



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 25-26, 2017

President Dan Mitchelson called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2017, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Janine Bay-Teske (WSBA), Jackson; Justin Carr, Douglas; Ty Flock, Greybull; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Mike Hansen, Jackson; Keith Harris, Big Horn County School District #1; Loren Heth (WSBA), Lusk; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Tony Hult, Cody; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Bubba O'Neill, Evanston; Dustin Rees, Mountain View; Susan Rodabaugh, Midwest; Kendra Roeder, Pine Bluffs; Josh Sandlian, Wheatland; Dicky Shanor, State Department of Education; Owen St. Clair, Fremont County School District #14 and Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central via conference call. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Mitchelson 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. Hult seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 7-8, 2017, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Barry Ward and Bobby Dishman from Burns; Jon Abrams from Laramie County School District #2; Steve Loyd from Sublette County School District #9; Ray Schulte from Park County School District #6; Terry Snyder from Fremont County School District #25; Jason Hansen from Lyman; Larry Yeradi from Wright; Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Kevin Koile from WyoPreps and Brady Oltmans from the *Casper Star-Tribune*.

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BURNS HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Burns High School Activities Director, Barry Ward and Principal, Bobby Dishman, made a presentation to the Board and requested a 22.6% reduction in projected ADM's when considering enrollment figures for the next reclass cycle.

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve Burns' request.

MOTION FAILED: **

HEARING / EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mrs. Bay-Teske moved and Mr. Mitchelson seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Heth moved and Mrs. Bay-Teske seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision to indefinitely suspend Chad Duca from registering as a WHSAA official.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Ty Flock, Mike Hansen, Keith Harris, Cliff Hill and Bubba O'Neill

Ad Hoc Members: Brandon Deromedi, Jason Hansen, Pete Hawkins, Mike Lashley, Jim O'Connor, Shane Schaffner, Bruce Schmidt and Ann Wille.

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RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE (continued)

RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL FOR VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL AND TRACK

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Harris seconded the motion to approve the proposal that would allow for 16 schools in 4A, 16 schools in 3A, 16 schools in 2A and all the rest in 1A for volleyball, basketball and track during the next reclass cycle.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING (13-4)

RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL FOR WRESTLING

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Harris seconded the motion to reclass wrestling into two classifications, with the largest 20 wrestling schools in one class and the remaining wrestling schools in the other.

MOTION FAILED: **

RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL FOR SOCCER

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Hansen seconded the motion to have the largest 14 soccer schools comprise the 4A classification and all remaining soccer schools comprise the 3A classification for the next reclass cycle.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING (10-5)

RECLASSIFICATION 5 CLASS PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Harris moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to have the top 10 schools be in 5A, the next 12 schools in 4A, the next 14 schools in 3A, the next 14 schools in 2A and all remaining schools in 1A for football, volleyball, basketball and track for the next reclass cycle.

MOTION FAILED: ** (3-12)

2016-17 COMMITTEE GOAL

To limit travel, costs and time out of class and maintain equitable competition as much as possible.

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Tony Hult, Mark Broderson, Ty Flock, Keith Harris, Kendra Roeder and Chad Whitworth.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2016-17

MOTION: Ms. Roeder moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and third quarter report for 2016-17 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Ms. Roeder seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the February Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF TROPHY AND MEDAL BID

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Ms. Roeder seconded the motion to accept the 2017-18 through 2019-20 Trophy and Medal Bid from Universal Awards of Billings, MT.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVE 2017-18 BUDGET

MOTION: Ms. Roeder moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to approve the 2017-18 budget as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

COMMISSIONER'S CONTRACT EXTENSION

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Ms. Roeder seconded the motion to extend the Commissioner's contract for an additional year.

MOTION PASSED: **

2016-17 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 Glenn Freeburg, Loren Heth, Cliff Hill, Josh Sandlian, Dicky Shanor and Owen St. Clair.

RULE 7.8.9 – GOLF COACHING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Shanor moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 7.8.9 as follows:

- 7.8.9 Coaches may give advice to and make themselves available to seek advice from the participants representing that school each day of the competition provided:*
- 1. Up to 3 coaches per team can coach and must be recognized by their school district as coaches. Volunteer coaches must provide documentation for completion of school's volunteer coach protocol.*
 - 2. Coaches identify and make themselves known to the rules committee before the start of the competition each day.*
 - 3. Coaches may not give advice to, or seek advice from, another school's participants.*
 - 4. Coaches may give advice at any time during the stipulated round, and/or during any suspension of play. The advice shall not unduly delay play.*
 - 5. 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.*
 - 6. The tournament director will have a sign-up sheet near the scoring area for each school to identify their coaches each day. Coaches should wear something for identification purposes.*

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 5.10.2 – GOLF PRACTICE RULE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Sandlian moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the proposal to reduce the number of required practice days for golf from three to two.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

2016-17 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Bubba O’Neill, Janine Bay-Teske, Justin Carr, Mike Hansen, Dustin Rees and Susan Rodabaugh

RULE 7.8.63 – STATE GOLF CONTINGENCY PLAN PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Rees moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to approve the proposed state golf contingency plan as follows:

The state meet will consist of 36 holes of medal play; eighteen on Friday and eighteen on Saturday. Should weather become an issue, the WHSAA Commissioner or designee will work with the Tournament Director and/or golf pro of the host site to evaluate options to complete the tournament. The proper action will depend on the circumstances in each case. Depending on the weather forecast, the tournament may be moved to the following week or the practice round may be eliminated and the tournament will start on Thursday, with Saturday being used as a backup in case the tournament could not be finished on the previous two days. Should this option be utilized, no one will be allowed to have a practice round. However, once the schools have all arrived at the site and the weather changes to where 36 holes cannot be completed, a minimum of 18 holes will determine the individual and team placing. If 27 holes can be completed, as long as each gender plays the same nine holes, the 27 hole total will be used.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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CALENDAR COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 6.6.4 – MARCHING BAND PHYSICAL PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mrs. Bay-Teske moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 6.6.4 that would require competitive marching band participants to get a yearly physical.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

APPROVAL OF 2017-18 CALENDAR

MOTION: Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Rees seconded the motion to approve the WHSAA 2017-18 Calendar as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

2016-17 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.

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Justin Carr was selected as the 2017-18 President-Elect.

ASSOCIATE COMMISIONER’S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Ejection numbers have declined compared to last year. Sportsmanship numbers are down slightly and the WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

SPORTS MEDICINE REPORT

Mr. Wilson recently attended the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Council meeting in Indianapolis. Topics of discussion included new standards for football helmets in 2018, a funding initiative by the NFL to increase athletic trainers nationwide, concerns with sport specialization and safety of volleyball warm ups.

RECRUITING OFFICIALS

The National Federation has recently introduced a nationwide program to recruit new officials.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WINTER REASON REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported that the winter culminating events went well despite the weather that presented challenges for teams, officials and fans.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS – UNIFIED SPORTS AT STATE TRACK

The 2017 State Track meet will again feature a Unified Sports 400 meter relay on Saturday.

LEGAL MEETING UPDATE

Commissioner Laird and Bob Despain recently attended the NFHS Legal Meeting in Indianapolis. The meeting was very informative and provided a forum to hear what is going on around the country. State associations are dealing with transgender students, music copyright issues, transfer rules and participation in national championships.

STATE FAIR PRACTICES

The state fair will fall on top of the first week of fall practices. Douglas High School will offer practices for football, girls swimming, volleyball, cross country and golf.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)NFHS NETWORK

The NFHS network will provide coverage all three days at state track. There will not be any network coverage at state soccer.

TITLE IX SURVEY

The WHSAA Title IX survey is due May 12th. The WHSAA will send out results once the survey has been compiled. One school from every state will receive a survey from the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Please contact the WHSAA if your school receives that survey.

STATE 3A BASKETBALL SEMIFINALS

The WHSAA wants to be proactive in developing a contingency plan to best handle crowds at the State 3A basketball semi-finals games.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The list of 2017-18 Student Advisory Council members was presented. The council met on April 24, 2017.

DOUGLAS REQUEST

Due to scheduling concerns with the 2017 football schedules, Douglas requested a 1 year exemption that would allow all 3A, 2A, 1A 11-man and 1A 6-man teams to start football practice on Wednesday of Calendar Week 6, if they so choose.

MOTION: Mr. Flock moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve the 1 year practice exemption for all 3A, 2A, 1A 11-man and 1A 6-man football teams.

MOTION PASSED: **

UW FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

In cooperation with the UW football schedule, the 2017 WHSAA football play-off games will be played on Friday, October 27, 2017; Friday, November 3, 2017; and Friday and Saturday, November 10-11, 2017.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)EXECUTIVE COUNCIL / PROUD TO HOST POST-TOURNAMENT EVALUATION

The Board met with representatives of Casper's Proud to Host the Best Committee to evaluate the culminating events held in Casper.

REGIONAL TRACK MEET TRAINING

The WHSAA provided Hy-Tek training for all regional track meet directors on April 26, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

2017-18 BOARD COMMITTEE SURVEY

Commissioner Laird asked all Board members to complete the committee survey for 2017-18. He will try to assign members to the committees they request.

SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COUNCIL / WORKSHOP

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson will meet with the Sports Medicine Advisory Council on May 24, 2017. The council will finalize the agenda for the July 19, 2017, sports medicine workshop, which will be combined with the WCA Clinic's Strength and Conditioning Class.

NFHS SUMMER MEETING – PROVIDENCE – JUNE 28 – JULY 2, 2017

The NFHS Summer meeting will be in Providence, RI on June 28 – July 2, 2017. It is an informative conference where common issues and concerns are addressed.

CAMP U – SPEAKING – JULY 7, 2017

Commissioner Laird will speak at Camp U on July 7, 2017, in Big Horn.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – JULY 11, 2017

The Executive Council meeting date has been set for July 11, 2017. The Executive Council is comprised of the President, President-Elect, Past President and committee chairs, making sure all classifications and districts are represented.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING – JULY 18, 2017

The NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching class will be offered on July 18, 2017, in conjunction with the WCA Coaches Clinic.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING – AUGUST 9, 2017

The WHSAA will provide a training seminar for all new Activities Directors and Principals on August 9, 2017. A follow-up session will be held at the Statewide Scheduling Meeting.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL – AUGUST 11, 2017

The Student Advisory Council will meet on August 11, 2017, to begin preparing for the State Sportsmanship Summit.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Mitchelson adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m. on April 26, 2017.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
DAN MITCHELSON

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD

