

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2006

President Kay Fackrell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 26, 2006 in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Kay Fackrell, Evanston; Bill Fullmer, Burns; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Tony Hult, Cody; Hal Johnson, Worland; Jim Levine, Lyman; Gerry Maas (State Department of Education) Cheyenne; Jim Malkowski (WSBA) Daniel; Kevin Mitchell, Burlington; Stuart Nelson, Platte County School District #1; Tracy Ragland, Newcastle; Duane Schopp, Cheyenne; Ken Stoick, Midwest; Don Thomas, Mountain View; Russ Wiggam, H.E.M.; Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain; and Christy Wright, Big Horn. Ron Laird and Trevor Wilson from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

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

Agenda – add item c. Wyoming Indian to agenda item B.1. – 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. Hill moved and Mr. Maas seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 25-26, 2006, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Patrick Schmiedt, sports reporter, and Ryan Soderlin, photographer, for the *Casper Star-Tribune*; Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; John Cook, Principal, Moorcroft High School; Owen St. Clair and representatives from Wyoming Indian High School; and Dean Kelly, Athletic Director for Natrona County schools.

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AUDIENCES

Ken Stoick, Activities Director at Midwest High School; John Cook, Principal at Moorcroft High School; and Owen St. Clair, Wyoming Indian High School WHSAA Representative petitioned the Board regarding their school's classification for the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 reclassification cycle.

MOTION: Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Ragland seconded the motion to allow Midwest High School to stay in the 1A Classification for the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 reclass cycle.

MOTION PASSED: ** (Mr. Stoick abstained from voting.)

MOTION: Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to allow Moorcroft High School to stay in the 2A Classification for football for the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 reclass cycle.

MOTION FAILED: ** (9-8)

MOTION: Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Ragland seconded the motion to allow Wyoming Indian High School to opt down to the 2A Classification in football with play-off rights for the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 reclass cycle..

MOTION FAILED: **

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to allow Wyoming Indian High School to be placed in a 1A Classification football conference for the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 reclass cycle without play-off rights.

MOTION PASSED: **

Mr. St. Clair will present this option to the Wyoming Indian High School Board and will report back to the WHSAA Board prior to the November meeting.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

Commissioner Laird informed the Board that the WHSAA was able to work out a corporate sponsorship deal with Foss Motors of Casper. Foss Motors will provide the Commissioner and Associate Commissioner with complimentary cars on an annual basis.

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COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Hal Johnson, Cliff Hill, Bill Fullmer, Kevin Mitchell and Tim Winland.

Ad Hoc Members: Keith Bauder, Jim English, Joel Eskelsen, Jerry Fullmer, Dianne Moser, Tom Racette, Marty Weber and Tom Wilson;

5A, 4A, 3A FOOTBALL PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion to accept the 5A, 4A, 3A football proposal as presented:

The conference champions will automatically advance to the first round of the playoffs, host, and be placed in the brackets as shown below. They will host the seventh and eighth Power Rated teams. The conference runner-ups will automatically advance to the first round of the playoffs, host, and be placed in the brackets opposite their conference champion, as shown below. They will host the fifth and sixth Power Rated teams. The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth seeded teams will be the four teams remaining with the highest Power Rating after Conference Champions and Runner-ups have been determined.

Each team in the upper and lower bracket will be assigned a seed number as shown in the bracket below. The second round games will be hosted by the highest upper and lower bracketed seeds.

The Championship game will be hosted by the highest seed. The number one seed is given based on the conference that hosted the championship game the previous year. The opposite conference champion of the host site from the previous year will be the number one seed.

MOTION PASSED: **

WYOMING INDIAN HIGH SCHOOL OPTING DOWN IN FOOTBALL

MOTION: Mr. Fullmer moved and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion to allow Wyoming Indian High School to opt down in football without conference award recognition or play-off considerations.

MOTION FAILED: **

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RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE (Continued)

RULE 7.11.0 – 4A AND 3A SOCCER CLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion to approve the 4A and 3A Soccer Classification proposal as presented:

7.11.0 The WHSAA recognizes two classifications in soccer. 4A will be comprised of the 12 largest soccer schools, 3A will be comprised of the remaining soccer schools.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

CONFERENCE ALIGNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Mitchell moved and Mr. Fullmer seconded the motion to accept the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 Class 1A recommendation for basketball, track and volleyball, with the addition of Midwest.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Fullmer moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to accept the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 Class 2A recommendation for basketball, track and volleyball, with the elimination of Midwest and the addition of Shoshoni to the Northwest Conference.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Fullmer moved and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion to accept the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 Class 3A recommendation for basketball, track and volleyball, with Lander moving to the East Conference.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion to accept Option #4 of the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 Class 4A recommendation for basketball, track, volleyball and soccer as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to accept the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 Class 2A recommendation for wrestling as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE (Continued)

MOTION: Mr. Mitchell moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to accept the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 Class 3A recommendation for wrestling as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion to accept the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 Class 4A recommendation for wrestling as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to accept the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 Class 5A recommendation for football as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Mitchell moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to accept the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 Class 4A recommendation for football as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Mitchell moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to accept the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 Class 3A recommendation for football as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to accept the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 Class 2A recommendation for football to consist of two 6 team conferences with Shoshoni moving down to 1A.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion to accept the 2007-2008, 2008-2009 Class 1A recommendation for football to consist of an east and a west conference as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Stuart Nelson, Chris Gray, Tony Hult., Gerry Maas, Kevin Mitchell and Tim Winland.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2005-06

MOTION: Mr. Nelson moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2005-06 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the April Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Nelson moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

REGIONAL AND STATE MEDALS

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve the new medal format for all purchased medals.

MOTION PASSED: **

STATE VOLLEYBALL TICKET PRICING

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to accept the ticket prices for state volleyball, as presented, to reflect the 3 day tournament format.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

WSOA BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION: Mr. Nelson moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve the WSOA Board recommendation to set a fee of \$55 per official for three person basketball crews.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion to change the per diem rate for state officials from \$40 to \$65 per day.

MOTION PASSED: ** (Mr. Wiggam abstained from voting.)

MOTION: Mr. Nelson moved and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion to approve the WSOA Board recommendation to increase the pay for state wrestling officials by \$50.

MOTION PASSED: **

2006-2007 COMMITTEE GOAL

To monitor and evaluate revenue and spending while keeping the budget in the black. Assist and work with the WHSAA Commissioner to increase corporate sponsorship for WHSAA activities.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Jim Levine, Bill Fullmer, Shannon Jackett, Ken Stoick, Don Thomas and Christy Wright.

RULE 7.16.68 – REGIONAL WRESTLING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Thomas moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the regional wrestling seeding proposal as follows:

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)

7.16.68 SEEDING CRITERIA

1. *Head to head competition*
2. *Record against common opponents*
3. *Returning state placers at same weight (order of place)*
4. *Returning state placers at any weight (order of place)*
5. *Best overall record (minimum of ten varsity matches)*
6. *Coin flip*
7. *Wrestlers that are not seeded will be randomly drawn in to the bracket*
8. *Once seeding begins for each weight class, a wrestler may not be taken off the board for consideration.*

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 6.7.6 – EIGHTH GRADE PARTICIPATION PROPOSAL

The Committee took no action on the eighth grade participation proposal, as stated below, and directed the Commissioner to re-evaluate the exception and consider adding consequences that would be directed at the coach and the school, rather than the individual:

Students in the eighth grade or lower are not eligible to practice or to play against high school athletes or teams. If such is done, games are forfeited and the pupil loses a corresponding number of semesters of high school competition. EXCEPTION: Elementary pupils may participate in all music activities as members of high school groups without penalty.

RULE 7.11.42 – CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING SOCCER CONFERENCE STANDINGS

MOTION: Mrs. Wright moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the proposal to change the criteria for determining soccer conference standings as presented:

7.11.42 *Conference Standings*

The following criteria will be used to determine conference standings:

- a. *3 points will be given for each win, 1 point for each tie, and 0 points for each loss in division play.*

MOTION PASSED: ** FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

2006-2007 COMMITTEE GOALS

To look at and review WHSAA Transfer Rule 6.4.0.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Tracy Ragland, Cliff Hill, Jim Malkowski, Duane Schopp and Russ Wiggam

2A EAST REGIONAL BASKETBALL PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to accept the proposal to go to a 2A East regional tournament in basketball.

MOTION PASSED: **

INDOOR TRACK PROPOSAL

The Committee took no action on the proposal to expand the State Indoor Track meet to two days and directed the Commissioner to poll Indoor Track schools on the impact an additional day would have on lost school time and budgets.

OUTDOOR TRACK PROPOSAL

The Committee took no action on the proposal to change the format of the State Track Meet from three days to two days and directed the Commissioner to poll track coaches on whether a two day event is feasible.

UW STATE FOOTBALL PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to defeat the University of Wyoming's proposal to host the 2006 State Football Championships.

MOTION PASSED: **

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.6.83 – STATE CROSS COUNTRY SITE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Schopp moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to leave the determination of the state cross country meet site on an east / west rotational proposal process.

MOTION PASSED: **

STATE GOLF

Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Ragland seconded the motion to replace Star Valley with Cody in the 3A state golf rotation, and Cody with Star Valley in the state 4A golf rotation, as stated in WHSAA Rule 7.8.3, to be in accordance with the new reclassification alignment.

MOTION PASSED: **

STATE CULMINATING EVENTS PROPOSAL FORM UPDATE

MOTION: Mr. Schopp moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to approve the changes to the Culminating Events Proposal Form as presented, and add the following:

RE: State Golf All expenses, including practice round fees, must be included in the proposal process.

MOTION PASSED: **

2006-2007 COMMITTEE GOAL

To explore the possibility of establishing a neutral site for the state football championships.

DISTRICTS

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Ragland moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Gene Baldwin of Newcastle.

MOTION PASSED: **

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DISTRICTS (Continued)

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Janice Peterson of Encampment.

MOTION PASSED: **

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WRESTLING WEIGHT MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT DATES

Associate Commissioner Wilson reported that wrestling weight management assessment dates have been set for November 17th and 18th. Schools will receive more information on sites and times at a later date.

BASKETBALL COACHES EVALUATION MEETING

The WHSAA is in the process of developing an assessment tool that will allow basketball coaches to evaluate officials. A meeting will be held at the WHSAA office on October 4 to discuss the program. It is hoped that this system will eventually replace the balloting method currently used to determine officials for culminating events.

WRESTLING OFFICIALS MENTORING MEETING

The WHSAA will hold a meeting on November 10th to discuss the implementation of a wrestling official's mentoring program. The goal of the program is to offer a means to make officials better.

REFEREE MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Football officiating crews from Wyoming and Montana were featured in an article called "Home on the Range" in the September, 2006, issue of *Referee* magazine.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

STATE MARCHING BAND

Commissioner Laird reported that due to a scheduling conflict with the Casper Events Center, this year's State Marching Band Festival will be held outside at Natrona's Cheney Alumni Field on October 14. Currently 14 bands have committed to perform. Casper College will be used if the weather is bad.

SUBLETTE COUNTY DONATION

Commissioner Laird thanked Sublette County School District #1 for another donation of \$45,000 to be placed into the WHSAA building fund.

FOTO-SPORT PHOTOGRAPHY

Foto-Sport of Lander will be providing photography at all WHSAA culminating events for the 2006-07 year.

SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Sports Medicine Advisory Committee now has a link on the WHSAA website (www.whsaa.org). A link is also provided to the NFHS Sports Medicine page.

SCOREBOARD ADVERTISING

The WHSAA has sent out inquiries offering businesses an opportunity to advertise on WHSAA website scoreboards. Three advertising tiers were developed based on the number of "hits" each scoreboard receives. Money generated from scoreboard advertising will be used for technology updates.

SPORTSMANSHIP DVD

A DVD, entitled *Game Plan for Life*, developed by the NFHS to promote the benefits of being involved in high school activities was shown to the Board. The WHSAA also plans to show 30-second public service announcements on sportsmanship and steroid abuse during the television broadcasts of upcoming state events.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

One of the WHSAA's goals for this year is to be more proactive in the promotion of sportsmanship. As a result, over 50 Good Sportsmanship Awards have been given, to date, to fall sports participants and coaches. Last year, only a total of 4 awards were given during the entire fall season.

SECTION 7 AND 8

Commissioner Laird, Associate Commissioner Wilson and President Fackrell recently attended the Section 7 & 8 Meetings in Oregon. Information from this year's meeting included the ATLAS and ATHENA Drug Prevention and Health Promotion Programs, and a fall sports practice model and heat index chart used by the Oregon Activities Association.

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WEEK

National High School Activities Week is October 15-21. Commissioner Laird asked schools to take the opportunity to thank all the people that make high school activities possible.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The statewide scheduling meeting will be held November 7-8, 2006 at the Holiday Inn in Casper. Commissioner Laird cautioned schools about doing pre-scheduling prior to this meeting, which could result in a school being put on warning.

WYOMING SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION EXPO BOOTH – NOVEMBER 15

The WHSAA will have a booth at the Wyoming School Board Association Expo on November 15, 2006. Commissioner Laird stated that the expo provides a forum for the WHSAA to remind school board members about the importance of high school activities through fun competitions like a basketball shoot and football toss.

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AACCA CERTIFICATION

The American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators (AACCA) certification program provides safety education for spirit coaches. The WHSAA is encouraging all spirit sponsors to obtain the AACCA certification and will have a class on November 18, 2006. Information will be sent to schools at a later date.

NATIONAL ANTHEM PROJECT

The WHSAA has joined with the NFHS to encourage patriotism and promote music programs by participating in the National Anthem Project.

ARAPAHO CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Arapaho Charter High School in Arapaho has joined the WHSAA. They are looking to put a basketball schedule together for this year and will be placed into a conference for next year.

NFHS FUNDAMENTAL OF COACHING COURSE

The NFHS has put together a fundamentals of coaching course that is geared for the interscholastic coach. The course is character based and offers a psychology and physiology component. The course will not replace the ASEP course, but will be used as another option for coaches. Commissioner Laird will send the course to the PTSB to obtain approval as an accepted coaching requirement. The NFHS program should be ready for use in early 2007 and is expected to cost about half the price of the ASEP course.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Fackrell adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m. on September, 27, 2006.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
KAY FACKRELL

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD