



# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 7-8, 2017

President Dan Mitchelson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2017, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Janine Bay-Teske (WSBA), Jackson; Mark Broderson, Sundance; Justin Carr, Douglas; Ty Flock, Greybull; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Keith Harris, Big Horn County School District #1; Mike Hansen, Jackson (via video link); 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; Owen St. Clair, Fremont County School District #14 and Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central. 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. Flock moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Freeburg moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2016, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Mike Lashley from Lingle-Ft. Laramie, Pete Hawkins from Buffalo, Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Kevin Koile from WyoPreps and Brady Oltmans from the *Casper Star-Tribune*.

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### STUDENT HEARING / EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Hult moved and Mr. O'Neill seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to grant the hardship request and allow the student to participate at the varsity level.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

Legal topics were also discussed while the Board was in Executive Session.

## **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.

### RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL FOR VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL AND TRACK

**MOTION:** Mr. Harris moved and Mr. Flock 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: \*\*FIRST READING**

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**RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE (continued)**

RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL FOR WRESTLING

**MOTION:** Mr. Flock 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 PASSED: \*\*FIRST READING (8-7)**

RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL FOR SOCCER

**MOTION:** Mr. Harris moved and Mr. Flock 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: \*\*FIRST READING**

2016-17 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2016-17

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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### **FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)**

#### APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### INVESTMENT REPORT

Mike Merback of RBC Wealth Management reported to the committee on WHSAA investments.

#### TROPHY BID RECOMMENDATION

**MOTION:** Mr. Whitworth moved and Mr. Broderson seconded the motion to approve the 2017 – 2020 Trophy and Medal Bid Request Form as presented

**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.

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## HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

### RULE 7.5.41 – BASKETBALL LOWER LEVEL TOURNAMENT PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. St. Clair moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to approve the proposal to reduce 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade basketball games during the week and not impose the three tournament limit provided tournaments are conducted on Saturdays, beginning in the 2018 basketball season.

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

### RULE 7.8.9 – GOLF COACHING PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. St. Clair 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 and be certified to coach by the Wyoming Department of Education.*
  - 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: \*\*FIRST READING**

### RULE 5.10.2 – GOLF PRACTICE RULE PROPOSAL

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

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

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**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)**

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 Mr. Carr 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: \*\*FIRST READING**

RULE 6.6.4 – MARCHING BAND PHYSICAL PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 6.6.4 that would require competitive marching band participants to get a yearly physical.

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

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**CALENDAR COMMITTEE (continued)****STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS:**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Bay-Teske moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to approve the 2018 – 2022 Culminating Event proposals as follows:

- 2018 2A Golf:** Upton hosting at Gillette – zero bid, Upton’s rotation
- 2018 3A Golf:** Riverton – zero bid, Riverton’s rotation
- 2018 4A Golf:** Cheyenne (Airport Course) – zero bid, Cheyenne and Jackson switched in Rotation
- Tennis:** 4 Year Proposal (2018 – 2021) from Gillette – zero bid
- Girls Swimming:** 4 Year Proposal - Alternate sites between Gillette and Laramie  
2018 – Laramie  
2019 – Gillette  
2020 – Laramie  
2021 – Gillette  
85% of gate to the WHSAA
- Football:** 2 Year Proposal (2018 – 2019) from UW/Laramie  
75% of gate to the WHSAA
- 2019 Nordic Skiing:** Lander –zero bid, Lander’s rotation
- Alpine Skiing:** 4 Year Proposal (2019 – 2022) from Jackson  
\$500 per year to the WHSAA
- Boys Swimming:** 4 Year Proposal - Alternate sites between Gillette and Laramie  
2019 – Gillette  
2020 – Laramie  
2021 – Gillette  
2022 – Laramie  
85% of gate to the WHSAA
- Indoor Track:** 4 Year Proposal (2019 – 2022) from Gillette – zero bid
- Volleyball, Wrestling, 1A/2A Basketball, 3A/4A Basketball, Track:**  
4 Year Proposal (2018 – 2022) from Casper  
\$15,000 signing bonus  
100% of gate per year

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**CALENDAR COMMITTEE (continued)**

**Speech:** No proposals received for 2019 - 2022  
Directed the Commissioner to pursue proposals

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**BASKETBALL AND WRESTLING STATE DATE DISCUSSION**

Discussion was heard on basketball and wrestling start dates as a result of exceptions having to be made due to snow days. A proposal will be brought out at the spring district meetings.

**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.

**ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'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.

**FFA**

The FFA Board has asked for assistance from the WHSAA Board on how to best deal with financial concerns.

**2017 2A STATE GOLF**

Kendrick Golf Course in Sheridan, the site for the 2017 2A State Golf Tournament, has informed the host school, Tongue River, that they will not be able to accommodate a Friday / Saturday tournament. They have offered to host the tournament with a Thursday / Friday format. The Board feels the tournament should remain Friday / Saturday and will ask the host school to make another attempt with Kendrick Golf Course. If Kendrick cannot host, an alternate solution will be decided at the April Board Meeting.



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**ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)**8-9 MAN FOOTBALL

Only 20 schools responded to a survey asking for input on whether a change should be made to the current football structure. The WHSAA will continue to monitor football, especially at the 1A level, and revisit making a structure change if necessary.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dicky Shanor, via a phone link from Cheyenne, and Janine Bay-Teske provided input on current legislative action.

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT

The State Sportsmanship Summit held on November 21, 2016, was very positive and resulted in a record number of applicants to fill vacancies on the Student Advisory Council.

2017-18 STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The new members of the 2017-18 Student Advisory Council will be announced soon.

RIVERTON'S BOYS GOLF REQUEST

**MOTION:** Ms. Roeder moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to approve Riverton's request to move back to the 3A Classification for Boys Golf for the 2017-18 school year.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\***

REGION IX CONFLICT – 1A/2A AND 3A/4A BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

Due to a conflict with the Region IX Tournament play-in games at Casper College, all 1A semi-final games will be played at Kelly Walsh on Friday night. All 1A/2A games scheduled for Casper College on Saturday will be moved to Kelly Walsh.

If Casper College hosts the Men's Region IX Tournament, all 3A/4A games scheduled to be played at Casper College will be moved to Kelly Walsh. Consideration is still being given to playing 3A semi-final games at Kelly Walsh, which seats more than Casper College, even if

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BAG CHECKS AT TOURNAMENTS

Due to increased security measures required by Casper Event Center management, patrons at WHSAA state events will be subject to bag checks at all venues.

NFHS NETWORK

The NFHS network will broadcast the state wrestling finals, indoor track, 1A/2A state basketball, the state spirit competition and 3A/4A state basketball.

STATE SPIRIT – RESERVED SEATING

Reserved seating tickets for the 2017 State Spirit Competition will go on sale at noon on February 15, 2017.

LICENSED MUSIC FOR STATE SPIRIT

All participants in the State Spirit Competition must submit copyright licenses to the WHSAA prior to the competition.

NATIONAL SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD

Dominic Herrera of Natrona County High School has been nominated as Wyoming's representative for the National Spirit of Sport Award.

CONCUSSION INSURANCE

Coverage information for the Concussion Insurance Program was provided.

NFHS OFFICIAL'S RECRUITING INITIATIVE

The NFHS will soon be launching a nationwide social media recruiting campaign in an effort to increase the number of officials.

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**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)**

NFHS BASKETBALL RULES COMMITTEE – APRIL 10-12, 2017

Commissioner Laird will attend the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee Meeting in Indianapolis, April 10-12, 2017.

LEGAL MEETING – APRIL 19-21, 2017

Commissioner Laird and WHSAA Legal Counsel, Bob Despain, will attend the National Federation Legal Meeting in Indianapolis April 19-21, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Mitchelson adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m. on February 8, 2017.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
DAN MITCHELSON

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

