



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 8-9, 2011

President Jim English called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m., Tuesday, February 8, 2011, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Keith Bauder, Riverton; Jim English, Torrington; Dan Espeland, Converse County School District #1; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Tony Hult, Cody; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Jim Levine, Lyman; 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; Tom Wilson, Green River; Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain; and Christy Wright, Big Horn. 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 – 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. Winland moved and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2010, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Clint Robus, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*; Kevin Koile from WyoPreps; Becky Dooley and Jim Yule from RT Communications; and Tim Ray from Casper.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Commissioner Laird presented outgoing Board Member Tim Ray with a WHSAA commemorative watch and welcomed Ken Stoick of Casper Natrona who was elected to complete Mr. Ray's term.

RT COMMUNICATIONS

Becky Dooley and Jim Yule from RT Communications asked the Board to consider allowing them to present a live video stream of the semi-final and championship rounds of the 2011 State Wrestling Tournament.

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 FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2010-11

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

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Bauder moved and Mrs. Wright seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the November Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

REVIEW TROPHY AND MEDAL REQUEST FORM

MOTION: Mr. Nelson moved and Mrs. Wright seconded the motion to approve the Trophy and Medal Request form that will be sent out to invite businesses to submit a bid for a three year awards contract beginning with the 2011-12 school year.

MOTION PASSED: **

2010-11 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black.

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

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

- 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: **FIRST 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*

[No changes to paragraph 1]

*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: **FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.7.17 – FOOTBALL POINT DIFFERENTIAL PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. St. Clair 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: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.7.30 – FOOTBALL TIE BREAKING CRITERIA

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Winland 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: **FIRST READING

EDITORIAL CHANGE – RULE 7.4.8 – TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE – FOUR TEAMS INVOLVED

MOTION: Mr. St. Clair moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve the editorial change to Rule 7.4.8 that would be implemented should four teams be tied for a culminating event seed.

MOTION PASSED: **

2010-11 COMMITTEE GOALS

To promote fairness, equity and clarity.

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

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

RULE 7.14.82 – INDOOR TRACK PROPOSAL TO ADD THE 4X200 RELAY

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion to approve the proposal to add the 4X200 relay to the events contested at the State Indoor Meet, starting in 2012.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 7.14.81.5 – INDOOR TRACK PROPOSAL FOR 4X800 QUALIFICATION

MOTION: Mr. Wilson moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to approve the proposal to use open 800 meter times to determine 4X800 relay qualifying times for the State Indoor Meet, starting in 2012.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 7.13.44 – REGIONAL TENNIS SEEDING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 7.13.44 as follows:

7.13.44 SEEDING

All schools will be seeded in each bracket. Priority will be given to schools who have won the most league matches in that bracket. If a tie occurs, the tournament director will use the following tie breaking criteria:

1. *Head to head competition on a two way tie.*
2. *One school beating others on a three way tie and then head to head competition between the other two.*
3. *If the tie still exists, compare the records of the tied teams against the record of the highest-ranking non-tied team. Continue through the league standings until the tie is broken.*
4. *Coin flip, odd school receives highest seed and then head to head with others.*

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

DISCUSSION OF SUSPENSION OF RULE 7.7.40

MOTION: Mr. Schlabs moved and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion clarifying that it was the intent of the Board to suspend Rule 7.7.40 until a decision was made on accepting or rejecting the bid proposals submitted for hosting the state football championships.

MOTION PASSED: **

STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

FOOTBALL:

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to accept Laramie's proposal to host the 2011, 2012 and 2013 State Football Championships at the University of Wyoming's War Memorial Stadium with 75% of the gate payable to the WHSAA and a \$1 increase in ticket prices.

MOTION PASSED: **

FORENSICS:

MOTION: Mr. Wilson moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to accept Rock Spring's proposal to host the 2012, 2013 and 2014 State Forensics Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA. The Tournament would be held in conjunction with Western Wyoming College's spring break.

MOTION PASSED: **

2A GOLF:

MOTION: Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to accept Lovell's proposal to host the 2012 State 2A Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

3A GOLF:

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion to accept Worland's proposal to host the 2012 State 3A Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

4A GOLF:

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to accept Laramie's proposal to host the 2012 State 4A Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to move the Statewide Scheduling Meeting to week 20.

MOTION FAILED: **

4A TRACK & FIELD TRIAD PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Wilson moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to approve the 4A Track and Field Triad proposal as presented.

MOTION FAILED: **

APPROVE 2011-12 CALENDAR

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to approve the 2011-12 WHSAA Calendar as presented.

MOTION PASSED:**

2010-11 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Associate Commissioner Wilson reported that winter activity sportsmanship numbers are up considerably compared to last year. Ejection numbers are down.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

1A/2A STATE BASKETBALL

Due to the Women's Junior College Region IX Basketball Tournament in Casper during the 1A/2A Tournament, two games scheduled at Casper College on Friday and all games scheduled at Casper College on Saturday will be held at Kelly Walsh High School.

CONCUSSION BILL

Commissioner Laird provided a copy of the Concussion Bill being considered at the current legislative session. The bill has passed Committee in both the House and the Senate.

LRG

The WHSAA has received the first check from LRG for high school merchandise sold at local businesses. Commissioner Laird will ask for input at the next round of District Meeting on what to do with the money.

RT COMMUNICATIONS REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Espeland moved and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion to allow RT Communications to provide live video streaming of the semi-final and championship round matches at State Wrestling and the championship games at State Basketball.

MOTION PASSED:**

NATIONAL SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD NOMINEE

Commissioner Laird shared the story of Wyoming's nominee for the National Spirit of Sport Award that will be presented at the NFHS Summer Meetings.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Commissioner Laird provided a list of the proposed Student Advisory Council members for 2011-2012.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

SMALL SCHOOL TRANSFER RULE

Commissioner Laird asked for input from the Board on whether the WHSAA should consider a different transfer rule for small schools due to the recent increase in schools that cannot field a team for the entire season. The Board encouraged the affected schools to submit proposals for discussion.

WASC REQUEST

The Wyoming Association of Student Councils (WASC) has asked for permission from the WHSAA to offer a short session for 8th and 9th grade students this spring that would introduce leadership training and encourage students to become involved in Student Council in high school.

WASC SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

WASC will be moving its' July Summer Leadership Conference from Casper College to the Parkway Plaza.

FOTO-SPORT FALL SEASON REPORT

Foto-Sport's financial report for the fall culminating events was presented.

LEGAL MEETING – APRIL 13-16, 2011

Commissioner Laird and Board Attorney, Bob Despain, will attend the NFHS Legal Meeting to be held in Indianapolis in April 13-16. The meeting provides an opportunity to find out what other states are dealing with and allows the WHSAA to be proactive in potential legal issues.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President English adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m. on February 9, 2011.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
JIM ENGLISH

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD