconded the motion to approve the amended wording of WHSAA Rule 7.5.3.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

PROPOSAL FOR KEMMERER TO REPLACE LYMAN IN THE STATE 3A GOLF ROTATION

The committee recommended NO ACTION be taken on the proposal.

NORTHEAST TENNIS PROPOSAL

Mr. Stoick moved and Mr. Cook seconded the motion to accept the Northeast Tennis Proposal.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2004-05 COMMITTEE GOALS

Continue to review the handbook; look into summer school credit; and continue to study ways to meet AYP.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Kay Fackrell, Duane Schopp, Tracy Ragland, Ken Griffith, Jim Malkowski and Richard Hoopes

INDOOR TRACK PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hoopes moved and Mr. Ragland seconded the motion to accept the amended Indoor Track Proposal.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

NORTHEAST FOOTBALL PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Ragland moved and Mr. Hoopes seconded the motion to approve the original Northeast Football Proposal.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

MOTION: Mr. Reed moved and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion to send the amended Northeast Football Proposal back to the Districts for first reading consideration.

MOTION PASSED: **

NORTHEAST VOLLEYBALL PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Ragland moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to TABLE the Northeast Volleyball Proposal.

MOTION PASSED: **

WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Hoopes moved and Mr. Griffith seconded the motion to allow the Wyoming Association of Student Councils request to have a one time only exemption of the Sunday rule to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

MOTION PASSED: **

STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

CROSS COUNTRY

MOTION: Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Hoopes seconded the motion to accept Cheyenne East and Central's proposal to host the 2006 State Cross Country meet at no cost to the WHSAA and 85% of the gate.

MOTION PASSED: **

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

2A GOLF

MOTION: Mr. Ragland moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to accept Sundance's proposal to host the 2006 State 2A Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

4A GOLF

MOTION: Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Ragland seconded the motion to accept Sheridan's proposal to host the 2006 State 4A Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA and \$100.

MOTION PASSED: **

NORDIC SKI

MOTION: Mr. Hoopes moved and Mr. Fackrell seconded the motion to accept Lander Valley's proposal to host the 2007 State Nordic Ski Meet at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

GYMNASTICS

As no proposals were received for the 2006-07 State Gymnastics Meet, the committee directed Commissioner Laird to find a host location.

STAR VALLEY/MARSH VALLEY, ID FOOTBALL GAME

Commissioner Laird informed the Board of Directors of a scheduling conflict for the 2005 football season involving Star Valley, Rawlins and Marsh Valley, ID. In order to honor a contractual agreement between Star Valley and Marsh Valley, ID, the Commissioner asked permission to allow Star Valley a "zero week" game on August 26, 2005. The game will not count on Star Valley's record or be figured in the power ratings.

MOTION: Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Hoopes seconded the motion to allow Commissioner Laird and the Star Valley administration to resolve this situation in a manner that is beneficial to the WHSAA and all schools involved.

MOTION PASSED: **

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

2004-05 COMMITTEE GOAL

Continue to revise and investigate the culminating event award process and to establish criteria for accepting the appropriate location based on the needs and interests of students, schools, communities and the WHSAA

DISTRICTS

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Wilson moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Ellis Kirkham of Powell.

MOTION PASSED: **

PRESIDENT-ELECT

MOTION: Mr. Reed moved and Mr. Maas seconded the motion to elect Kay Fackrell as the 2005-06 President-Elect.

MOTION PASSED: **

TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

WEBSITE UPDATE

Technology Director, Scott McCash, reported that the WHSAA website received a considerable number of "hits" during the past few months for access to state culminating event information. The average number of hits per day were as follows:

October – 980; November – 581; December – 647; January – 696; February – 11,203; and March – 13,035.

The WHSAA has set a goal of July 1, 2005 to launch a new and improved website.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WINTER SEASON REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported that the 2005 state wrestling, 1A/2A basketball and 3A/4A basketball returned the most successful profit margin to date. He credited the increase in revenue, in part, to the great weather.

The National Federation has mandated that wrestling weight certification standards be in place in 2006-07. The Commissioner will form a committee to develop the best course of action for Wyoming schools.

MID-SEASON SOCCER RULES CLINIC

The mid-season soccer rules clinic will be offered on April 27, 2005. The clinic provides coaches and officials an opportunity to discuss events and concerns that may have occurred to this point in the season.

Commissioner Laird will be looking into issuing red cards and how they apply to the buy back program.

TRACK MEET TRAINING

The WHSAA will be assisting with some local track meets in order to get training on the Hy-Tek program prior to the state meet.

STATE FAIR RESOLUTION

The WHSAA will be sending out the recently adopted State Fair Resolution to all member schools with a memo reaffirming that the Wyoming State Fair is an important event.

UW FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Commissioner Laird and UW Athletic Director, Gary Barta, are trying to work out a conflict with the Wyoming vs. BYU football game and the 2005 State Football Championship games. While both parties are willing to make concessions, it may be inevitable that the games are played on the same day. Commissioner Laird asked for direction from the Board on how to proceed.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

COACHING CERTIFICATION MEETING

Commissioner Laird will meet with the Professional Teaching Standards Board in May to discuss the coaching certification process.

LARRY – NFHS CITATION AWARD

Former Commissioner, Larry Klaassen, was nominated by Section 7 & 8 members for a NFHS Citation Award, which will be presented at the summer meeting in San Antonio, TX.

2005-06 WHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE SURVEY

Commissioner Laird asked that all members return their Committee Survey forms and that he would make every attempt to assign members to the committees they requested.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL / PROUD TO HOST POST-TOURNAMENT EVALUATION

The Executive Council and members of the Proud to Host the Best Committee will meet on April 27, 2005 to assess the 2005 tournaments and address concerns for future tournaments.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DATE – JULY

Commissioner Laird will meet with the Executive Council in July, a date is yet to be determined.

SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE

Commissioner Laird will reconvene the Sports Medicine Committee and feels this committee will be very involved in developing the new wrestling weight management program.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

FYI EXPLANATION

Commissioner Laird has changed the format of the FYI section of the Board packet to include correspondence received by the WHSAA office. This section may contain confidential information and asked for the Board's discretion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Hill adjourned the meeting at 5:10 PM on April 26, 2005.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
CLIFF HILL

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD