



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 1, 2014

President Shon Hocker called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 30, 2014, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Mark Broderson, Sundance; Terry Burgess, Sheridan County School District #2; Kevin Christopherson (WSBA), Casper; Ty Flock, Greybull; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Jeremy Hill, Riverton; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Tony Hult, Cody; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Todd Quigley, Newcastle; Dustin Rees, Mountain View; Kendra Roeder, Pine Bluffs; Jerry Schlabs, Cheyenne East; Sam Shumway, State Department of Education; Owen St. Clair, Wyoming Indian; Pete Wilson, Upton and Tom Wilson, Green River. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Hocker 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. Gray moved and Mr. Burgess seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2014, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Kevin Koile from WyoPreps and Jim Williams of Glenrock.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Tom Wilson moved and Mr. Rees seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Christopherson seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

STUDENT HEARING

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Tom Wilson seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision on the transfer ruling.

MOTION FAILED: ** (3-7)

Mr. Burgess abstained from voting.

MOTION: Mr. Christopherson moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to overturn the Commissioner's decision on the transfer ruling.

MOTION PASSED: ** (7-3)

Mr. Burgess abstained from voting.

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Terry Burgess, Mark Broderson, Dustin Rees, Jerry Schlabs, Owen St. Clair and Pete Wilson.

Ad Hoc Members: Glenn Freeburg, Cliff Hill, Bruce Miller, Bubba O'Neill, Scott Noble, Jim O'Connor, Shane Schaffner and Ann Wille.

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Tom Wilson, Mark Broderson, Terry Burgess, Chris Gray, Tony Hult and Dan Mitchelson

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2013-14

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Burgess seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2013-14 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Burgess seconded the motion to approve the modified version of the Culminating Event Proposal Request Form which includes clarification of event and due dates.

MOTION PASSED: **

INVESTMENT REPORT

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

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

2014-15 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Jeremy Hill, Terril Mills, Kendra Roeder, Sam Shumway, Owen St. Clair and Pete Wilson

RULE 4.7.1 – FORFEIT PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. St. Clair moved and Ms. Roeder seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 4.7.1 as follows:

Any school violating a varsity contract, either written or verbal, could be fined up to \$1000, with money going to the offended school. If both schools agree to not honor the contract, the fine will not be applied. Lack of paying the fine within thirty (30) days after the contest could be cause for immediate suspension. In addition to the above actions, the WHSAA may sanction the violating school as provided in Rules 1.4.2 through 1.4.5.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

The rule will go into effect immediately.

RULE 7.7.12 – FOOTBALL PRACTICE RULE

MOTION: Mr. Pete Wilson moved and Mr. St. Clair seconded the motion to approve the proposed additional wording to Rule 7.7.12 which defines practice time and practice contact as follows:

Practice Time:

No single practice may exceed three hours, and the total practice time for days with multiple practice sessions may not exceed five hours.

****Note: Warm-up, stretching, speed and agility drills and cool down are all considered part of practice.*

Meetings, film study, water breaks, rest breaks and injury treatment shall not count against the three- or five- hour limits. Nor shall weight training, voluntary conditioning and teaching period/walk through simulations without equipment, be considered practice for the purposes of the three-or five- hour limits.

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

- Practice Contact:** *Full contact and live action are limited to no more than ½ of the practice time during each week.*
****Note: When the main focus of a practice is designed as an intra-squad scrimmage, it will **not** count toward the full or live action contact time period. Shorter scrimmages incorporated into a regular practice **will** be counted toward the full and live action contact time.*
- Full contact:** *Contact at game speed where players execute full tackles at a competitive pace, taking player to the ground.*
- Live action:** *Live game simulations where live action occurs (11-on-11 and 6-on-6).*

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 5.10.3 – PRACTICE RULE ADDENDUM

MOTION: Ms. Roeder moved and Mr. St. Clair seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 5.10.3 as follows:

*A pupil moving from one sport to another sport will be allowed to count the completed practices from the first sport to meet the practice number requirements for the second sport. To satisfy the required number of practices, there must be no break in participation between sports other than the normal weekend. If an athlete does not attend the first scheduled practice of the new sport following the athlete's departure from the initial team, the required number of practices for the new sport must then be met. **An athlete must compete in at least one contest in the new sport before being eligible for any culminating event in that sport. No additional contests may be added to an existing schedule to meet this requirement.** It shall be the responsibility of the local school district to determine the pupil's readiness to compete in the new sport.*

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 5.10.2 – FOOTBALL PRACTICE RULE

MOTION: Mr. Pete Wilson moved and Ms. Roeder seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 5.10.2 as follows:

*A player must participate in a minimum of the required number of practice sessions of at least one practice session per day on as many different days for the respective sport prior to the first day of his/her participation. A day shall count as no more than one practice. No practice is permitted on any Sunday. Three days of practice are required for golf and **nine days for each remaining sport. The first three days of football practice must be without contact for each participant.** (Please see Rule 7.7.12) A participant becomes eligible once he/she has practiced the required number of days. A contest in which an ineligible participant participates shall be forfeited as per WHSAA Rules 1.4.0 and 5.0.7.*

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

2014-15 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Todd Quigley, Kevin Christopherson, Ty Flock, Mike Lashley, Dustin Rees and Jerry Schlabs

RULE 7.16.92 – REGIONAL WRESTLING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Schlabs seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 7.16.92 as follows:

~~In 4A Wrestling, The top 4 wrestlers from each regional will be seeded at state. In one-half of the bracket, the first place wrestler from the West and fourth place wrestler from the North West Conference will be in the same quarter bracket. The third place wrestler from the North East Conference will be in the same quarter bracket as the second place wrestler from the South East Conference. The other half of the bracket would be the same with the conferences reversed. The other wrestlers should be drawn in. Byes will be placed on the bracket as evenly for each team as possible. When a wrestler who is drawn or seeded is withdrawn from the tournament a forfeit is granted and the bracket is not redrawn. The opposing wrestler will receive points for a forfeit/default. In the 2A and 3A the same process would be used for the East & West Regional placers.~~

MOTION FAILED: **

QUALIFIER REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE INDOOR TRACK

MOTION: Mr. Flock moved and Mr. Rees seconded the motion to approve the proposal to institute qualifying standards for state indoor track as follows:

Rule 7.14.81

*All schools that compete in Indoor Track are eligible for the State Meet. Each school is permitted one boys and one girls team at the State Meet. All athletes that are in a school that offers Indoor Track may qualify to participate at the State Indoor Track Meet provided they meet all rules for participation. Entries will be limited to **four (4) individuals per event**, except for the shot put which may **enter six (6)**. Each school will be allowed to enter one relay team per relay event. NOTE: A "no time" will be given to an athlete unless they have a current season recorded competition time in their entered event. All non-qualifying participants' times must be verified by the school at the state meet coaches meeting if questioned.*

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Rule 7.14.81.5

Athletes will also be allowed to qualify for the State Meet by meeting qualifying standards during the regular season. Should a school have more than four (4) prequalified athletes for an event, or six (6) prequalified in the shot put, they may enter all prequalified athletes. NOTE: Each school may have only one relay team per relay event at the State Meet. An official entry on a relay team counts as one of the four events in which a participant may compete.

Qualifying standards are determined by multiplying the old standard by three and adding the sixth place finishing mark from the immediate past state track meet and dividing by four.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2014-15 COMMITTEE GOAL

To evaluate Indoor Track.

DISTRICTS

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Jeff Felton of Cheyenne.

MOTION PASSED: **

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Ejections are up slightly compared to those at this time last year. Good sportsmanship numbers are down and the WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

STATE GOLF

The State Golf Tournament went well at all three locations. The weather was great and the individual and team contests were very competitive.

CORPORATE SPONSOR UPDATE

State Farm, Pepsi, Foss Motors, National Guard and the Casper Star-Tribune will continue to be corporate sponsors.

SHERIDAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 REQUEST FOR ADDING OF ACTIVITIES

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Broderson seconded the motion to approve the Combination School Agreement Transition between Sheridan County School District #1 and #2 for the addition of soccer, cross country and indoor track.

MOTION PASSED: **

REGION IX BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AND STATE 1A/2A BASKETBALL

Commissioner Laird informed the Board that the Region IX Basketball Tournament and the WHSAA State 1A/2A Basketball Tournament will be at the same time in 2015. If Casper College earns the right to host, Thunderbird Gym at Casper College will not be available. The Board discussed possible alternate site solutions.

OPEN GYMS – OUT OF SEASON

Discussion was heard on whether open gyms and out of season practices are being conducted within the intent of current WHSAA rules or if parameters need to be set to regulate what is acceptable. The Board felt this was a local control issue.

FOOTBALL COACHES MEETING

Mr. Laird and Mr. Wilson met with football coaches in May and formulated a message combating the negative view of football injuries which lists safety measures that are being taken to protect football athletes.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

GOLF – SPECTATORS AND COACHING

Spectators are allowed in designated areas at 3A and 4A golf tournaments. It is up to each course to determine acceptable viewing areas. The WHSAA will remind tournament hosts to make spectators aware of the guidelines they must follow in order to be on the course during tournaments. Coaches are allowed to play during regular season tournaments, but may not play during the State tournament.

NFHS NETWORK

The NFHS network will continue to provide culminating event coverage of WHSAA events. They also offer a platform that will allow schools to stream live events.

AYP AND ATHLETIC TRANSFERS

Students wishing to transfer to other schools due to AYP concerns will fall under the WHSAA Transfer Rule.

SECTION 7 AND 8 MEETING – JACKSON HOLE – SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2014

The WHSAA hosted the NFHS's Section 7 and 8 meeting on September 14-16 in Jackson Hole. The meeting provided a forum for the 11 states within our section to share information. The meeting was well attended and well received.

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES MONTH

The NFHS has designated the month of October as National High School Activities Month to help schools throughout the nation promote the values inherent in high school athletic and performing arts activities.

STATE MARCHING BAND

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

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

As per the agreement with the University of Wyoming, the first round of football playoffs will be played on Friday, October 31st. Semi-final games will be played on Saturday, November 8th. The state championships will be held in Laramie on November 14-15, 2014. The 1A 6-man championship will be at 12:00 p.m. on Friday the 14th, followed by the 3A championship at 3:00 p.m. The 2A championship will be played at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 15th, 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 24, 2014 @ 10:00 A.M.

Members of the Student Advisory Council will host a statewide sportsmanship summit on November 24, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the Parkway Plaza in Casper. Further information will be sent to schools in the near future.

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 18-19, 2014, in Casper at the Ramada Plaza Riverside. The time schedule will be sent to schools soon.

WYOMING SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION EXPO BOOTH – NOVEMBER 19

The WHSAA will have a booth at the Wyoming School Board Association Expo on November 19, 2014. 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 4th.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Hocker adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m. on October 1, 2014.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
SHON HOCKER

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD