



# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 23, 2019

President Justin Carr called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2019, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Jon Abrams, Laramie County School District #2; Justin Carr, Douglas; Ty Flock, Greybull; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Beau Garcia, Upton; Mike Hamel, Carbon County School District #1; Loren Heth (WSBA), Lusk; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Thomas Jassman, Rock Springs; David Nicholas, Washakie County School District #1; Josh Sandlian, Wheatland; Ben Smith, Big Horn County School District #1; Terry Snyder, Fremont County School District #25; Owen St. Clair, Fremont County School District #14; Larry Yeradi, Wright and Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

#### AGENDA

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

**Agenda** – addition of an Executive Session. **Committee--Finance and Personnel** – add item G: Mileage Compensation for Board Member Travel. **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. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2019, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Christina Mills from Shoshoni; Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Kevin Koile from WyoPreps and Brady Oltmans from the *Casper Star-Tribune*.

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## REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**MOTION:** Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

A student eligibility issue was discussed.

## COMMITTEES

### RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Chad Whitworth, Mike Hamel, Cliff Hill, Josh Sandlian, Terry Snyder and Larry Yeradi.

Ad Hoc Members: Brandon Deromedi, Mike Gregory, Jason Hansen, Mike Lashley, Jim O'Connor, Jerry Schlabs, Ann Wille and Rod Winland.

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

### FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Ty Flock, Glenn Freeburg, David Nicholas, Josh Sandlian, Dicky Shanor and Chad Whitworth.

### APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2018-19

**MOTION:** Mr. Whitworth moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and third quarter report for 2018-19 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)**

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

**MOTION:** Mr. Sandlian moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the February Board Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

**MOTION:** Mr. Nicholas moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT

**MOTION:** Mr. Nicholas moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve a one time reimbursement of \$1200 to member schools and a \$900 reimbursement to the other private member schools.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVE 2019-20 BUDGET

**MOTION:** Mr. Whitworth moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the 2019-20 budget as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

COMMISSIONER'S CONTRACT EXTENSION

**MOTION:** Mr. Nicholas moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to extend the Commissioner's contract for an additional year.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)**

MILEAGE COMPENSATION FOR BOARD MEMBER TRAVEL

**MOTION:** Mr. Nicholas moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to approve round trip mileage reimbursement for Board members who drive their own vehicle to Board meetings, with no compensation given when using a school district vehicle.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

2018-19 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black and to work with Mr. Laird and Mr. Merback on monitoring the WHSAA's investments.

**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE**

Chairman Owen St. Clair, Beau Garcia, Mike Hamel, Loren Heth and Larry Yeradi.

9-MAN FOOTBALL PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to approve the proposed 9-man football classification to be implemented with the 2020 reclass cycle.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*FINAL READING**

RULE 7.16.71 – REGIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT CRITERIA

**MOTION:** Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Hamel seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 7.16.71 that would eliminate “Returning state placers at same weight (order of place)” as a regional wrestling seeding criteria.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*FIRST READING**

2018-19 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

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### CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Jon Abrams, Cliff Hill, Thomas Jassman, Dustin Rees, Ben Smith and Terry Snyder.

#### 4A STATE GOLF PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Jassman seconded the motion to approve the proposal that would limit participation at the 4A State Golf Tournament to the top 4 teams and the top 20 individuals per qualifying tournaments held at two locations.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*FIRST READING**

#### APPROVAL OF 2019-20 CALENDAR

**MOTION:** Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Snyder seconded the motion to approve the WHSAA 2019-20 Calendar as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### 2018-19 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue work on event calendars to help meet the needs of students involved in activities, while keeping budgets, time out of the classroom, and travel as part of the decision making process.

### DISTRICT REPORTS

**MOTION:** Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to award a Gold Card to Dan Edwards of Douglas.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to award a Gold Card to Julie Kuhlman of Glenrock.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Nicholas seconded the motion to award a Gold Card to Mike Helenbolt of Cheyenne.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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### **PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Ben Smith was selected as the 2019-20 President-Elect.

### **ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

#### SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition. Ejection numbers are down slightly from last year.

#### USGA RULE PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to approve the USGA's proposal to change the Rules of Amateur Status that would allow an amateur golfer to accept an educational scholarship as a tournament prize.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

#### WINTER SEASON REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported that the winter season culminating events went well. The Lander boys' swim team won its 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive state title and the 1A/2A State Championship games were very exciting.

#### LEGAL MEETING UPDATE

Commissioner Laird and Bob Despain recently attended the NFHS Legal Meeting in Indianapolis. The meeting was very informative and provided a forum to hear what is going on around the country. This year's meeting included updates on concussion litigation and recruiting of international students.

#### NFHS NETWORK UPDATE

The NFHS Network reported over 54,000 live views during the 1A/2A State Basketball Tournament. State Spirit and 3A/4A State Basketball received over 92,000 live views.

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### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

#### MUSIC LICENSES – ASCAP, BMI, SESAC

Information was provided on music license agreements between the NFHS and performing rights organizations (ASCAP, BMI and SESAC). Because there is still a great deal of confusion on music licensing requirements, the WHSAA will hold a mandatory meeting in October for cheer and dance coaches with a representative from the NFHS.

#### COUNTING EVENTS TOWARD INDIVIDUAL SPORT LIMITS

Wording will be added to the handbook detailing contest limits per sport.

#### RULE 6.2.2 AND 6.2.8 – ACADEMIC SEAT TIME REQUIREMENT CLARIFICATION

Clarification of academic seat time and the definition of a solid subject will be added to the handbook.

#### LETTER TO WYOMING BOARD OF MEDICINE

A copy of the letter to the Wyoming Board of Medicine informing them of the Concussion Insurance program provided by the WHSAA was presented.

#### NFHS LEARN – VAPING – EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATION

The NFHS Learning Center offers 70 educational courses via their NFHSLearn.com website. Many of the courses are free of charge and range from AACCA – Spirit Safety Certification to Understanding Vaping and E-Cigarettes.

#### SOFTBALL UPDATE

Currently seven schools have committed to adding girls' fastpitch softball: Campbell County, Cody, Green River, Kelly Walsh, Natrona County, Rock Springs and Thunder Basin. Albany County and Laramie County are considering adding it as well. Sanctioning a new sport requires 8 schools. A commitment from at least one more school will need to be made for softball to begin in the spring of 2021.

#### STATE FAIR PRACTICES – NO PRACTICES – FAIR DATES AUGUST 13-17, 2019

The start of fall practices do not conflict with the State Fair this year.

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### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)**

#### STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The current Student Advisory Council and incoming 2019-20 council members will meet on April 29, 2019, at the WHSAA office.

#### UW FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

In cooperation with the UW football schedule, the 2019 WHSAA football play-off games will be played on Friday, November 1, 2019; Saturday, November 9, 2019; and Friday and Saturday, November 15-16, 2019.

#### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL / PROUD TO HOST POST-TOURNAMENT EVALUATION

The Board met 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 provided Hy-Tek training for all regional track meet directors on April 24, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

#### 2019-20 BOARD COMMITTEE SURVEY

Commissioner Laird asked all Board members to complete the committee survey for 2019-20. He will try to assign members to the committees they request.

#### SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COUNCIL / WORKSHOP

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson will meet with the Sports Medicine Advisory Council on May 22, 2019.

#### NFHS SUMMER MEETING – INDIANAPOLIS – JUNE 28-JULY 2, 2019

The NFHS Summer meeting will be in Indianapolis on June 28 – July 2, 2019. This year will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NFHS.

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**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT (Continued)**

CAMP U – SPEAKING – MAY 31, 2019

Commissioner Laird will speak at Camp U on May 31, 2019, in Powell.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – JULY 9, 2019

The Executive Council meeting date has been set for July 9, 2019. The Executive Council is comprised of the President, President-Elect, Past President and committee chairs, making sure all classifications and districts are represented.

FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING – JULY 17, 2019

The NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching class will be offered on July 17, 2019, in conjunction with the WCA Coaches Clinic.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING – AUGUST 14, 2019

The WHSAA will provide a training seminar for all new Activities Directors and Principals on August 14, 2019. A follow-up session will be held at the Statewide Scheduling Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Carr adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m. on April 23, 2019.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
JUSTIN CARR

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
RON LAIRD