

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 7-8, 2006

President Kevin Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2006, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Charles Auzqui, Wright; Nancy Britton (WSBA) Green River; Kay Fackrell, Evanston; Bill Fullmer, Burns; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Richard Hoopes, Star Valley; Terry Hopkin, Riverside; Tony Hult, Cody; Hal Johnson, Worland; Jim Levine, Lyman; Gerry Maas (State Department of Education) Cheyenne; Jim Malkowski (WSBA) Daniel; Kevin Mitchell, Burlington; Stuart Nelson, Platte County School District #1; Tracy Ragland, Newcastle; Duane Schopp, Cheyenne; Ken Stoick, Midwest; and Russ Wiggam, H.E.M. Ron Laird and Trevor Wilson from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Mitchell 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** – separate item A – Out of Season Practice and Specialized Sports Camps into A1. Rule 5.3.4, A2; Rule 5.3.7 and A3. 5.4.6. **Committee--Calendar and Culminating Events** - no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Reclassification**—no changes and/or additions.

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Maas seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION PASSED: **

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MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 1-2, 2005, regular meeting and the November 7, 2005, special meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird welcomed Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney and Patrick Schmiedt, the high school sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*.

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GILLETTE HOME SCHOOL EDUCATORS

Wendy Legerski, Secretary, and parents Glen and Joy Barlow, from the Gillette Home School Educators requested permission to apply for WHSAA membership. The group is comprised of approximately 80 home school families in northeastern Wyoming. Due to the difficulty in finding opposing home school and Christian school teams to play, the group has requested membership with the WHSAA to allow for high school volleyball, and possibly girls basketball competition, starting with the 2006-07 school year. Initially, the Gillette Home School Educators team would play non-varsity competitions with WHSAA member schools.

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mrs. Britton seconded the motion to approve the proposal for the Gillette Home School Educators to join the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: ** (12-6)

STUDENT HEARING

MOTION: Mr. Schopp moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision regarding the student hearing.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Kay Fackrell, Cliff Hill, Terry Hopkin, Bill Fullmer, and Tracy Ragland

Ad Hoc Members: Dianne Moser, Jerry Fullmer, Joel Eskelsen, Janet Ragan, Marty Weber, Tom Racette, Greg Stanfield and Don Thomas.

RULE 7.15.91 - STATE VOLLEYBALL PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Fullmer moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to revise WHSAA Rule 7.15.91 and allow the State Volleyball Tournament to expand to a 3 day format, starting on Thursday afternoon.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.7.46 - FOOTBALL PLAYOFF DATES AND TIMES

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Ragland seconded the motion to revise the wording of WHSAA Rule 7.7.46 as follows:

First round playoff games will be on Friday at 7:00 p.m. for fields with lights or Friday at 2:00 p.m. for fields without lights. Times and date can be adjusted by mutual consent of participating teams in accordance with the WHSAA/UW agreement.

Second round playoff games will be on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Time and date can be adjusted by mutual consent of participating teams in accordance with the WHSAA/UW agreement.

Championship game will be on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

MOTION PASSED: ** FIRST READING

FOOTBALL SURVEY

The committee reviewed the results from the football survey presented to all WHSAA member schools and asked the Commissioner to further survey 1A and 2A schools to determine if they would like to keep the travel distance component of the current system.

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Fackrell seconded the motion to approve the 3A, 4A and 5A playoff system receiving the most votes from the football survey, as follows:

Keep the current system, with the following change: Eight teams will be seeded into a bracket. The two conference champions will be seeded 1 and 2 by their power ranking. The two conference runner-ups will be seeded 3 and 4 by their power ranking. The four teams that have the highest power ranking of the remaining teams, regardless of conference, will be seed 5 – 8. The highest seeded teams will host throughout the bracket.

MOTION PASSED: ** (TAKE TO DISTRICTS FOR SECOND READING)

RULE 7.11.0 – SOCCER PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to support the proposal to split soccer into 2 classifications, 3A and 4A, with the next reclass cycle.

MOTION PASSED: ** FIRST READING

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Chris Gray, Hal Johnson, Gerry Maas, Tony Hult and Stuart Nelson.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2005-06

MOTION: Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and second quarter report for 2005-06 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the November 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: **

RULES 7.8.41 and 5.6.0 – GOLF AWARDS STANDARDS RULE

MOTION: Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to increase the awards standards limit in Rule 5.6.0 to \$250, with an exception for golf as follows:

Only awards with values not greater than \$250 may be accepted by a student/athlete as a result of participation in school or non-school competition in a sport that is sanctioned by the WHSAA, except for golf, which will follow the rules of the USGA (Rule 7.8.41).

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

MOTION: Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to revise the wording of Rule 7.8.41 to be consistent with the USGA rule concerning awards standards as follows:

Golf award limits will be the same as those allowed in the rules of the USGA. (No prize money. Merchandise up to a retail value of \$750).

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Continued)

REVIEW T-SHIRT BID REQUEST FORM

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to approve the T-Shirt bid request form as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

The Board gave Commissioner Laird permission to pursue a bid process for photography at culminating events. A bid request form will be developed and sent to Board members for approval before sending out to potential bidders. The photography bid process would be on the same cycle as the t-shirt bid.

SUBLETTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 DONATION

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Maas seconded the motion to put the \$45,000 donation from Sublette County School District #1 into a building fund.

MOTION PASSED: **

2005-2006 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to work with the Commissioner to keep a close eye on costs and keep the balance in the black for this fiscal year.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Ken Stoick, Jim Levine, Charles Auzqui, Terry Hopkin, Bill Fullmer, and Nancy Britton.

5.3.4, 5.3.7, AND 5.4.6 - OUT OF SEASON PRACTICE AND SPECIALIZED SPORTS CAMPS

MOTION: Mrs. Britton moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to revise WHSAA Rule 5.3.4 as follows:

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

School team practice during the WHSAA calendar (Week 5 through Week 46) outside of the sport season is a violation of the out-of-season rule and cannot be included in an out-of-season training program. Coaches may work with individuals on individual sports techniques out-of-season at a participant's request. However, team concepts may neither be taught nor practiced through support of a member school. Coaches may coach non-school teams but may not receive member school support except for use of facilities. Except for supervision of open gyms as provided in WHSAA Rule 5.5.0, contact between coaches and potential participants must cease and desist two weeks prior to the first allowable practice date.

MOTION PASSED: ** FIRST READING

MOTION: Mr. Auzqui moved and Mrs. Britton seconded the motion to eliminate WHSAA Rule 5.3.7, which currently reads:

Participants on a non-school team must furnish their own clothing (sweat suits, pads, shoes, etc.). In addition, school-issued individual equipment may not be provided for the participant on a non-school team.

MOTION PASSED: ** FIRST READING

MOTION: Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Auzqui seconded the motion to eliminate WHSAA Rule 5.4.6., which currently reads:

The athletic camp fee (tuition) shall be paid by the student athlete or his/her parents. No school funds may be used for entry fees, equipment, transportation, or uniforms. Fund raising activities sponsored by a member school to send athletes to camp are illegal.

MOTION PASSED: ** FIRST READING

RULE 7.7.11 AND RULE 5.10.2 – FOOTBALL PRACTICE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Auzqui moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the proposal to change the number of required practices for football from 11 to 10 as follows:

Each player must have 10 days of practice prior to the first contest.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)

RULE 7.13.32 – TENNIS PROPOSAL

The committee took no action on the proposal and asked Commissioner Laird to look into having certified officials present at the state tournament.

RULE 5.3.41 – SUMMER CONTACT RULE

MOTION: Mrs. Britton moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of the summer contact rule as follows:

Except for supervision of open gyms as provided in WHSAA Rule 5.5.0, team practices with school coaches and potential participants shall be limited to fourteen (14) days during WHSAA calendar week 47 through 4. This included team camps and tournaments where the school coach is present.

MOTION FAILED: **

The committee directed Commissioner Laird to take the proposal to the district meetings for further discussion.

2005-2006 COMMITTEE GOALS

To continue to look at and rewrite WHSAA Rules 5.3.0 - Out of Season Practice and 5.4.0 - Specialized Sports Camps.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Duane Schopp, Tracy Ragland, Jim Malkowski, Russ Wiggam, Cliff Hill and Richard Hoopes

SET 2006-07 WHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Hoopes seconded the motion to approve the 2006-07 WHSAA Board of Directors Meetings as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVE 2006-07 CALENDAR

MOTION: Mr. Hoopes moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to approve the 2006-07 calendar as presented, with the understanding that some events have not yet been scheduled.

MOTION PASSED: **

2006 STATE TENNIS SITE

Laramie is currently the host site for the 2006 State Tennis Tournament, but due to resurfacing courts at the scheduled sites, it may be necessary to move the location. Cheyenne Central has agreed to host the tournament if Laramie's courts are not available. Commissioner Laird will make a decision on the host site prior to the April Board of Directors meeting.

STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

4A GOLF

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to accept Cody's proposal to host the 2007 4A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

3A GOLF

MOTION: Mr. Hoopes moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to accept Jackson's proposal to host the 2007 3A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

CROSS COUNTRY

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Hoopes seconded the motion to accept Douglas' proposal to host the 2007 3A State Cross Country Meet with \$1,000 payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

GYMNASTICS

MOTION: Mr. Hoopes moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to accept Douglas' proposal to host the 2007 3A State Gymnastics Meet with a fee of \$300 to the WHSAA and 15% of the gate.

MOTION PASSED: **

2007-08 2A GOLF, SPEECH, NORDIC SKI, INDOOR TRACK

As no proposals were received for 2007-08 2A State Golf, Speech, Nordic Ski or Indoor Track, the committee directed Commissioner Laird to solicit proposals for these events.

2005-2006 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to improve coordination of all activities and athletic events in the best interest of students. We will also study the effects of starting dates, meetings, and all items that would implicate any calendar changes.

TABLED ITEM

NE VOLLEYBALL PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to take the NE Volleyball proposal off the table for discussion.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Fullmer seconded the motion to take the NE Volleyball proposal to extend the volleyball season by one week to the next round of district meetings as a first reading item.

MOTION PASSED: **

DISTRICTS

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Hopkin moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to award Lifetime Gold Passes to Ray and Jackie Minchow of Pinedale.

MOTION PASSED: **

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DISTRICTS (Continued)

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Bill Malloy of Thermopolis.

MOTION PASSED: **

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WRESTLING WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Associate Commissioner Wilson reported that the wrestling weight management program went well this year. The program will be required by the NFHS starting with the 2006-07 season.

EJECTION REPORT

Mr. Wilson reported that 22 athletes and 3 coaches have been ejected from association contests this year, compared to 20 athletes and 7 coaches at this point last year. Most ejections were in lower level contests. Fan behavior is becoming more of a concern, but many schools are addressing sportsmanship issues and are headed in the right direction.

3 PERSON BASKETBALL CREWS

Feedback from schools who have used 3 person officiating crews has been positive for the most part. Mr. Wilson will meet with the WSOA Board in March to set fees for 3 person crews. Three person mechanics will be addressed at officiating camps this summer. Rough play continues to be a concern and will be addressed at camps as well. The WHSAA would eventually like to use 3 person crews at regional and state tournaments.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

COACHING CERTIFICATION

Commissioner Laird recently attended a meeting with the PTSB on coaching certification. It was suggested that all head coaches be required to have Care and Prevention (32 hours), a sports science class (ASEP), and CPR and First Aid.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

Assistant coaches would need CPR and First Aid and a basic Care and Prevention course (8 hours) that would be consistent state-wide.

Middle school coaching requirements are still being discussed.

The NFHS and ASEP will break off in April. As a result, the NFHS is looking to develop national coaching certification requirements.

TV BROADCASTS

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson recently met with Bob Price from Clear Channel TV. Clear Channel will broadcast state basketball championship games again this year and showed an interest in broadcasting volleyball and wrestling in the future.

UW FOOTBALL AGREEMENT

Correspondence between the WHSAA, UW and the Mountain West Conference football scheduler was shared with the Board. There will not be a conflict with UW football and WHSAA football championship games in 2007.

NATRONA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT A.D. POSITION

The Natrona County School District Athletic Director position is currently open. Commissioner Laird will serve on the interview team. Interviews are scheduled for February 17, 2006. Glen Legler, Activities Coordinator from Natrona County High School, is currently serving as interim Athletic Director for the District.

WYOMING SCHOOL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – MARCH 5

The Wyoming School Leadership Academy, which serves as a mentor program for first and second year principals, will meet on March 5, 2006. The group has asked Commissioner Laird and Bob Despain, Board Attorney, to talk with the group concerning discipline and fan behavior.

LEGAL MEETINGS – APRIL 21 AND 22

Commissioner Laird and Bob Despain will attend the NFHS legal meetings on April 21-22, 2006. The focus this year will be on current litigation issues occurring in other states.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

WINTER SEASON UPDATE

Overall, winter activities are progressing well. The WHSAA has received fewer calls on student body behavior. Michelle Hoffman, Superintendent for Fremont County School District #14, is pursuing legislation to develop educational programs on cultural diversity.

1A BOYS POLE VAULT QUALIFYING STANDARDS

Commissioner Laird explained that qualifying standards for track are determined by multiplying the previous year's standard by 3, adding in the 6th place finisher's mark and dividing by 4.

Due to the decline in pole vaulter's in the 1A classification, the standard has remained the same for several years because there have not been 6 competitors. As a result, the 1A standard for boys will be lowered to 10' for 2006.

A pole vault coaching box will also be in place at the 2006 track meet.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m. on February 8, 2006.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
KEVIN MITCHELL

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD