

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 24-25, 2007

President Kay Fackrell called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 24, 2007, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Kay Fackrell, Evanston; Bill Fullmer, Burns; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Tony Hult, Cody; Hal Johnson, Worland; Jim Levine, Lyman; Gerry Maas (State Department of Education), Cheyenne; Jim Malkowski (WSBA), Daniel; Kevin Mitchell, Burlington; Stuart Nelson, Platte County School District #1; Tracy Ragland, Newcastle; Duane Schopp, Cheyenne; Ken Stoick, Midwest; Don Thomas, Mountain View; Mark Walker (WSBA), Lyman; Russ Wiggam, H.E.M.; Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain; and Christy Wright, Big Horn. Ron Laird and Trevor Wilson from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Fackrell 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. Hill moved and Mr. Maas seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Walker moved and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2007, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird welcomed incoming Board members Keith Bauder of Riverton, Jim English of Torrington, Dan Espeland of Douglas and Glen Legler of Casper; Patrick Schmiedt, high school sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*; and David Hester and Patrick Sweeney, representing the National Restaurant Association and the Hotel/Motel Association.

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WHAM – INFORMATIONAL UPDATE

David Hester, Director of Pro-Start and the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation, shared information with the Board on the Pro-Start program and asked for feedback from the group on the feasibility of the WHSAA sanctioning the program. Mr. Hester will come back with a proposal in September to be taken out to the Districts for sanctioning consideration.

NFHS LEGAL MEETING REPORT

Mr. Despain and Commissioner Laird recently attended the NFHS Legal Meeting in Indianapolis, IN. Commissioner Laird reported that the meeting was very informative and provided a forum to hear what is going on around the country. Topics of discussion included the new NCAA eligibility criteria, Title IX issues, Booster Clubs, and *Tough Choices-Tough Times*, an educational reform program.

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Hal Johnson, Cliff Hill, Bill Fullmer, Kevin Mitchell and Tim Winland.

Ad Hoc Members: Keith Bauder, Jim English, Joel Eskelsen, Jerry Fullmer, Dianne Moser, Tom Racette, Marty Weber and Tom Wilson.

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Chris Gray, Hal Johnson, Gerry Maas, Tony Hult and Stuart Nelson.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2006-07

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and third quarter report for 2006-07 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Continued)

CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

SELECT 3 YEAR BALL BID

MOTION: Mr. Mitchell moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to accept the monetary proposal from Rawlings, but reject the stipulation for Right of First Refusal.

MOTION PASSED: **

The Committee directed Commissioner Laird to negotiate the Right of First Refusal clause with the current ball provider before finalizing a contract.

APPROVAL OF 2007-08 BUDGET

MOTION: Mr. Nelson moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve the 2007-08 budget as presented, with a recommendation that additional income is necessary to assure that expenditures do not surpass income.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion to increase the School Classification Structure by \$200 per classification for the 2007-08 school year.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

COMMISSIONER'S CONTRACT EXTENSION

MOTION: Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion to extend the contract of the Commissioner.

MOTION PASSED: **

2006-2007 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to monitor and evaluate revenue and spending while keeping the budget in the black; to study activity fees and ticket prices as a means of increasing revenue; and to explore pursuing revenue for a new building.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Jim Levine, Bill Fullmer, Ken Stoick, Mark Walker, Don Thomas and Christy Wright.

RULE 6.4.0 – TRANSFER RULE

MOTION: Mr. Thomas moved and Mrs. Wright seconded the motion to accept the proposed changes to Transfer Rule 6.4.0 with the amended changes to 6.4.31 as follows:

6.4.31 Dual Residence and Divorced/Separated Parents

The transfer bylaws are based upon the place of residence of the parents. With cases of pending divorce, legal separation, or dual residences (only applies to divorce or legal separation situations) the student shall be eligible either at the school in the district in which the home last occupied by both parents is located, or the WHSAA member school where the student has established eligibility, or with the parent with court designated physical custody of the student. After a finalized divorce, and after enrollment in the ninth grade, a student is granted one move from parent to parent to attend a school with immediate eligibility for all interscholastic athletic competition.

MOTION FAILED: **

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

MOTION: Mr. Thomas moved and Mrs. Wright seconded the motion to accept the proposed changes to Transfer Rule 6.4.0 as follows:

6.4.3 *A student who transfers from a school in the United States, a U.S. Territory, or U.S. Military Base (to be referred to as School A) to School B without a change of residence on the part of the parents or legal guardian from school attendance area A to school attendance area B, shall be eligible for athletic competition, except varsity level competition **for one year from the date of enrollment** in interscholastic sports in which the student has participated at any level and/or grade during the 12 calendar months preceding the date of such transfer.*

6.4.31 *Dual Residence and Divorced/Separated Parents*

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6.4.6 *The high school, which a student elects for his/her first high school attendance, School A, shall be considered his/her choice. If for any reason the student wishes to attend another school, School B, he/she shall be eligible for athletic competition, except varsity level competition **for one year from the date of enrollment** in interscholastic sports in which the student has participated at any level and/or grade during the 12 calendar months preceding the date of such transfer.*

6.4.7 *Except as provided in rules 6.4.1 through 6.4.6, all other students who transfer to a member school shall be eligible for athletic competition, except varsity level competition **for one year from the date of enrollment** in interscholastic sports in which the student has participated at any level and/or grade during the 12 calendar months preceding the date of such transfer.*

MOTION PASSED: ** FINAL READING

The Rule will go into effect June 1, 2007. The WHSAA will send out information on this rule change to all member schools.

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)

RULE 8.0.53 – AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CHEERLEADING COACHES AND ADMINISTRATORS CERTIFICATION FOR CHEER COACHES

MOTION: Mr. Walker moved and Mr. Fullmer seconded the motion to approve proposed rule 8.0.53 as follows

8.0.53 Coaches/Advisors and Practice

- 1. All Cheer coaches/sponsors that will be instructing any form of cheerleading gymnastics (tumbling, partner stunts, pyramid, tosses, etc.) must have a minimum of an American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators (AACCA) certification.*

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

The rule will be in effect for the 2007-08 school year. The WHSAA will offer training.

RULE 6.2.60 – SEMESTER ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

MOTION: Mr. Stoick moved and Mr. Fullmer seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 6.2.60 and eliminate Rule 6.2.61 as follows:

- 6.2.60 Students ineligible because of scholastic deficiencies from the previous semester shall not be eligible until all grades have been verified by a school official on or after the last day of the current semester provided they have met requirements.*

6.2.61 Eliminate

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 2.5.5 – UNCONSCIOUS ATHLETE

MOTION: Mrs. Wright moved and Mr. Fullmer seconded the motion to approve proposed Rule 2.5.5 as follows:

2.5.5 UNCONSCIOUS ATHLETE

Any student who loses consciousness during an event will not be allowed to participate for the remainder of that day. In order to return to practice or play in the future, the student must have a medical clearance signed by a physician.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)

RULE 6.6.3 - IMMUNIZATIONS

MOTION: Mr. Walker moved and Mr. Fullmer seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 6.6.3 as follows:

6.6.3 No pupil shall be eligible to compete in any interscholastic sport unless, within the current school year and preceding any practice, he/she shall have filed a certificate of physical examination with his/her high school principal. The medical examination form is also a parental permission form and must be signed by the parent/legal guardian.

No pupil shall be eligible to compete in any interscholastic sport or activity unless, within the current school year and preceding any practice, he/she shall have provided proof of immunization as defined in Wyoming Statute 21-4-309.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2006-2007 COMMITTEE GOALS

To look at determining a definition for “varsity” competition and explore whether activities should be included in the Transfer Rule.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Tracy Ragland, Cliff Hill, Jim Malkowski, Duane Schopp and Russ Wiggam

RULE 7.9.31 – STATE GYMNASTICS PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to accept the proposed changes to Rule 7.9.31 as follows:

*7.9.31 Teams shall be limited to a maximum of **five** entries per event. Coaches may enter as many all-around competitors as they wish, but only **five** entries per event.*

We would still score three in each event.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

SOCCER

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to accept Sheridan's proposal to host the 2010 and 2011 State Soccer Tournaments with \$3,400 and 85% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

CROSS COUNTRY

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to accept Sheridan's proposal to host the 2008 State Cross Country Meet with \$500 and 100% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

3A GOLF

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Schopp seconded the motion to accept Douglas' proposal to host the 2008 State 3A Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA or to participating teams.

MOTION PASSED: **

4A GOLF

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to accept Evanston's proposal to host the 2008 State 4A Golf Tournament with \$500 payable to the WHSAA and at no cost to participating teams.

MOTION PASSED: **

The Committee directed the Commissioner to review the wording on the State Culminating Event Proposal Form to address charges to schools for culminating events.

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

STATE SPEECH

The Committee directed the Commissioner to find a site for the 2008 State Speech Meet, as no proposals were received.

2006-2007 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to communicate with the University of Wyoming on the possibility of hosting the state football championships, to examine the length of the swim season for boys and girls, and to look at moving the start date back for spring sports.

DISTRICTS

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Mitchell moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Gerry Christiansen of Lovell.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Mitchell moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Lyle Rodgers of Powell.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Nelson moved and Mr. Schopp seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Mike Belomyzy of Cheyenne.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Richard Horsley of Farson-Eden.

MOTION PASSED: **

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DISTRICTS (continued)

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Bobby Johnston of Saratoga.

MOTION PASSED: **

PRESIDENT-ELECT

NOMINATIONS: Mr. Hill nominated Stuart Nelson for President-Elect, 2007-08.

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion to cease nominations.

MOTION PASSED: **

Stuart Nelson was selected as the 2007-08 President-Elect.

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

THREE PERSON BASKETBALL CREWS SURVEY

As per recommendation from the WSOA Board, a survey was sent to all schools regarding the use of three person basketball officiating crews. Results showed that schools are in favor of using the three person format for post season play in 08-09. Additional input will be sought during the next round of District meetings.

8-MAN FOOTBALL

The WHSAA did some research on forming an 8-Man football league for the 09-10/10-11 reclass cycle. The WHSAA will pursue this option by meeting with 1A football schools in November to determine the level of interest.

REGULAR SEASON OT PROCEDURE FOR SOCCER

The WHSAA does not currently have a policy in place for determining whether overtime should be played in non-conference varsity soccer matches. The WHSAA will meet with soccer coaches to develop a policy to be taken out for consideration during the next round of District meetings.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT MEETING WITH COACHES – MARCH 28, 2007

Mr. Wilson met with wrestling coaches on March 28, 2007, to discuss the weight management system. He reported that coaches are more comfortable with the process now that they are aware of the NFHS requirements.

SPORTSMANSHIP AND EJECTION NUMBERS

During the 06-07 school year, sportsmanship numbers have increased tremendously. Ejection numbers have generally remained the same.

WEBSITE HITS

A report was shared showing the number of daily “hits” to the WHSAA website scoreboards. This information will be shared with schools during the next round of district meetings as an incentive to make sure scores are posted immediately after contests.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WINTER SEASON REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported that the winter culminating events went well, with very few behavior incidents. The changes in the mat arrangement at State Wrestling were generally well received. Seating remains a concern at Casper College during State Basketball, but the addition of seats over the summer should help to alleviate the problem.

STATE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The WHSAA is considering changing the schedule at State Basketball to counter the seating shortage at Casper College during the semi-final games. The change would involve playing all the boys games at Casper College on Thursday, with all the girls games at the Events Center. On Friday, the girls would play at Casper College and the boys would play at the Events Center. On Saturday, the schedule would be mixed. The Commissioner asked for the flexibility to tweak the schedule to best meet the needs of teams and fans.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

INDOOR TRACK REPORT

Commissioner Laird asked for input from the Board to give the Track Coaches some direction on whether the State Indoor Meet should be held in one day or two. The Board would like to try limiting the number of entries at a one day meet before opting for a two-day format.

UW FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

As per the 2007 UW football schedule and the UW/WHSAA agreement, the 2007 WHSAA football play-off games will be as follows:

1st Round – Friday

Semi-Finals – Saturday

Championship – Saturday

UW FOOTBALL AGREEMENT

Scheduling conflicts between Commissioner Laird and UW Athletic Director, Tom Burman, have not allowed for a meeting prior to the April Board Meeting. However, they are hoping to meet in the near future so the Commissioner can report back to the Executive Council in July.

FOTO-SPORT FINANCIAL REPORT

Foto-Sport provided the Board with it's financial report for the winter activities. The WHSAA will meet with Foto-Sport and Shirts & More over the summer to review the first year of having both parties at culminating events.

RIVERTON REQUEST

The Riverton School Board is still concerned with the upcoming reclass situation and would like to meet with the WHSAA Board in September to discuss a reclass plan for the next cycle.

REGIONAL TRACK MEET TRAINING

Scott McCash, WHSAA Technology Director, will provide Hy-Tek training for all regional track meet directors on Wednesday, April 25th at 1:00 p.m.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

NFHS FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING

The WHSAA will have a training session on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, for Activities Directors around the state who will be teaching the new NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching class. The class is directed toward the interscholastic coach, with a student first / athlete second approach. The class will be taught at the WCA clinic in July.

COACHES BUY BACK CLASS

Bob Despain conducted a Coaches Buy Back Class on April 12, 2007, for five coaches who were ejected during the 2006-07 school year. Once a coach completes the buy back program, their program is taken off warning status.

2007-08 WHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE SURVEY

Commissioner Laird asked all Board members to complete the committee survey for 2007-08. He will try to assign members to the committees they requested. The 2007-08 Executive Council is comprised of the President, President-Elect, Past President and committee chairs, making sure all classifications and districts are represented.

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, 2007, to evaluate the winter culminating events.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DATE

The Executive Council meeting date has been set for July 10, 2007.

SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE / WORKSHOP

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson will meet with the Sports Medicine Committee on May 23, 2007. A tentative agenda for the meeting was provided. The Agenda for the July 25, 2007, sports medicine workshop is still being finalized.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

SPORTSMANSHIP PROGRAM

The WHSAA's approach to the NHFS Sportsmanship Program will be presented to the Executive Council in July and to the Districts in the next round of meetings.

BOARD PACKETS

Starting with the September 2007 meeting, Board materials (proposals and agenda) will be sent via e-mail to all members prior to the meeting.

ROAD REPORT TRAVEL POLICY

Christy Wright from Big Horn provided a power point presentation showing recent bus accidents from around Wyoming due to winter storms. She asked the Board for its' support to develop guidelines that can be presented to schools to help make decisions on when to travel during inclement weather.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Fackrell adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m. on April 25, 2007.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
KAY FACKRELL

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD