



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 26, 2011

President Jim English called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, 2011, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Kirby Baier, Hulett; 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; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Jim Levine, Lyman; Jim Malkowski (WSBA), Daniel; Tom Martin, State Department of Education; Stuart Nelson, Platte County School District #1; Jerry Schlabs, Cheyenne East; Owen St. Clair, Wyoming Indian; Ken Stoick, Casper Natrona; Russ Wiggam, H.E.M. and Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

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

Agenda – Add Item #5 under Section C – President-Elect Nomination. **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 amended.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Bauder moved and Mr. St. Clair seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 8-9, 2011, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Clint Robus, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*; Kevin Koile from WyoPreps; Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney and Stuart Larson, Principal at Niobrara County High School.

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COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Christy Wright, Kirby Baier, Keith Bauder, Jim Levine, Owen St. Clair and Tom Wilson.

Ad Hoc Members: Tina Baker, Chris Gray, Cliff Hill, Mike Maloney, Bruce Miller, Jim O'Connor, Steve Pollock and Ann Wille.

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Stuart Nelson, Keith Bauder, Shon Hocker, Tom Martin, Ken Stoick and Christy Wright.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2010-11

MOTION: Mr. Bauder moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and third quarter report for 2010-11 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Hocker moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

SELECT THREE YEAR TROPHY AND MEDAL PROVIDER

MOTION: Mr. Stoick moved and Mr. Martin seconded the motion to accept the bid of Vanway Trophy and Awards as the WHSAA medal and trophy provider for 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14. The Committee directed the Commissioner to review the proposed medals to ensure they are of equal or better quality than those of the current provider, with the understanding that if they are of inferior quality, the bid will return to Universal Awards.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVE 2011-12 BUDGET

MOTION: Mr. Hocker moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the WHSAA 2011-12 budget as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

LRG LICENSING AGREEMENT

The Committee asked for input from the Board on how to handle the revenue generated from the LRG Licensing Program. Discussion included having the WHSAA keep the money to use toward sportsmanship summits and Student Advisory Council activities.

The Board suggested that Commissioner Laird and Mr. Despain pursue the legalities of the current contract and make a decision based on what is best for the schools. Commissioner Laird will communicate with the schools once he has more information.

COMMISSIONER'S CONTRACT EXTENSION

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

MOTION PASSED: **

2010-11 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black.

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Dan Espeland, Kirby Baier, Tony Hult, Jim Malkowski, Owen St. Clair and Tim Winland

RULE 5.3.0 – OUT OF SEASON PRACTICE RULE

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to approve the amended wording to Rule 5.3.0 as follows:

- 5.3.1 *These rules are intended to regulate only those WHSAA **athletic** activities that are sponsored by the school.*
- 5.3.5 *Each sport is allowed fourteen (14) days of practice between WHSAA calendar week 47 and Week 5, Week 4 for 4A football. Practice leading up to team camps would count toward the fourteen day limit, however the team camp will not count toward the fourteen day limit. As per our open gym rules, these practices must not be mandatory and are to be for students to participate on a voluntary basis without pressure from the coach.*
- 5.3.6 *Except for supervision of open gyms as provided in WHSAA Rule 5.5.0, the teaching of sport specific techniques or team concepts must cease and desist two weeks prior to the first allowable practice date. The Commissioner, or his designee, may approve exceptions to Rules 5.3.5 and 5.3.6 when deemed not to be in violation of the intent of said rules.*

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 3.1.23 – RECLASSIFICATION WHEN CLOSING OR ADDING SCHOOLS

MOTION: Mr. St. Clair moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to approve Rule 3.1.23 as follows:

3.1.23 *Reclassification When Closing or Adding Schools*

*When a school district plans to add an additional school involving students in grades 9-12, they should work with the WHSAA office in developing a plan concerning classification for this new school and their existing schools(s) well in advance of the reclassification cycle that will be in effect when the school opens. **Any school opening with less than the traditional 9-12 grade levels, will be classified by prorating their current enrollment to the equivalent of four grade levels. For example: a school with a class of 125 sophomores, and 130 freshman would be classified the same as a school of 510 students.***

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.7.17 – FOOTBALL POINT DIFFERENTIAL PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Baier seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 7.7.17 as follows:

7.7.17 *Last two sentences:*

*If the point differential becomes less than 45 points, **continue running clock.** ~~The clock will continue to be stopped on all other situations as specified by NFHS Rule 3-4-4.~~*

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 7.7.30 – FOOTBALL TIE BREAKING CRITERIA

MOTION: Mr. Baier moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 7.7.30 which would make some adjustments to the “Three Teams Tied” scenario and add a “Four Teams Tied” component.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 2.4.5 – UNCONSCIOUS ATHLETE

MOTION: Mr. St. Clair moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve the wording change to Rule 2.4.5 as follows:

2.4.5 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 **be cleared by an appropriate health care provider.**

MOTION PASSED: **

The Committee suggested that wording regarding concussions, as stipulated in the NFHS rule books, be added to the WHSAA handbook as Rule 2.4.6. This will be taken to the Districts as a first reading item.

2010-11 COMMITTEE GOAL

To promote fairness, equity, sportsmanship and mercy.

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Jerry Schlabs, Joe Hicks, Mike Lashley, Jim Levine, Russ Wiggam and Tom Wilson

RULE 7.8.74.1 – GOLF CART PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to approve new Rule 7.8.74.1 as follows:

All golfers will be allowed the use of push/pull carts throughout the golf season.

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. St. Clair seconded the motion to suspend the rules and allow proposed Rule 7.8.74.1 to pass on first reading.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 7.8.76 – 3A GOLF SPECTATOR PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 7.8.76 that would allow 3A spectators on the course following the guidelines that are already in place for 4A.

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to suspend the rules and allow the proposed wording to Rule 7.8.76 to pass on first reading.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULES 9.9.0 & 4.6.6.5 – PUBLIC CRITICISM OF OFFICIALS

Due to the increased use of social media sites, the Board was asked if changes to Rules 9.9.0 and 4.6.6.5 should be considered as follows:

9.9.0 & 4.6.6.5 PUBLIC CRITICISM OF OFFICIALS **OR COACHES**

Any official who publicly criticizes another official **or coach** through **the media, social media, face book, twitter, etc.** shall be reported to the WHSAA/WSOA and shall be subject to a hearing for suspension of membership from the WHSAA/WSOA.

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

The Board determined that Rules 9.9.0 and 4.6.6.5 should be taken out to the Districts as a first reading item.

RULE 4.5.5 – NEGATIVE COMMENTS MADE BY COACHES ABOUT OFFICIALS TO THE MEDIA

The Board was asked if similar changes need to be made to Rule 4.5.5 as follows:

4.5.5 NEGATIVE COMMENTS MADE BY COACHES ABOUT OFFICIALS TO THE MEDIA

Coaches are reminded that they have an obligation to maintain the integrity of high school activities. Their efforts must include keeping their relationship with contest officials on the professional level. To that end, coaches should not make negative comments about contest officials or their officiating to the media, **social media, face book, twitter, etc.**

The Board determined that Rule 4.5.5 should be taken out to the Districts as a first reading item.

2010-11 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

PRESIDENT-ELECT

NOMINATIONS FOR 2011-12:

Mr. Espeland nominated Owen St. Clair.

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

MOTION PASSED: **

Owen St. Clair was selected as the 2011-12 President-Elect.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Associate Commissioner Wilson reported that sportsmanship numbers are up considerably compared to last year. Ejection numbers for the spring are about the same as last year.

WRESTLING WEIGHT CLASSES

Wrestling weight classes will change, beginning with the 2011-12 season, as per recommendation from the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee. Weight classes will now be as follows: 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220 and 285.

ONLINE OFFICIAL'S REGISTRATION

Beginning on June 1, 2011, officials may register using an online format. The WHSAA is working out the details for districts that wish to register their officials using a voucher. Paper/pencil applications will be accepted the first year until the process is streamlined.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WINTER REASON REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported that the winter culminating events went well. Gate receipts were up, the weather was favorable and fan behavior was better, which can be attributed to the "Join the RIDE" program.

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. Topics of discussion included concussions, paying officials as employees or independent contractors, how tournament workers are classified, and Title IX issues.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The list of 2011-12 Student Advisory Council members was presented. The council is looking at offering a Statewide Sportsmanship Summit in November.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

CATASTROPHIC INSURANCE

Catastrophic insurance rates are based on claims reported during the present year and the 3 previous years. Commissioner Laird was able to lock in on a \$1 increase for two years, making the rate \$7.00 per student for 2011-12 and 2012-13.

OUT OF SEASON PRACTICE RULE

Commissioner Laird asked the Board to revisit the Out of Season practice rule, based on input received at the recent District meetings. Wyoming is very lenient in this area compared to surrounding states. The Handbook Committee will pursue a proposal looking at the possibility of adding "dead times" or "dead periods" to the WHSAA rules.

UW FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

As per the 2011 UW football schedule and the UW/WHSAA agreement, the 2011 WHSAA football play-off games will be played on Friday, October 28, 2011; Friday, November 4, 2011; and Friday and Saturday, November 11-12, 2011.

STATE FAIR PRACTICES

The 2011 State Fair, to be held August 13-20, 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.

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 27, 2011, 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 27, 2011 at 10:00 a.m..

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

2011-12 BOARD COMMITTEE SURVEY

Commissioner Laird asked all Board members to complete the committee survey for 2011-12. He will try to assign members to the committees they requested. The 2011-12 Executive Council is comprised of the President, President-Elect, Past President and committee chairs, making sure all classifications and districts are represented.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, CINDY HILL – MAY 3, 2011

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson will travel to Cheyenne on May 3, 2011, to meet with State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Cindy Hill. They plan to discuss the concussion bill and implementing the National Federation concussion course; travel issues; lost school time and virtual and home school membership.

SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE / WORKSHOP

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson will meet with the Sports Medicine Committee on May 25, 2011. The committee will discuss the concussion bill and will finalize the agenda for the July 20, 2011, sports medicine workshop.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DATE

The Executive Council meeting date has been set for July 12, 2011.

FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING

An NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching class will be offered on July 19, 2011, in conjunction with the WCA Coaches Clinic.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING – AUGUST 10, 2011

The WHSAA will provide a training seminar for all new Activities Directors and Principals on August 10, 2011. A follow-up session will be held at the Statewide Scheduling Meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President English adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m. on April 26, 2011.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
JIM ENGLISH

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD