



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2011

President Christy Wright called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 27, 2011, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Kirby Baier, Hulett; Keith Bauder, Riverton; Jim English, Torrington; Dan Espeland, Converse County School District #1; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Tony Hult, Cody; Stuart Larson, Niobrara County; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Jim Levine, Lyman; Jim Malkowski (WSBA), Daniel; Meaghan McClellan, State Department of Education; Jerry Schlabs, Cheyenne East; Owen St. Clair, Wyoming Indian; Ken Stoick, Natrona County; Russ Wiggam, H.E.M; Tom Wilson, Green River; and Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain. 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 – Add A2 – Approval of September 26, 2011 Special Hearing Minutes; Add C5 – Executive Session. **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. Malkowski moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to approve the amended agenda.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Baier seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2011, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Larson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2011, special hearing.

MOTION PASSED: **

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney and Clint Robus, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*.

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Owen St. Clair, Kirby Baier, Keith Bauder, Joe Hicks, Mike Lashley and Tom Wilson.

Ad Hoc Members: Kay Fackrell, Chris Gray, Cliff Hill, Bruce Miller, Jim O'Connor, Steve Pollock, Shane Schaffner and Ann Wille.

The Reclassification committee did not meet.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Shon Hocker, Keith Bauder, Joe Hicks, Stuart Larson, Jim Levine and Ken Stoick.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2010-11

The WHSAA is in transition with a new auditor and the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2010-11 were not available.

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Larson seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

RULES 4.6.16 – 4.6.24 & 9.7.1 – 9.7.9 OFFICIAL’S PAY

MOTION: Mr. Bauder moved and Mr. Larson seconded the motion to approve the proposal to increase game fees for varsity officials in all sports by five dollars per contest.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

INVESTMENT REPORT

Michael Merback of RBC Wealth Management reported to the committee on the WHSAA’s financial investments.

2011-12 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black, to look at regional and state culminating event expenses and to increase corporate sponsorship.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Tony Hult, Kirby Baier, Dan Espeland, Jim Malkowski, Owen St. Clair and Tim Winland.

RULES 2.4.6 – CONCUSSION RULE

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve new Rule 2.4.6 as follows:

Any student who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest or practice and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional.

Each School District should determine which appropriate health care professionals will be allowed to clear students to return to play (RTP).

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULES 9.9.0 & 4.6.6.5 – PUBLIC CRITICISM OF OFFICIALS OR COACHES

MOTION: Mr. Baier moved and Mr. St. Clair seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rules 9.9.0 and 4.6.6.5 as follows:

*Any official who publicly criticizes another official **or coach** through **the media, social media, face book, twitter, etc.** shall be reported to the WHSAA/WSOA and shall be subject to a hearing for suspension of membership from the WHSAA/WSOA.*

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 4.5.5 – NEGATIVE COMMENTS MADE BY COACHES ABOUT OFFICIALS TO THE MEDIA

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Baier seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 4.5.5 as follows:

*Coaches are reminded that they have an obligation to maintain the integrity of high school activities. Their efforts must include keeping their relationship with contest officials on the professional level. To that end, coaches should not make negative comments about contest officials or their officiating to the media, **social media, face book, twitter, etc.***

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 3.5.2 – STUDENT BUY BACK PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. St. Clair moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 3.5.2 as follows:

*Any player who has been disqualified from a contest for committing an unsportsmanlike act shall be disqualified for the remainder of that contest, activity, or tournament. In addition, for football, soccer, indoor track, track, cross country, tennis, golf, skiing, and swimming, the player shall be disqualified from the next contest at the level of play from which the player was ejected. The basketball, volleyball, or wrestling contestant shall be disqualified from the next two contests. In all sports, this disqualification shall include all contests at any level until the contestant has served the suspension at the level of play from which the player was ejected and successfully completed the WHSAA Good Standing Buyback Program (See 3.5.25 below). Unsportsmanlike acts either prior to or following a contest will result in similar penalties. A contest shall be defined by the criteria developed by the national governing body whose rules are utilized for the sport in which the disqualification shall be enforced. If the disqualification occurs in the last contest of the season, the player will be required to serve their suspension in the next sport in which they participate. **A student may not go out for another sport just to serve the suspension penalty unless the student successfully completes the entire season for that sport.***

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

2011-12 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to investigate the mercy rule in basketball and to look into implementing a “dead period” during the holidays and possibly during part of the summer.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Jerry Schlabs, Jim English, Mike Lashley, Meaghan McClellan, Russ Wiggam and Tom Wilson.

RULE 7.12.23 – STATE SWIM QUALIFIERS PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. English moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 7.12.73 as follows:

All individual state qualifiers will be allowed to compete at the state meet. Teams will be allowed unlimited individual state qualifying entries at the state meet. Only four athletes are allowed to advance to finals and score for each team.

All qualified divers will be allowed to compete. Divers will be cut to 16 after five rounds and 12 after 8 rounds. Only the top four athletes from each team may advance in any round.

Each school may enter only one relay team per relay event.

MOTION FAILED: **(5/11)

RULES 7.14.56 & 7.14.57 – STATE TRACK QUALIFYING STANDARDS PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to approve the additional statement to Rules 7.14.56 and 7.14.57 as follows:

NOTE: Each school may have only one relay team per relay event at the regional and state meet.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.14.81 – STATE INDOOR TRACK MEET ENTRY PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. English moved and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion to approve the additional statement to Rule 7.14.81 as follows:

***NOTE:** A “no time” will be given to an athlete unless they have a current season recorded competition time in their entered event. Times must be verified by the school at the state meet coaches meeting if questioned.*

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.14.81.5 – STATE INDOOR TRACK 4X400 RELAY PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. English seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 7.14.81.5 as follows:

*Use **open 400 meter times to determine 4x400 relay seeding times and open 800 meter times to determine 4x800 relay seeding times for the State Indoor meet with verified 400 and 800 meter times from previous meets.***

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2011-12 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Hocker moved and Mr. Baier seconded the motion to go into Executive Session

MOTION PASSED: **

Informational discussion only, no action was taken.

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Larson seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

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DISTRICTS

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Kathy Taylor of Thermopolis.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Steve Martin of Powell.

MOTION PASSED: **

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Sportsmanship numbers are down a little bit when compared to those from last year. The total number of ejections is consistent with last year and no coaches have been ejected to date. The WHSAA will continue to remind officials to report acts of good sportsmanship.

FOOTBALL QUARTER RULE

Associate Commissioner Wilson reported that the WHSAA currently allows football players to play 5 quarters a day and 10 quarters per week, which is relatively high when compared to other states. He asked for input from the Board on whether the WHSAA should pursue lowering the number of quarters allowed. The Board felt the quarter rule for football should remain as it is unless there is a marked increase in injuries.

OUT OF SEASON PRACTICE RULE

Mr. Wilson reported that the WHSAA is still seeing inconsistencies among schools as to what is and is not allowed when interpreting the Out of Season Practice Rule. The WHSAA does not feel schools are intentionally violating the rules and asked for input from the Board on how to convey the intent of the rule. The Board suggested briefly going over the rule at pre-season rules clinics or having the rule as a round table discussion point at the WCA clinic.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

STATE GOLF

Commissioner Laird reported that the state golf tournament went well at all 3 sites and the weather was great.

CORPORATE SPONSOR UPDATE

The WHSAA is in the second year of a three-year sponsorship agreement with Pepsi and State Farm. The National Guard and the *Casper Star-Tribune* will continue to be corporate sponsors as well.

OPINION ON VIRTUAL SCHOOL STUDENTS

A legal opinion by attorney Tracy Copenhaver on whether virtual school students should be allowed to participate in WHSAA sanctioned activities was reviewed.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CROSS COUNTRY REQUEST

The WHSAA received a request from Mountain View High School to add cross country, beginning with the 2011 school year.

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. English seconded the motion to allow Mountain View High School to add cross country. However, due to not meeting the time notification deadline of last November, Mountain View will not be eligible to participate in the 2011 State Cross Country meet.

MOTION PASSED: **

GILLETTE CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS

The WHSAA received notice that Gillette Christian Home Educators would not renew their membership this year due to low student numbers. The WHSAA extended an invitation for GCHE to rejoin the Association once their numbers increase.

STATE FAIR PRACTICES

The Board reviewed a report showing that 137 students participated in 419 practices during State Fair this year. Commissioner Laird commended Douglas High School for providing this service.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

SECTION 7 & 8

Commissioner Laird recently attended the Section 7&8 meetings, which brings together the executive directors of the 11 westernmost states. The meetings provide a good forum for sharing ideas. Title IX was discussed at length at this year's meetings.

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT – NOVEMBER 21, 2011 @ 10:00 A.M.

Members of the Student Advisory Council will host a statewide sportsmanship summit on November 21, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at the Parkway Plaza in Casper. Further information will be sent to schools in the near future.

STATE MARCHING BAND

The State Marching Band Festival will be held on Saturday, October 15th at the Casper Events Center.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

As per the agreement with the University of Wyoming, the first round of football playoffs will be played on Friday, October 28th. Semi-final games will be played on Friday, November 4th. The state championships will be held in Laramie on November 11-12, 2011. The 2A championship will be at 12:00 p.m. on Friday the 11th, followed by the 3A championship at 3:00 p.m. The 1A 6-man championship will be played at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 12th, followed by the 1A 11-man championship at 1:00 p.m. and the 4A championship at 4:00 p.m.

FOTO-SPORT AND SHIRTS-N-MORE

Year-end financial reports for Foto-Sport and Shirts-N-More were presented.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting will be held November 8-9, 2011, in Casper at the Ramada Plaza Riverside. The time schedule will be sent to schools soon.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

WYOMING SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION EXPO BOOTH – NOVEMBER. 16

The WHSAA will have a booth at the Wyoming School Board Association Expo on November 16, 2011. The expo provides a forum for the WHSAA to remind school board members about the importance of high school activities.

BOARD PICTURE

The group Board picture will be taken at the next meeting on November 1, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Wright adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m. on September 28, 2011.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
CHRISTY WRIGHT

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD