



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JUNE 2, 2020

President Chad Whitworth called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2020, in the ballroom of the Ramkota Hotel.

The following members were present in person: 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; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Thomas Jassman, Rock Springs; Bruce Jolley, WSBA (Lovell); Christina Mills, Shoshoni; Dustin Rees, Mountain View; Josh Sandlian, Wheatland; Ben Smith, Big Horn County School District #1; Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central and Larry Yeradi, Wright. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

Loren Heth, WSBA (Lusk) and Dicky Shanor, WDE (Cheyenne) were present via ZOOM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION PASSED: **

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

MOTION PASSED: **

AGENDA

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

Agenda – add “Ad Hoc Committee” to 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. Hamel moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION PASSED: **

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MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Jason Hansen of Lyman, Terry Hooker of NCSD #1 in Casper and Reggie Miller of Riverton as incoming members of the 2020-21 WHSAA Board. New board member Keith Bauder of Wyoming Indian attended via ZOOM. Also in attendance were Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney and Jack Nowlin from the *Casper Star-Tribune*.

GREEN RIVER LETTER

Green River High School sent a letter to the WHSAA on May 6, 2020, stating they would not pursue an official appeal concerning the scoring error that occurred during the State Wrestling Tournament.

AD HOC COMMITTEE

MOTION: Mr. Hamel moved and Mr. Shanor seconded the motion to refer the formulation of an Ad Hoc Committee to review the State Wrestling scoring error to the Handbook Committee for discussion and assignment.

MOTION PASSED: **

After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Ben Smith, Cliff Hill, Bruce Jolley, David Nicholas, 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.

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Josh Sandlian, Ty Flock, Glenn Freeburg, David Nicholas, Dicky Shanor and Ben Smith

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2019-20

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and third quarter report for 2019-20 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Flock moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF 2020-21 BUDGET

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to approve the 2020-21 budget as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF TROPHY AND MEDAL BID

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to accept Universal Award's trophy and medal bid for 2020 – 2023.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMISSIONER'S CONTRACT EXTENSION

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

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

2019-20 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 Mike Hamel, Justin Carr, Loren Heth, Christina Mills, Terry Snyder and Larry Yeradi.

RULE 7.6.1.5 – CROSS COUNTRY CONTEST DAYS PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mrs. Mills seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.6.1.5 that would increase the contest day limit from 8 to 10.

MOTION FAILED: **

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to suspend the rules and allow Rule 7.6.1.5 to take effect in the fall of 2020.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mrs. Mills seconded the motion to approve the amended wording to Rule 7.6.1.5 as follows:

The cross country season begins with the first allowable practice on Monday of WHSAA calendar week 7. The first allowable contest date is on Thursday of calendar week 8. Each cross country runner is limited to 8 contest days per season. Cross Country participants will be allowed two (2) extra organized races (fundraisers, triathlons, fun-runs, etc.). These events must not fall under WHSAA sanctioning. These events cannot be mandated by the coach, and the students will be participating on their own and not representing the school. Catastrophic insurance will not cover these events. The State Meet shall not count toward the 8 day contest limit. The cross country season will end with the State Meet on Saturday of week 16.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.7.17 – FOOTBALL RUNNING CLOCK PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Carr moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 7.7.17 that would implement a running clock when a 35 point differential is reached by the end of the first half of 11-man football games.

MOTION FAILED: **

2019-20 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Dustin Rees, Jon Abrams, Beau Garcia, Cliff Hill, Thomas Jassman and Bruce Jolley

RULE 7.7.30 – 3 TEAM FOOTBALL TIE BREAKING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to approve the 3 team football tie breaking proposal as follows:

f. If a tie still exists, then positive and negative points will be used to determine the seeding (a maximum of 12 positive or negative points may be accumulated in any one contest). Once one team is separated by the points, the winner of the head to head contest between the two remaining teams is the higher seed.

Seeding 1 The winner of the head to head contest between B & C will be the next higher seed.

If there is a forfeit, the winner will receive +12 points and the loser will receive -12 points for the contest.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 7.10.45 – NORDIC SKI STATE QUALIFICATIONS PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Jassman moved and Mr. Jolley seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 7.10.45 as follows:

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CALENDAR COMMITTEE (continued)

Rule 7.10.45 STATE MEET CONSIDERATIONS

1. Qualifications for participation in the state meet:
 - a. Finish the season in good standing as a member of the affiliated school team.
 - b. *Student participants earn 1 point per day for starting a WHSAA regular season race.*
Students must earn 6 points to qualify for participation at the State meet.
 - c. Students with extraordinary circumstances such as serious injury may petition the Commissioner for waiver of the rule.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

APPROVAL OF 2020-21 CALENDAR

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Jassman seconded the motion to approve the 2020-21 calendar as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

2019-20 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue work on the event calendars to help the needs of students involved in activities while keeping budgets, time out of the classroom, travel, and the health and safety of all involved in the discussion making process.

DISTRICT REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to award a Gold Card to Wes Ackerson of Kaycee.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to award a Gold Card to Ruth Putnam of Casper

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to award a Gold Card to Greg Gray of Pinedale

MOTION PASSED: **

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PRESIDENT-ELECT

Larry Yeradi was elected as the 2020-21 President-Elect.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WINTER SEASON REPORT

Results from completed winter season culminating events were presented.

TROPHIES FOR CANCELLED EVENTS

The Commissioner will evaluate the point of the tournament when the cancellation occurred and determine if trophies should be awarded.

WIND RIVER CROSS COUNTRY REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved and Mrs. Mills seconded the motion to approve Wind River's request to add Cross Country.

MOTION PASSED: **

STATE GOLF ROTATION

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Abrams seconded the motion to approve switching Lyman as the host for the 2020 3A State Golf Meet and Lander as the host for the 2021 3A State Golf Meet.

MOTION PASSED: **

REGIONAL AND STATE EVENTS 2021

The 2020-21 Regional and State Event sites and event coordinators were presented.

CONCUSSION INSURANCE UPDATE

A report on paid concussion claims as of 5/1/2020 was presented. The WHSAA wants to make sure schools are making families aware of the service.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

DRAGONFLY ACADEMY

The WHSAA is partnering with the NFHS Center for Officials Services (DragonFly Athletics) to register officials, starting in June of 2020. Rules tests and rules clinics will be available through this platform as well.

UW FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

State Championship football is still scheduled for November 13-14 in Laramie. Should UW's football schedule change and we are not able to use their facilities, the highest seed will host.

SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The WHSAA met with the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee on May 27th. The National SMAC's document "Guidance for Opening Up High School Athletics and Activities" was reviewed.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL – SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT

The list of 2020-21 Student Advisory Council members was presented. It remains questionable whether the State Sportsmanship Summit can be held. Other options include holding district summits.

MARCHING BAND

The WMEA has developed several scenarios that could be implemented if the usual State Marching Band festival is not able to take place.

JEC

Commissioner Laird has been asked to participate in the Joint Education Committee meetings on June 4-5.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council is comprised of the President, President-Elect, Past President and committee chairs, making sure all classifications and districts are represented. The Council will not meet this summer unless it becomes necessary.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

NEW ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING – AUGUST 12, 2020

The WHSAA will provide a training seminar for all new Activities Directors and Principals on August 12, 2020. A follow-up session will be held at the Statewide Scheduling Meeting.

AD & COACHES CLINIC - ONLINE

The Coaches Association summer clinic will be online this year. All classes needed for coaching certification will be offered. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

ACADEMIC HARDSHIPS - CHANGE STANDARDS?

After discussion, it was the consensus that the WHSAA will adhere to current requirements when considering academic hardships.

TRANSFERS?

Discussion was heard on how best to handle transfer situations if one school district is not in school / offering activities and a neighboring district is. The Board felt students who transfer must complete the sport season, then be given the option of staying or returning to their home school. If a student chooses to stay at the school they transferred to, the Transfer Rule would be applicable moving forward.

PHYSICAL – WAIVER?

Some states are waiving yearly physicals but the Board (and the WHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee) felt that Wyoming should continue its' required yearly physical rule. Athletes are encouraged to get physicals through their primary care physician, if possible, to avoid inundating Urgent Care facilities.

STANDARD TEMPERATURE

Acceptable screening temperatures thresh holds tend to differ from county to county, ranging from 99.5 – 100.5. The WHSAA has requested input from the State Health Department to determine a standard temperature rate.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT (Continued)

DEAD PERIOD – WAIVE?

After discussion, the Board felt leaving the dead period in place would still allow schools to offer organized, optional activities that would provide conditioning, physical preparedness and social interaction.

START SEASON EARLIER

The Board felt starting the fall season earlier should not be considered.

FALL SEASON ALTERNATE SCHEDULE REPORTS

Committees have been working on developing alternate schedules / scenarios if fall sports are not able to proceed as usual. The WHSAA is hopeful to be able to provide activities in some capacity and make the best of a bad situation. Plans for an all sport scheduling meeting in early August are being considered, if necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Whitworth adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m. on June 2, 2020.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
CHAD WHITWORTH

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD