

# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 1, 2008

President Stuart Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 29, 2008, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Keith Bauder, Riverton; Jim English, Torrington; Dan Espeland, Converse County School District #1; Kay Fackrell, Evanston; Bill Fullmer, Burns; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Hal Johnson, Worland; Glen Legler, Casper Natrona; Jim Levine, Lyman; Gerry Maas (State Department of Education) Cheyenne; Jim Malkowski (WSBA) Daniel; Stuart Nelson, Platte County School District #1; Duane Schopp, Cheyenne; Ken Stoick, Midwest; Don Thomas, Mountain View; Mark Walker (WSBA) Lyman; Russ Wiggam, H.E.M; Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain; and Christy Wright, Big Horn. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

### AGENDA

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

**Agenda** – no changes and/or additions. – 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. Winland moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Legler seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 22-23, 2008, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Patrick Schmiedt, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*; Cliff Hill, Campbell County High School Activities Director; Tony Hult, Cody High School Activities Director; and Tim Ray, Natrona County School District #1 Activities Manager.

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**COMMITTEES**

**RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Chairman Tim Winland, Keith Bauder, Bill Fullmer and Don Thomas.

Ad Hoc Members: Tina Baker, Chris Gray, Cliff Hill, Tony Hult, Jim O'Connor, Steve Pollock, Anne Wille and Tom Wilson.

FOOTBALL ONLY RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Thomas moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to approve the football only reclassification proposal which would be comprised of 4 classifications as follows:

Football Only:

The largest 10 schools will comprise the 4A classification

The next 12 schools will comprise the 3A classification

The next 16 schools will comprise the 2A classification

The remaining schools will have the option of being 1A 11-Man or 1A 6-Man

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

ALL SPORTS BUT FOOTBALL RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Walker moved and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion to approve the All Sports But Football Reclassification proposal as follows:

All Class Proposal – Volleyball, Basketball and Track

*No more than* the largest 14 schools will comprise the 4A classification

*No more than* the next 16 schools will comprise the 3A classification

*No more than* the next 20 schools will comprise the 2A classification

The remaining schools will comprise the 1A classification

Remaining sports would be classified as follows:

Cross Country – Continue a 4A, 3A, 2A classification format

Golf – Continue a 4A, 3A, 2A classification format

Wrestling – Continue a 4A, 3A, 2A classification format

Swimming – Continue a 4A, 3A classification format

Tennis, Gymnastics, Alpine and Nordic Skiing – Continue a one classification format

Soccer – Continue a 12 school 4A and 8 school 3A classification format

**MOTION FAILED: \*\***

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**COMMITTEES (Continued)**

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chairman Dan Espeland, Keith Bauder, Hal Johnson, Glen Legler, Gerry Maas and Tim Winland.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2007-08

**MOTION:** Mr. Legler moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2007-08 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

**MOTION:** Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Legler seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the April Board Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

RULES 4.6.15 AND 9.7.0 – OFFICIAL’S MILEAGE PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Legler moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rules 4.6.15 and 9.7.0 as follows:

*Each driver receives a mileage allowance at a rate established by the State of Wyoming on July 1 of the upcoming school year.*

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)**

2008-2009 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black.

The Committee asked Commissioner Laird to discuss the possibility of reducing culminating event ticket prices for students wearing Join the RIDE sportsmanship t-shirts with members of the Student Advisory Council.

**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE**

Chairman Jim English, Bill Fullmer, Jim Levine, Ken Stoick, Mark Walker and Christy Wright.

RULE 7.8.9 – GOLF COACHING PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mrs. Wright moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the all class golf coaching proposal as follows:

*Each school may appoint one person (head coach, assistant coach, etc.) to give advice to, or seek advice from, participants representing that school each day of the competition provided:*

- 1. The person is identified to the games committee before the start of the competition each day;*
- 2. The person does not give advice to, or seek advice from, another school's participants or coaches;*
- 3. The advice not be given during the playing of a hole, but rather from the time a participant holes out on a hole until they tee off on the next hole (or during a suspension of play); and the advice does not unduly delay play.*
- 4. Penalty for breach of condition: by a participant – two strokes; by a coach – two strokes will be added to the coach's school's score;*
- 5. The tournament director will have a sign-up sheet near the scoring area for each school to identify their designated coach each day. Designated coaches will be given something to wear for identification purposes.*

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

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**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)**

**RULE 8.0.53 – CHEER COACHES RULES TEST PROPOSAL**

**MOTION:** Mr. Thomas moved and Mr. English seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 8.0.53 as follows:

*All head cheer coaches must pass (80%) the NFHS open book Spirit Rules Test each year in order to be eligible for the State Spirit competition.*

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

**RULES 7.8.63 & 7.10.49.5 – GOLF AND NORDIC SKI STATE MEET ROTATION PROPOSAL**

**MOTION:** Mr. English moved and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rules 7.8.63 and 7.10.49.5 as follows:

*Whenever a school moves into or out of a different classification, the WHSAA Commissioner will adjust the rotation for the classifications involved. Should a school request to be added to the rotation, the Commissioner will make a recommendation to the WHSAA Board as to where the school should be placed in the rotation.*

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

**RULES 6.2.1, 6.2.3 & 6.2.8**

**MOTION:** Mr. Stoick moved and Mrs. Wright seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rules 6.2.1, 6.2.3 and 6.2.8 as follows:

6.2.1 *In order to be eligible for any level of interscholastic competition, a student must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school the immediate preceding semester and received passing grades during that semester in subjects that earn a minimum of 5.0 credits or the equivalent, per year toward graduation.*

6.2.3 *A pupil must be passing in five solid subjects at the time of contest. A passing grade is considered to be the passing grade of the individual school. As defined, a solid subject meets five days a week or its equivalent for the entire semester and for which one-half Carnegie units are granted.*

6.2.8 *High school students taking college classes will be allowed to count the college classes toward the required five solid subjects/twenty hours of work per week, if the student has the approval of the school.*

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

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**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)**

RULE 7.3.5 – VOLLEYBALL COACHES PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mrs. Wright moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to approve the volleyball coaches proposal to allow fourteen (14) players to suit for Regional and State competition.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\***

RULE 4.2.1 – FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY AT INDOOR EVENTS PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Walker moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 4.2.1 as follows:

*4.2.1 If, in the opinion of event management or game officials, the use of flash cameras is determined to be a distraction, the photographer will be asked to move to an area where the distraction no longer exists.*

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

RULE 7.11.41 – SOCCER – REGULAR SEASON OVERTIME PROCEDURE POLICY

**MOTION:** Mrs. Wright moved and Mr. Walker seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 7.11.41 Soccer Regular Season Overtime Procedure Policy as follows:

*7.11.41 Regular Season Overtime Procedure*  
*When the score is tied at the end of the regulation time for conference and non-conference varsity contests, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team boxes. There will be five minutes for teams to prepare for the overtime.*

- 1. There shall be two ten-minute overtime periods (not sudden victory):*
  - a. A coin toss shall be held.*
  - b. At the end of the first ten-minute overtime period, teams shall change ends.*
  - c. The score at the end of the second overtime period shall be the final score.*
- 2. There shall be no overtime for non-varsity or jamboree contests.*

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

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**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)**

RULE 7.5.31 – BASKETBALL WARM-UP PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Stoick moved and Mrs. Wright seconded the motion to approve Rule 7.5.31 as follows:

*Rule 7.5.31 Teams are to conduct pre-game and half-time warm-ups on their half of the court. If jogging or running is part of their warm-up drills, then it is to be confined to their half of the court to warm-up. Teams are not to run under the basket of the opposing team when entering the floor or anytime during warm-ups.*

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

ALPINE SKI PROPOSALS

**MOTION:** Mr. Walker moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Alpine Ski Rules 7.10.74 and 7.10.76.

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

NORDIC SKI PROPOSALS

**MOTION:** Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Walker seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording changes to Nordic Ski Rules 7.10.21, 7.10.24, 7.10.28, 7.10.32, 7.10.35 and 7.10.45.

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

2008-2009 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to look at academic requirements and ways to encourage students to achieve at a higher level.

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**COMMITTEES (Continued)**

**CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Chairman Kay Fackrell, Shon Hocker, Jim Malkowski, Duane Schopp, Don Thomas and Russ Wiggam.

RULES 7.8.82 AND 7.13.1 – SPRING GOLF AND TENNIS PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of rules 7.8.82 and 7.13.1 as follows:

*7.8.82 The spring golf season begins on week 39 and ends on week 46.*

*7.13.1 The WHSAA recognizes one classification in tennis. Member schools may participate in one-day tennis matches throughout the Spring season. One two-day culminating event is allowed during the Spring season. The spring tennis season begins on week 39 and ends on week 46.*

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

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Schopp moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to approve the State Championship Football proposal which would allow the 2009 1A – 4A football championship games to be played at War Memorial Stadium in Laramie.

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

RULE 8.3.3 – STATE SPEECH CLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve the State Speech Classification proposal which would allow for four evenly divided classifications.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\***

2007-08 COMMITTEE GOAL

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



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**DISTRICTS**

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

**MOTION:** Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to LeRoy Hayes of Thermopolis.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Walker seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Keith Nate of Cokeville.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

WRESTLING WEIGHT MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT DATE – NOVEMBER 21

The wrestling weight management assessment date has been set for Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Eleven sites have been established and schools will receive more information at a later date.

6-MAN FOOTBALL MEETING – OCTOBER 1

The WHSAA will meet with the schools interested in playing 6-man football for the 2009 season on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Nine and ten team scenarios will be discussed.

SPORTSMANSHIP AND EJECTION NUMBERS

Associate Commissioner Wilson presented a report comparing the 2008-09 sportsmanship and ejection number with figures from 2007-08. Sportsmanship numbers are up significantly from last year, while ejection numbers are about the same.

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**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

HIGH SCHOOL TODAY

The National Federation will begin sending a monthly edition of *High School Today* to every Principal, Activities Director, Superintendent and School Board President.

NFHS COACHES EDUCATION

The NFHS is adding new online courses and modules to the Coaches Education Program. These courses can be accessed at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com).

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD

The National High School Spirit of Sport Award was presented for the first time at the NFHS Summer Meeting in July. The winner was chosen from 20 nationwide applicants. The WHSAA encourages schools to nominate students who go above and beyond in the spirit of sportsmanship.

NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Commissioner Laird and 5 members of the Student Advisory Council attended the National Leadership Conference this summer in Indianapolis. Council members learned skills that will be used to conduct statewide sportsmanship summits.

SECTION 7 & 8

Commissioner Laird recently attended the Section 7&8 meetings in Seattle where he gave a presentation on how activities are an important part of the educational process.

STATE MARCHING BAND

The State Marching Band Festival will be held at the Casper Events Center on Saturday, October 18, 2008.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

As per the WHSAA/UW football agreement, the first round of the 2008 playoffs will be on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The semi-final games will be on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, and the championships will be on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT** (continued)

4A GOLF – SPECTATORS

Commissioner Laird attended the 4A Golf State Championship in Evanston to see if the new rule allowing spectators on the course would affect play. The crowd was very manageable and no concerns were observed.

FOTO-SPORT AND SHIRTS & MORE

The financial reports from Foto-Sport and Shirts & More were presented. Both will continue to offer photos and memorabilia at WHSAA culminating events, however, Foto-Sport coverage will be some what limited.

UNITED BLOOD SERVICES

United Blood Services has asked the WHSAA to consider sponsoring a “Commissioners Cup” that would be awarded to the school that donates the most blood.

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WEEK

National High School Activities Week is October 12-18, 2008. Commissioner Laird encouraged schools to recognize all the people that make high school activities possible.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The statewide scheduling meeting will be November 11-12, 2008, at the Ramada Plaza Riverside. A new scheduling format will be used this year.

WYOMING SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION EXPO BOOTH – NOV. 19

The WHSAA will have a booth at the Wyoming School Board Association Expo on November 19, 2008. 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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**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT** (continued)

DISTRICT SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMITS

The Student Advisory Council will meet on October 6<sup>th</sup> to prepare information to present to schools at district sportsmanship summits. The Northwest Summit will be on November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Southeast Summit will be on November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Northeast Summit will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> and the Southwest Summit will be on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

STATE SPEECH – MARCH 12-14, 2009

The State Speech Meet will be held on March 12-14, 2009, at the Sheridan College campus with Gillette hosting the meet.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Nelson adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m. on October 1, 2008.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
STUART NELSON

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