



# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2018

President Justin Carr called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 25, 2018, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Jon Abrams, Laramie County School District #2; Janine Bay-Teske (WSBA), Jackson; 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; David Nicholas, Washakie County School District #1; Dustin Rees, Mountain View; Josh Sandlian, Wheatland; Dicky Shanor, State Department of Education; Ben Smith, Big Horn County School District #1; Terry Snyder, Fremont County School District #25; Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central and Larry Yeradi, Wright. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

### AGENDA

President Carr 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. Freeburg moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Sandlian moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 24-25, 2018, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Michael Starks of Cheyenne; Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Kevin Koile from WyoPreps and Brady Oltmans from the *Casper Star-Tribune*.

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### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

#### MICHAEL STARKS – SPEECH REPRESENTATIVE

Michael Starks spoke to the Board on behalf of the Speech & Debate community. He is in favor of the current speech proposal and encourages schools to offer more tournaments in Wyoming.

#### STUDENT HEARING

**MOTION:** Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Nicholas moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision regarding a student hardship transfer request from Tongue River.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### COMMITTEES

#### RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Chad Whitworth, Mike Hamel, Cliff Hill, Josh Sandlian, 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 Ty Flock, Glenn Freeburg, David Nicholas, Josh Sandlian, Dicky Shanor and Chad Whitworth.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2017-18

**MOTION:** Mr. Whitworth moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2017-18 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

BADEN BALL PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to approve the 6-year proposal from Baden to provide balls for WHSAA culminating events.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

MEMBERSHIP DUES

**MOTION:** Mr. Whitworth moved and Mr. Nicholas seconded the motion lower 4A school membership dues to \$1,100 per year.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)**

CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM

**MOTION:** Mr. Sandlian moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to approve the Culminating Event Proposal Request Form as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

INVESTMENT REPORT

Michael Merback of RBC Wealth Management provided a report on the WHSAA's investment portfolio. He will continue to monitor the WHSAA's investments and make recommendations if changes need to be made.

2018-19 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 Owen St. Clair, Janine Bay-Teske, Beau Garcia, Mike Hamel, Loren Heth and Larry Yeradi.

RULE 8.3.2 – SPEECH PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Hansen moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 8.3.2 as follows:

*High School competitors are allowed ten preliminary meets a year, plus the State Speech and Debate Tournament and National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) National Qualifying Tournament (Districts). Competing as a novice (a novice competitor is similar to a junior varsity competitor in other activities) counts toward this total. Out-of-state tournaments count toward this total.*

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

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**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)**

RULE 7.10.30 – NORDIC SKI SCORING PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Hamel moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the proposed scoring change in Nordic Skiing.

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

RULE 7.10.99.5 – NORDIC SKI STATE MEET SITE ROTATION PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Hamel moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve a change to the Nordic Ski state meet site rotation that would allow each participating school to host.

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

RULE 5.10.4 – PRACTICE SUPERVISION

**MOTION:** Mr. Garcia moved and Mrs. Bay-Teske seconded the motion to approve wording to Rule 5.10.4 as follows:

*Supervision must be direct, with both coach and athlete at the same site at the same time.  
FaceTime, Skype and other electronic methods will not fulfill the requirements of a supervised practice.*

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

RULE 7.11.45 & 7.3.6 – SOCCER ROSTER LIMIT PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mrs. Bay-Teske moved and Mr. Hamel seconded the motion to add a new rule to limit the number of soccer players in uniform for post season contests as follows:

*No more than twenty-two (22) players can be in uniform for any post season tournament contest. The twenty-two players whose names are entered on the official scorebook/roster for the first tournament contest, shall be the only players used for the entire tournament. Violation of this provision shall cause forfeiture as per WHSAA Rules 5.0.7 and 1.4.0 (Refer to Rule 7.3.0 for definition of a contest).*

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

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## HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

### 2018-19 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

## CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Jon Abrams, Cliff Hill, Thomas Jassman, Dustin Rees, Ben Smith and Terry Snyder.

### 2-DAY STATE VOLLEYBALL PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Rees moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to change state volleyball from a 3-day to a 2-day event.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\*(4-12)**

### 2-DAY STATE TRACK PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Jassman moved and Mr. Snyder seconded the motion to change state track from a 3-day to a 2-day event.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\*(2-14)**

### RULE 7.7.30 – FOOTBALL TIEBREAKER PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Rees moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the amended wording to Rule 7.7.30 as follows:

- f. If a tie still exists, then positive and negative points will be used for determining the highest ranked team with highest positive points being the #1 team (a maximum of 12 positive or negative points may be accumulated in any one contest)*
  - a. If two teams remain tied, head to head competition will be used to break tie*
- g. If the tie is still not broken and the three seeds remain:*
  - 1. Coin flip – Odd man or team is the lowest seed of the tied teams*
  - 2. Winner of the common game between the remaining two teams is highest seed and the loser is the second highest seed of the tied teams.*

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

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### CALENDAR COMMITTEE (continued)

#### ACADEMIC STATE CHAMPIONSHIP PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Snyder seconded the motion to implement an Academic State Champion Award that would replace the Scholastic Achievement Award.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\***

#### 2017-18 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue work on event calendars to help meet the needs of students involved in activities, while keeping budgets, time out of the classroom, and travel as part of the decision making process.

### DISTRICT REPORTS

**MOTION:** Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to award a Gold Card to Brad Diller of Casper.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Sandlian moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to award a Gold Card to Larry Meeboer of Casper.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

#### SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition. There has only been one player and one coach ejected so far this year.

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### **ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)**

#### 9-MAN FOOTBALL

Due to the increased number of forfeits in football, it may be feasible to look at establishing a 9-man football classification. Surveys were recently sent to 1A-6 Man, 1A-11-Man and 2A football schools seeking feedback.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

#### STATE GOLF AND TENNIS

The competition at these events was very good in all classes, with many close scores and some play-offs and ties. The host sites did a great job conducting these events.

#### MOUNTAIN VIEW REQUEST

**MOTION:** Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to allow Mountain View High School to participate in boys and girls JV soccer in the spring of 2019.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING – NOVEMBER 13-14, 2018

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting will be held at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper on November 13-14, 2018. The format will remain the same as last year.

#### MAXPREPS

The WHSAA and MaxPreps have entered into a 5-year partnership agreement to provide a customized sports information platform for its member schools. The contract requires that schools submit scores, rosters and team pictures.

#### CONCUSSION INSURANCE

The WHSAA will continue to provide and pay for Concussion Insurance for students in all activities.



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### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)**

#### DISCUS INJURIES AND SAFETY

Injuries involving athletes participating in discus continue to be a big concern. Schools are reminded to make safety a priority and be diligent in enforcing rules before, during and after practice and events.

#### REGION IX CONFLICTS

Conflicts with the use of Casper College during 1A/2A and 3A/4A state basketball tournaments have the potential to occur every year. If necessary, 1A/2A Friday afternoon and Saturday games will be moved to Kelly Walsh or Natrona on a rotating basis.

If Casper College hosts a Region IX tournament, it will necessitate the use of another facility for the entire 3A/4A state tournament. Kelly Walsh and Natrona would be utilized, taking into account that teams would not play on their home court unless no other solution is available.

#### SOFTBALL – ADDING A SPORT

Several groups around the state would like to add softball as a sport. The process for requesting WHSAA sanctioning of an additional activity was provided.

#### NFHS NETWORK

The NFHS Network will continue to stream WHSAA events. Fall coverage will include the State Marching Band Festival, all State Volleyball matches and all 5 State Football championship games.

#### #MYREASONWHY

The WHSAA will continue to promote the NFHS's #MyReasonWhy initiative.

#### NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES MONTH

October is National High School Activities Month. Commissioner Laird encourages all schools to recognize and show appreciation for all those that make high school activities possible.

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**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT (Continued)**

STATE MARCHING BAND

The State Marching Band Festival will be held on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Casper Events Center. The festival will begin at 3:00 p.m.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

As per the agreement with the University of Wyoming, the first round of football playoffs and the semi-final games will be played on Fridays (October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>). The state championships will be held in Laramie on November 9-10, 2018. The 1A 6-Man championship will be at 12:00 p.m. on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>, followed by the 3A championship at 3:00 p.m. The 2A championship will be played at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup>, followed by the 1A 11-man championship at 1:00 p.m. and the 4A championship at 4:00 p.m.

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT – NOVEMBER 19, 2018 @ 10:00 A.M.

Members of the Student Advisory Council will host a statewide sportsmanship summit on November 19, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Casper. Further information will be sent to schools in the near future.

BOARD PICTURE

The group Board picture will be taken at the next meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Carr adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m. on September 25, 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
JUSTIN CARR

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