



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 28, 2015

President Shon Hocker called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2015, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Mark Broderson, Sundance; Terry Burgess, Sheridan County School District #2; Kevin Christopherson (WSBA), Casper; Ty Flock, Greybull; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Jeremy Hill, Riverton; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Tony Hult, Cody; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Todd Quigley, Newcastle; Dustin Rees, Mountain View; Kendra Roeder, Pine Bluffs; Jerry Schlabs, Cheyenne East; Dicky Shanor, State Department of Education; Jim Williams (WSBA), Glenrock; Pete Wilson, Upton and Tom Wilson, Green River. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

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

Agenda – Add an Executive Session to be held at the conclusion of the regular meeting business. **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. Gray moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Kevin Koile from WyoPreps and Scott Noble from Cheyenne South High School.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

Discussion was heard on the recommendation to the Recalibration Committee regarding school funding for activities.

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Terry Burgess, Mark Broderson, Dustin Rees, Jerry Schlabs, Owen St. Clair and Pete Wilson.

Ad Hoc Members: Glenn Freeburg, Cliff Hill, Bruce Miller, Bubba O'Neill, Scott Noble, Jim O'Connor, Shane Schaffner and Ann Wille.

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Tom Wilson, Mark Broderson, Terry Burgess, Chris Gray, Tony Hult and Dan Mitchelson

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2014-15

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Burgess seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and third quarter report for 2014-15 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Mitchelson seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVE MEMORABILIA PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Burgess seconded the motion to award the 3 year memorabilia contract to Fine Designs of Dallas, TX.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVE 2015-16 BUDGET

MOTION: Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to table discussion of the 2015-16 budget until after the Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to approve the 2015-16 budget as amended.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMISSIONER'S CONTRACT EXTENSION

MOTION: Mr. Burgess moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to table discussion of the Commissioner's contract extension until after the Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

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

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)

2014-15 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Jeremy Hill, Kendra Roeder, Dicky Shanor, Owen St. Clair, Jim Williams and Pete Wilson

RULE 7.8.76 – 2A GOLF SPECTATORS ON COURSE DURING TOURNAMENT PLAY

MOTION: Mr. Shanor moved and Ms. Roeder seconded the motion to amend the proposed wording of Rule 7.8.76 as follows:

4. *Spectators are specifically instructed not to give any advice, rulings or have any contact with players. Any verbal and non-verbal contact could be construed as giving advice (Rule 8). Therefore, conversations with players in any form are not permitted. A two (2) stroke penalty may be assessed by the Rules Committee for violation.*

5. *Eliminate current wording*

Renumber and add #7:

Coaches will be available to monitor and enforce spectator rules on assigned holes, as part of the tournament staff, determined by the meet director.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 5.10.2 – TENNIS PRACTICE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Ms. Roeder moved and Mr. Shanor seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 5.10.2 that would decrease the number of required practice days for tennis from nine (9) to five (5).

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING (10-7)

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULES 2.6.4 & 3.1.39 – AFFILIATE MEMBER AND COMBINATION SCHOOL AGREEMENT PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Pete Wilson moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rules 2.6.4 and 3.1.39 as follows:

2.6.4

These home (virtual) school Affiliate Members:

3. *Must pay the enrollment fee each year as outlined below:*

a. ...

b. ...

c. *If the Affiliate Member enters into a combination school agreement as the visiting school, the host school becomes the student's school of choice for all sports and activities offered by the host school. If there is a change from the original agreement to an agreement with a different host school, all transfer rules will apply.*

3.1.39

Once an agreement is reached to combine, reapplication must be made annually to the WHSAA. If a visiting school chooses to enter into a combination school agreement with a different host school in the same activity, all transfer rules will apply. An exception may be made by the Commissioner if he deems a hardship exists.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULES 7.7.11 – 7.7.14 – FOOTBALL PRACTICE RULES PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Shanor moved and Mr. Pete Wilson seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to football practice rules 7.7.11 – 7.7.14 with the following amended wording to Rule 7.7.13:

Exception: Quarters that players kick or punt only will not count towards the eight or five quarter limit.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

MOTION: Mr. Shanor moved and Ms. Roeder seconded the motion to suspend the rules and pass Rules 7.7.11 – 7.7.14 on first reading for immediate implementation.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

2014-15 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to evaluate fair play and equity throughout all WHSAA events.

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Todd Quigley, Kevin Christopherson, Ty Flock, Mike Lashley, Dustin Rees and Jerry Schlabs

RULE 7.13.51 – STATE TENNIS SEEDING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Schlabs moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 7.13.51 regarding seeding for the state tennis tournament, as follows:

Each athlete shall enter in either singles or doubles. The top four finishers from each region will be seeded as per 7.13.52.5 brackets. Byes will be determined as per WHSAA rule 7.13.45. Those participants who finish at the seventh/eighth position in their division at the Regional Tennis Tournament will be drawn in to play the first or second seed in their division in the first round at the State Tennis Tournament, matching North opponents vs. South opponents to the extent possible. Those participants who finish at the fifth/sixth position in their division at the Regional Tennis Tournament will be drawn in to play the third or fourth seed in their division in the first round at the State Tennis Tournament, matching North opponents vs. South opponents to the extent possible.

In the event the regional Tennis Tournament is cancelled due to weather or other concerns, the State Tennis Tournament will use the seeds from the Conference results and seed accordingly. 1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, 4 vs. 5, matching North opponents vs. South opponents to the extent possible during the first round in each division.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

EVALUATION OF STATE INDOOR TRACK – TWO CLASSES

The Committee directed the WHSAA to put out an information gathering survey seeking feedback on whether State Indoor Track should go to two classes. Input will also be sought from track coaches at the summer WCA clinic.

2014-15 COMMITTEE GOAL

To evaluate Indoor Track and look at breaking into 3A and 4A divisions for the state meet.

DISTRICTS

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Quigley moved and Mr. Burgess seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Dave Olsen of Gillette.

MOTION PASSED: **

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DISTRICT REPORT (continued)

MOTION: Mr. Flock moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to award Lifetime Gold Passes to Ken and Kathy Jensen of Greybull.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Bill Poniatowski of Glenrock.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Rick Cotant of Torrington.

MOTION PASSED: **

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dan Mitchelson was selected as the 2015-16 President-Elect.

ASSOCIATE COMMISIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Good sportsmanship numbers are comparable to those from last year and the WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition. Unfortunately, ejection numbers are up considerably due to an increased number of red cards in soccer.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WINTER REASON REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported that the winter culminating events went well and the competition was very good. The WHSAA will work to address some challenges with the State Spirit Competition.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

LEGAL MEETING UPDATE

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

PLAY SMART. PLAY HARD

“Play Smart. Play Hard” is a public relations campaign established by the Illinois High School Association to emphasize the positive impacts participation has on students and to combat the negative publicity of concussions and football. They have requested each state association be listed on the “Play Smart. Play Hard.” web site as “endorsing/supporting” the campaign. The WHSAA will send their logo to be included on the website.

ANYONE CAN SAVE A LIFE

The Minnesota State High School League and the Medtronic Foundation have developed the “Anyone Can Save a Life” program, which is designed to assist schools in implementing an emergency action plan. The WHSAA has agreed to provide program materials to schools, at no cost, through a grant provided by the NFHS Foundation.

SF98 RECREATION SAFETY ACT

The final version of the Recreation Safety Act did not completely address what the WHSAA was hoping for, but does recognize organizations that regulate interscholastic sports as a “provider”. The Act also added wrestling, cheerleading and rodeo to the list of activities that may assume inherent risk.

HEADS UP FOOTBALL

USA Football has asked for endorsements from Activities Associations to require all football coaches to be “Heads Up” certified. The WHSAA will make the information available to coaches as a resource, but will not make certification mandatory.

ImPACT TESTING

There is a push for every school in the nation to have some kind of concussion testing. Commissioner Laird is working with our catastrophic insurance provider to determine what can be done for our schools.

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DRONE RULES PROPOSAL

Due to increased use of drones at athletic events, it may become necessary to develop a policy to deal with liability and safety concerns.

REGION IX CONFLICT

The Region IX Basketball Tournament and the WHSAA State 1A/2A Basketball Tournament will be at the same time in 2016. If Casper College earns the right to host, Thunderbird Gym at Casper College will not be available. Commissioner Laird asked the Board for input on alternate solutions.

SPEECH SEASON REQUEST

In response to a request to move the first contest date for speech, the Commissioner suggested changing the wording in the handbook from November 1st to Calendar Week 17.

PREVENTION MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

The Prevention Management Organization has requested permission to hand out information (brochures, posters, etc.) pertinent to high school students, such as texting and driving, suicide prevention and alcohol use, at WHSAA sponsored events.

NFHS NETWORK

The NFHS network will provide coverage all three days at state track and Saturday of state 3A and 4A soccer.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The list of 2015-16 Student Advisory Council members was presented. The council met on April 27, 2015.

UW FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

In cooperation with the UW football schedule, the 2015 WHSAA football play-off games will be played on Friday, October 30, 2015; Friday, November 6, 2015; and Friday and Saturday, November 13-14, 2015.

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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.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL / PROUD TO HOST POST-TOURNAMENT EVALUATION

Following the completion of the April Board Meeting, members of the Board will meet with representatives of Casper's Proud to Host the Best Committee 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 29, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

2015-16 BOARD COMMITTEE SURVEY

Commissioner Laird asked all Board members to complete the committee survey for 2015-16. He will try to assign members to the committees they requested.

SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE / WORKSHOP

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson will meet with the Sports Medicine Committee on May 27, 2015. The committee will finalize the agenda for the July 22, 2015, sports medicine workshop, which will be combined with the WCA Clinic's Strength and Conditioning Class.

NFHS SUMMER MEETING – NEW ORLEANS – JUNE 28 – JULY 2, 2015

The NFHS Summer meeting will be in New Orleans on June 28 – July 2, 2015. It is an informative conference where common issues and concerns are addressed.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DATE

The Executive Council meeting date has been set for July 14, 2015. The Executive Council is comprised of the President, President-Elect, Past President and committee chairs, making sure all classifications and districts are represented.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING

The NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching class will be offered on July 21, 2015, in conjunction with the WCA Coaches Clinic.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING – AUGUST 13, 2014

The WHSAA will provide a training seminar for all new Activities Directors and Principals on August 12, 2015. A follow-up session will be held at the Statewide Scheduling Meeting.

RECLASSIFICATION NUMBERS

Enrollment figures used to determine school classification for the next reclass cycle will be available in August.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION PASSED: **

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

MOTION PASSED: **

Action was taken on the tabled items – please see the Finance and Personnel Committee report.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Hocker adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m. on April 28, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
SHON HOCKER

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD