

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 22-23, 2008

President Hal Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, 2008, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Keith Bauder, Riverton; Jim English, Torrington; Dan Espeland, Converse County School District #1; Kay Fackrell, Evanston; Bill Fullmer, Burns; Hal Johnson, Worland; Glen Legler, Casper Natrona; Gerry Maas (State Department of Education) Cheyenne; Jim Malkowski (WSBA) Daniel; Stuart Nelson, Platte County School District #1; Tobin Novasio, Ten Sleep; Duane Schopp, Cheyenne; Ken Stoick, Midwest; Don Thomas, Mountain View; Mark Walker (WSBA) Lyman; Russ Wiggam, H.E.M; Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain; Christy Wright, Big Horn; and Orlen Zempel, Kemmerer. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

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

Agenda – no changes and/or additions. – Reports and Audience. **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. Nelson moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 5-6, 2008, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Patrick Schmiedt, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*; Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Tony Hult, Cody High School Activities Director; Cliff Hill, Campbell County High School Activities Director; and Marla Leithead, Chris Davidson and Jesse Dupont of TCT West.

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TCT WEST

Marla Leithead, Broadcasting Coordinator; Chris Davidson, General Manager; and Jesse Dupont of TCT West gave a presentation to the Board on the video streaming capabilities of their company. TCT West has asked the WHSAA to consider forming a non-exclusive agreement to provide video streaming at culminating events.

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Stuart Nelson, Keith Bauder, Kay Fackrell, Bill Fullmer and Mark Walker.

Ad Hoc Members: Tina Baker, Joel Eskelsen, Jerry Fullmer, Chris Gray, Cliff Hill, Tony Hult, Jim O'Connor and Tom Wilson.

RULE 7.7.30 – FOOTBALL TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Fullmer seconded the motion to accept the proposed wording for WHSAA Rule 7.7.30, for the next reclass cycle, as follows:

This procedure will be used only if two or more teams are tied upon the completion of the regular season.

1. *Head to head between and among tied teams.*
2. *Best conference record against the highest non-tied team(s) and continue through the conference standings until tie is broken.*
3. *Head to head competition between and among common opponents beginning with 5A teams, then 4A teams, then 3A teams, then 2A teams, then 1A teams.*
4. *Total number of wins.*
5. *Coin Flip – Odd team gets highest seed; repeat criteria to determine remaining seeds.*

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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RECLASS COMMITTEE (Continued)

FOOTBALL ONLY RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Bauder moved and Mr. Walker seconded the motion to approve the football only reclassification proposal which would be comprised of 4 classifications as follows:

Football Only:

The largest 10 schools will comprise the 4A classification

The next 12 schools will comprise the 3A classification

The next 16 schools will comprise the 2A classification

The remaining schools will have the option of being 1A 11-Man or 1A 6-Man

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

ALL SPORTS BUT FOOTBALL RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Walker moved and Mr. Fackrell seconded the motion to approve the amended wording of the All Sports But Football Reclassification proposal as follows:

All Class Proposal – Volleyball, Basketball and Track

No more than the largest 14 schools will comprise the 4A classification

No more than the next 16 schools will comprise the 3A classification

No more than the next 20 schools will comprise the 2A classification

The remaining schools will comprise the 1A classification

Official ADM's will be based off of the June ADM report and breaks will be evaluated before placing schools in classifications.

Remaining sports would be classified as follows:

Cross Country – Continue a 4A, 3A, 2A classification format

Golf – Continue a 4A, 3A, 2A classification format

Wrestling – Continue a 4A, 3A, 2A classification format

Swimming – Continue a 4A, 3A classification format

Tennis, Gymnastics, Alpine and Nordic Skiing – Continue a one classification format

Soccer – Continue a 12 school 4A and 8 school 3A classification format

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Tim Winland, Dan Espeland, Glen Legler, Gerry Maas, Keith Bauder and Stuart Nelson

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2007-08

MOTION: Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Legler seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and third quarter report for 2007-08 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Legler moved and Mr. Espeland seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

SELECT 3 YEAR TROPHY AND MEDAL BID

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Espeland seconded the motion to award the 3-year medal and trophy contract to Universal Awards of Billings, MT.

MOTION PASSED: **

BASKETBALL, WRESTLING AND SOCCER TICKET PRICES

MOTION: Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Legler seconded the motion to raise regional and state basketball and soccer tournament ticket prices due to an increase in the number of officials required to officiate those culminating events. Regional wrestling ticket prices were adjusted from individual session tickets to day passes.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVE 2008-09 BUDGET

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Espeland seconded the motion to approve the WHSAA 2008-09 budget as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMISSIONER'S CONTRACT EXTENSION

MOTION: Mr. Nelson moved and Mr. Maas seconded the motion to extend the Commissioner's contract for an additional year.

MOTION PASSED: **

2007-2008 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to make frugal and sound decisions regarding future saving for the building fund; to stay in the black; and to encourage the Commissioner and Associate Commissioner to continue to solicit funding through sponsorships.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

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

RULE 6.2.50 AND RULE 6.2.51 – ALLOWING MAKE-UP WORK TO BE ELIGIBLE

MOTION: Mr. English moved and Mrs. Wright seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 6.2.50, to be implemented immediately, as follows:

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

Rule 6.2.50:

A student shall be permitted to make up work after the close of the semester for the purpose of becoming eligible. Deficiencies, including incompletes, conditions and failures for the previous semester may be made up during a subsequent semester, summer session, night school, correspondence, or tutoring for qualification purposes. The make up work must match the class where the failure occurred (ex. If an online class is taken, Algebra I for Algebra I, etc.). Credit needs to be approved by the student's school district. The student will not become eligible until all deficiencies from the previous semester have been made up to meet Rules 6.2.1 – 6.2.3.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING (11-6)

RULE 7.8.9 – GOLF COACHING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mrs. Wright moved and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion to approve the all class golf coaching proposal as follows:

Each school may appoint one person (head coach, assistant coach, etc.) to give advice to, or seek advice from, participants representing that school each day of the competition provided:

- 1. The person is identified to the games committee before the start of the competition each day;*
- 2. The person does not give advice to, or seek advice from, another school's participants or coaches;*
- 3. The advice not be given during the playing of a hole, but rather from the time a participant holes out on a hole until they tee off on the next hole (or during a suspension of play); and the advice does not unduly delay play.*
- 4. Penalty for breach of condition: by a participant – two strokes; by a coach – two strokes will be added to the coach's school's score;*
- 5. The tournament director will have a sign-up sheet near the scoring area for each school to identify their designated coach each day. Designated coaches will be given something to wear for identification purposes.*

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)

RULE 8.0.53 – CHEER COACHES RULES TEST PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Thomas moved and Mr. English seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 8.0.53 as follows:

2. *All head cheer coaches must pass (80%) the NFHS open book Spirit Rules Test each year in order to be eligible for the State Spirit competition.*

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULES 7.8.63 & 7.10.49.5 – GOLF AND NORDIC SKI STATE MEET ROTATION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. English moved and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rules 7.8.63 and 7.10.49.5 as follows:

Whenever a school moves into or out of a different classification, the WHSAA Commissioner will adjust the rotation for the classifications involved. Should a school request to be added to the rotation, the Commissioner will make a recommendation to the WHSAA Board as to where the school should be placed in the rotation.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2007-2008 COMMITTEE GOAL

To examine Rule 6.2.1 and pursue raising the WHSAA eligibility standard from 4 to 5 credits per semester, taking block scheduling into account.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Duane Schopp, Jim Malkowski, Russ Wiggam, Orlen Zempel, Tobin Novasio and Kay Fackrell

RULE 7.8.51 – GOLF SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Schopp moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to table the proposal to move the fall golf season to begin on the Monday of WHSAA Calendar Week 6.

MOTION PASSED: **TABLED

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

RULES 7.8.82 AND 7.13.1 – SPRING GOLF AND TENNIS PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Novasio moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to pass the proposed wording of rules 7.8.82 and 7.13.1 as follows:

7.8.82 The spring golf season begins on week 39 and ends on week 46.

7.13.1 The WHSAA recognizes one classification in tennis. Member schools may participate in one-day tennis matches throughout the Spring season. One two-day culminating event is allowed during the Spring season. The spring tennis season begins on week 39 and ends on week 46.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

REPORT ON REGIONAL SOCCER AND STATE VOLLEYBALL REDUCED SCHEDULE

The Committee decided to wait until after the first year of the three day regional soccer tournament format is completed before proposing any changes to reduce lost school time.

The Committee asked the Commissioner to take out a proposal to the September District Meetings that would reduce the State Volleyball Tournament to a two-day event, using more than one facility.

STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

2A GOLF

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to accept Niobrara County's proposal to host the 2009 2A State Golf Meet at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

2007-08 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to look at all events in an effort to decrease lost school time without jeopardizing the integrity of the sport.

DISTRICTS

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Fullmer moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Jerry Fullmer of Niobrara County.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Fullmer moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Joe Tully of Niobrara County.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Bob Johnson of Niobrara County.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Schopp moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Randy Adams of Torrington.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Bill Lehr of Big Piney.

MOTION PASSED: **

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DISTRICTS (continued)

MOTION: Mr. Walker moved and Mr. Fackrell seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Glenn Murray of Kemmerer.

MOTION PASSED: **

PRESIDENT-ELECT

NOMINATIONS: Mr. Espeland nominated Tim Winland for President-Elect, 2008-09.

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Maas seconded the motion to cease nominations.

MOTION PASSED: **

Tim Winland was selected as the 2008-09 President-Elect.

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP AND EJECTION NUMBERS

Associate Commissioner Wilson presented a report comparing the 2007-08 sportsmanship and ejection number with figures from 2006-07. Ejection numbers are consistent with last year, but sportsmanship numbers are down. The WHSAA will continue to encourage officials to recognize sportsmanship.

MERCY RULE

The WHSAA will put together a proposal for the September District Meetings regarding instituting a "mercy rule" in basketball. Currently 14 states use a point differential rule that goes into effect when a team has a 30 or more point score discrepancy.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

NATIONAL PRESIDENT REPORT

Commissioner Laird updated the Board on his responsibilities as NFHS Board President since the February meeting.

WINTER SEASON REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported that overall the winter culminating events went well. Some adjustments will be made to the Indoor Track schedule so that events will end earlier on the first night. Attendance was up in wrestling, but down in basketball.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The initial meeting of the newly formed Student Advisory Committee was held March 30-31, 2008. Elliott Hopkins of the NFHS was brought in to help facilitate the meeting. Commissioner Laird was pleased to work with a great group of student leaders and will be taking 6 students to the National Leadership Conference in Indianapolis in July.

VIDEO STREAMING / TV DISCUSSION

The WHSAA will be meeting with a television group interested in broadcasting the state basketball championships games. We are also evaluating the option of video streaming as a means of providing culminating event coverage.

COATING SPECIALIST GROUP

The WHSAA is looking at a corporate sponsorship opportunity with Coating Specialist Group which produces products to help combat microbial contamination on surfaces, equipment and textiles.

UW FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

As per the 2008 UW football schedule and the UW/WHSAA agreement, the 2008 WHSAA football play-off games will be played on Friday, October 31, 2008; Saturday, November 8, 2008; and Saturday, November 15, 2008

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

FOTO-SPORT FINANCIAL REPORT

Foto-Sport provided the Board with a financial report for the winter activities. Sales were up from last year as Indoor Track was added.

FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY

The Commissioner asked the Board for input on whether a proposal revising the current flash photography rule should be taken out to the September District Meetings for consideration. A proposal was agreed upon and will be presented in the fall.

HOME SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION LETTER

A copy of the letter sent out to all registered home school participants was shared with the Board. Starting with the 2008-09 school year, all home school students will need to provide proof of immunizations before combining with member schools.

REGIONAL TRACK MEET TRAINING

The WHSAA will provide Hy-Tek training for all regional track meet directors on April 23, 2008.

2008-09 BOARD COMMITTEE SURVEY

Commissioner Laird asked all Board members to complete the committee survey for 2008-09. He will try to assign members to the committees they requested. The 2008-09 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 23, 2008, to evaluate the winter culminating events.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DATE

The Executive Council meeting date has been set for July 16, 2008, but may change to accommodate prior commitments of council members.

SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE / WORKSHOP

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson will meet with the Sports Medicine Committee on May 21, 2008. The committee will finalize the agenda for the July 23, 2008, sports medicine workshop.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING – AUGUST 13, 2008

The WHSAA will provide a training seminar for all new Activities Directors and Principals on August 13, 2008. A follow-up session will be held at the Statewide Scheduling Meeting. The training was implemented last year and was very successful.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President-Elect Nelson adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m. on April 23, 2008.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
HAL JOHNSON

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD