



# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2012

President Owen St. Clair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 25, 2012, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Mark Broderson, Sundance; Dan Espeland, Converse County School District #1; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Jeremy Hill, Riverton; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Tony Hult, Cody; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Jim Levine, Lyman; Jim Malkowski (WSBA), Daniel; Meaghan McClellan, State Department of Education; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Jerry Schlabs, Cheyenne East; Ken Stoick, Natrona County; Pete Wilson, Upton; Tom Wilson, Green River and Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

#### AGENDA

President St. Clair 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. Malkowski moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 24-25, 2012, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney, Clint Robus, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*, Kevin Koile and Tom McCarthy from WyoPreps, Cliff Hill from Gillette, Scott Noble from Cheyenne South, Terry Hooker from Natrona County School District and Aaron McCreight from the Proud to Host Committee.

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### **REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)**

#### WYOPREPS – KEVIN KOILE AND TOM McCARTHY

Tom McCarthy and Kevin Koile from WyoPreps thanked the Wyoming communities for their input in helping to provide statewide athletic coverage on their website.

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Chairman Tony Hult, Mark Broderson, Jeremy Hill, Mike Lashley, Pete Wilson and Tom Wilson.

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

#### WIAAA 5 CLASS PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Tom Wilson seconded the motion to bring the WIAAA 5 Class Proposal off the table.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve the WIAAA 5 Class Proposal as presented.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\* (6-10)**

#### RECLASSIFICATION CYCLE

**MOTION:** Mr. Tom Wilson moved and Mr. Pete Wilson seconded the motion to extend the current reclassification cycle through 2013-14.

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

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**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chairman Shon Hocker, Mark Broderson, Stuart Larson, Jeremy Hill, Jim Levine and Ken Stoick.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2011-12

**MOTION:** Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2011-12 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM

**MOTION:** Mr. Stoick moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to approve changing the wording on the culminating event proposal form as follows:

*The Board will consider package proposals involving any combination of events. A proposal may be for **two or four** years beginning with the date listed below. **Golf and Nordic Ski rotations will continue on a one year proposal cycle.***

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)**

POLICY MANUAL UPDATES

**MOTION:** Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the suggested updates to the WHSAA employee policy manual regarding vacation days.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

INVESTMENT REPORT

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

BUILDING UPDATE

Mr. Laird reported that the new building is very close to being completed and anticipates a move to the new site in early October.

2012-13 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black and increase corporate sponsorships.

**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE**

Chairman Tim Winland, Dan Espeland, Tony Hult, Jim Malkowski, Dan Mitchelson and Pete Wilson.

RULE 7.7.30 – FOOTBALL TIE BREAKING CRITERIA PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve the football tie breaking criteria proposal which would assist in reducing the possibility of playoff teams being determined by a coin flip.

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

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**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)**

RULE 7.8.63 – 2A STATE GOLF ROTATION PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Espeland seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 7.8.63 to establish a set rotation for 2A State Golf host sites.

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

RULE 7.8.78 – STATE GOLF PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Espeland seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 7.8.78 as follows:

*During a state tournament, no two individuals from the same school will be allowed to compete in the same foursome of play. If there is a tie in score from players from the same school, the order in which players will be assigned in the second round will be determined by the coaches seeding them on their team list. This rule does not have to be applied to the golfers in the last ten places **or the 2A golfers at the discretion of the tournament director and rules committee.***

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

RULE 7.5.32 – BASKETBALL MERCY RULE PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve new Rule 7.5.32 as follows:

*In any basketball contest a running clock shall be utilized when one team is 40 or more points ahead at the end of the first half. In all classes, when a team is ahead at half time by 40 points or more, or becomes 40 points or more ahead in the second half, the clock will run continually, except between quarters, time-outs, and when replacing an injured or disqualified player. The clock will be restarted when the official signals the clock to restart after a free throw attempt or when play is resumed by a throw-in.*

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

2012-13 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to investigate and pursue methods to improve sportsmanship and fair play.

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### CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Jerry Schlabs, Chris Gray, Joe Hicks, Mike Lashley, Meaghan McClellan and Tom Wilson

#### RULE 7.10.74 – ALPINE SKI PROPOSALS

**MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording changes to Rule 7.10.74 that allow for consistency with U.S. Skiing Rules and promote safety.

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

#### RULE 7.7.15 – 4A FOOTBALL START DATE

**MOTION:** Ms. McClellan moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 7.7.15 as follows:

*The football season will have a first allowable practice date of the Monday of WHSAA Calendar Week 7 for 1A, 2A and 3A classifications. 4A classification will have a first allowable practice date of the Thursday of WHSAA Calendar Week 6.*

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

#### STATE SPIRIT COMPETITION – TWO DANCE CATEGORIES

**MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion to approve allowing two dance categories at the State Spirit Competition beginning with the next reclass cycle.

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

#### STATE CROSS COUNTRY

**MOTION:** Mr. Schlabs moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to reopen the proposal process for State Cross Country for 2013-14.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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### CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

#### RULE 7.6.83

**MOTION:** Mr. Espeland moved and Mr. Schlabs seconded the motion to amend the wording of Rule 7.6.83 and open the proposal process to any site interested in hosting state cross country.

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

#### 2012-13 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to look at all events in an effort to minimize lost school time.

### DISTRICTS

#### GOLD CARD REQUESTS

**MOTION:** Mr. Espeland moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Jay Mahylis of Gillette.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Stoick moved and Mr. Pete Wilson seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Chuck Vega of Gillette.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Schlabs moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Matt Strannigan of Cheyenne.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

#### SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Fall ejection numbers are up compared to those at this time last year. The WHSAA will continue to encourage officials and school administrators to report acts of good sportsmanship.

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### ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

#### 1A 11-MAN AND 6-MAN FOOTBALL

Mr. Trevor Wilson asked the Board for input on whether 1A schools should be given a choice to play 6-Man or 11-Man football mid-cycle due to extending the reclassification cycle for an additional year.

**MOTION:** Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Tom Wilson seconded the motion allow 1A schools to choose to play either 6-Man or 11-Man football for the 2013 season.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

#### STATE GOLF

Commissioner Laird reported that the state golf tournament went well at all 3 sites and the weather was great.

#### CORPORATE SPONSOR UPDATE

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

#### ARAPAHO CHARTER BASKETBALL AND TRACK REQUEST

**MOTION:** Mr. Malkowski moved and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion allow Arapaho Charter to participate in the following sports:

- 2012-13    Limited sub-varsity boys basketball  
          Boys and Girls sub-varsity track
  
- 2013-14    Full season of sub-varsity boys basketball  
          Boys and Girls varsity track

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***



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**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)**

RULE 3.9.25 – MEMBER SCHOOL ADDING A SPORT

**MOTION:** Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to approve the editorial change to Rule 3.9.25 as follows:

*Member schools must notify the WHSAA office, in writing, before the Statewide Scheduling Meeting the year preceding their adding a new sport **in football, volleyball, basketball and soccer in order to be eligible the following year for the culminating event in that sport.** If this timeline is not followed, member schools adding a new sport **in football, volleyball, basketball and soccer** understand they will not be eligible for the culminating event. **Member schools adding an individual sport may be eligible for the culminating event depending on the timing of their request. The commissioner shall have the discretion of making this decision.***

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

TRACK COACHES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATE MEETS

**MOTION:** Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to give the Commissioner the authority to lower the opening heights of the pole vault and the high jump at the outdoor state track meet if fewer than 8 competitors did not make the state opening height at the Regional meets.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to allow the shot put competition to become a two day event at the state indoor track meet. Day 1 – Qualification, Day 2 – Prelims and Finals for those that surpass the qualifying mark.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Tom Wilson moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to eliminate the acceleration zones for the second and third exchange of the 4x200 relay at the state indoor track meet.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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## COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

### STATE FAIR PRACTICES

The Board reviewed a report showing that 116 students participated in 346 practices during State Fair this year. Commissioner Laird commended Douglas High School for providing this service.

### SECTION 7 & 8

Commissioner Laird recently attended the Section 7&8 meetings, which brings together the executive directors of the 11 westernmost states. The meetings provide a good forum for sharing ideas. Discussion at this year's meeting included concussions, coaches education, student leadership, video streaming, dealing with unruly fans and hosting regional events.

### TITLE IX 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Commissioner Laird requested that schools continue to read a statement recognizing the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Title IX before girls' athletic events.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> at the Casper Events Center.

### 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 26<sup>th</sup>. Semi-final games will be played on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The state championships will be held in Laramie on November 9-10, 2012. 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.

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**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)**

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT – NOVEMBER 19, 2012 @ 10:00 A.M.

Members of the Student Advisory Council will host a statewide sportsmanship summit on November 19, 2012, 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 6-7, 2012, in Casper at the Ramada Plaza Riverside. The time schedule will be sent to schools soon.

WYOMING SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION EXPO BOOTH – NOVEMBER. 14

The WHSAA will have a booth at the Wyoming School Board Association Expo on November 14, 2012. 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 October 30, 2012.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President-Elect Hult adjourned the meeting at 8:51 a.m. on September 26, 2012.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
OWEN ST. CLAIR

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