



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2016

President Dan Mitchelson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 27, 2016, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Mark Broderson, Sundance; Justin Carr, Douglas; Ty Flock, Greybull; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Mike Hansen, Jackson; Keith Harris, Big Horn County School District #1; 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; Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central and Jim Williams (WSBA), Glenrock. 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. Hult moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Broderson moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2016, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Mike Lashley from Lingle-Ft. Laramie, Jason Hansen from Lyman, Pete Hawkins from Buffalo and Kevin Koile from WyoPreps.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

STUDENT HEARING

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

MOTION PASSED: **

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

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Whitworth moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision regarding a transfer hardship request.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

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

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

DISCUSSION ON PROPOSALS FOR 2018-19 & 2019-20 RECLASSIFICATION CYCLE

MOTION: Mr. Harris moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to support 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, taking into account that some flexibility may be needed based on gaps in enrollment.

MOTION PASSED: ** (15-0)

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RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE (continued)

BUFFALO FOOTBALL REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Hansen moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve Buffalo's request to stay in the 3A Classification for the 2017 football season.

MOTION PASSED: **

REGIONALIZED SCHEDULING

Discussion was heard on whether more time should be made available at the Statewide Scheduling Meeting in November to discuss regionalized scheduling. It was felt that by going to a 16-16-16-Remaining Schools classification format, regionalized scheduling would already occur.

2016-17 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2015-16

MOTION: Mr. Whitworth moved and Ms. Roeder seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2015-16 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM

MOTION: Mr. Whitworth moved and Ms. Roeder seconded the motion to approve the Culminating Event Proposal Request Form as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

INVESTMENT REPORT

Michael Merback of RBC Wealth Management reported to the committee on the WHSAA's financial investments. Mr. Merback will continue to monitor the WHSAA's investments and make recommendations if changes need to be made.

IMPACT TESTING REPORT

Mr. Laird reported on a foundation that is willing to fund Impact Testing nationwide. Funding would be for 1 test per athlete for the first year, but would not include funding for post tests or testing in consecutive years. This will be taken out as a discussion item during the next round of District Meetings.

CONCUSSION INSURANCE REPORT

Dissinger Reed, the WHSAA's current catastrophic insurance provider, is offering concussion insurance for \$1.50 per child. This will also be taken out as a discussion item during the next round of District Meetings.

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.

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Glenn Freeburg, Cliff Hill, Josh Sandlian, Dicky Shanor, Owen St. Clair and Jim Williams.

RULE 7.8.9 – GOLF COACHING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Sandlian moved and Mr. Freeburg 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. *Coaches identify and make themselves known to the rules committee before the start of the competition each day.*
 2. *Coaches may not give advice to, or seek advice from, another school's participants.*
 3. *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.*
 4. *Penalty for breach of condition: by participant – two strokes; by a coach – two strokes will be added to the coach's school's score.*
 5. *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 (15-0)

RULE 7.16.72 – WRESTLING SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to make Regional Wrestling a one day tournament in all classifications.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING (12-3)

(Mr. Hill, Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Williams voted No)

RULE 7.5.41 – BASKETBALL SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Sandlian moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the proposal to limit three-day basketball tournaments.

MOTION FAILED: ** (0-15)

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.10.11 & 7.10.24 – NORDIC SKI SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to approve the proposal to begin the Nordic Ski season on Week 20 and end it on Week 34 and limit skiers to 12 contest days per season, not counting the State Meet.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING (15-0)

RULE 7.10.58 – ALPINE SKI SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Sandlian moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the proposal to limit skiers to 12 contest days per season, not counting the State Meet.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING (15-0)

RULE 7.14.70 – INDOOR TRACK SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to approve the proposal to limit each indoor track athlete to 8 track meets per season, not counting the State Meet.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING (15-0)

RULE 7.14.20 – OUTDOOR TRACK SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Sandlian moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the proposal to limit each outdoor track athlete to 10 track meets per season, not counting the Regional and State Meets.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING (15-0)

RULE 7.11.36 – SOCCER TIMING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to approve 4A soccer request as follows:

Beginning with the 2017 4A soccer season, when a scoreboard clock is on-site and available, the official time for all 4A varsity soccer matches will be kept on the clock. Schools should have a clock operator trained on NFHS Soccer signals for stopping/starting the clock.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING (12-3)

(Mr. Hansen, Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Rees voted No)

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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 7.16.71 – WRESTLING SEEDING CRITERIA PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Rees moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.16.71 that would reorder the wrestling seeding criteria and make “best overall record” the third consideration above “returning state placers at same weight” and “returning state placers at any weight”.

MOTION FAILED: ** (0-15)

RULE 7.8.15 – GOLF SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Carr moved and Mr. O'Neill seconded the motion to approve the proposal to begin the golf season on Week 6 and end it on Week 11 and limit golfers to 10 contest days per season, not counting the State Meet.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING (15-0)

RULE 7.13.1 – TENNIS SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. O'Neill moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve the proposal to begin the tennis season on Week 6 and end it on Week 12 and limit tennis players to 10 contest days per season, not counting the Regional and State Meets.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING (15-0)

RULE 7.6.15 – CROSS COUNTRY SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. O'Neill seconded the motion to approve the proposal to limit cross country runners to 8 contest days per season, not counting the State Meet.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING (15-0)

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CALENDAR COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.12.3 & 7.12.71 – SWIM SEASON PROPOSALS

MOTION: Mr. Rees moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve the proposal to end the girls' swimming and diving season on Week 18 and end the boys' swimming and diving season on Week 33 and limit all swimmers and divers to 18 contest days per season, not counting the State Meet.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING (15-0)

RULE 7.14.82 – INDOOR SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. O'Neill moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to approve the proposal to add a Sprint Medley Relay to the State Indoor Track Meet.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING (13-2)

(Mr. Harris and Mr. Hult voted No)

RULE 7.14.40 & 41 – OUTDOOR SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. O'Neill moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to approve the proposal to add a Sprint Medley Relay to the State Outdoor Track Meet.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING (12-3)

(Mr. Harris, Mr. Hult and Mr. Rees voted No)

1A/2A WEST REGIONAL TRACK MEET

MOTION: Mr. Rees moved and Mr. O'Neill seconded the motion to allow the 1A/2A Regional Track Meet to be held in Lander in 2017.

MOTION PASSED: ** (15-0)

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.

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DISTRICT REPORT

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Flock moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Chuck Gomendi of Wind River.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Hansen moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Jeff Parrott of Jackson.

MOTION PASSED: **

ASSOCIATE COMMISIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Good sportsmanship numbers are down compared to this time last year. The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition. There have been six player ejections so far this year.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT

Commissioner Laird reported that the Transportation Summit, held in early June, was a positive day and hopes that directives from the summit and the proposed rule changes to address transportation costs and lost school time will show the Legislature that schools are trying to make changes.

STATE GOLF

The 2A and 3A State Golf Tournaments had to be shortened to 18 holes due to weather. The Commissioner sought input from the Board on developing a contingency plan should this happen again. The 4A Tournament was able to get in 36 holes, although the weather was not ideal.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

ST. STEPHEN'S REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to allow St. Stephen's to add cross country for the 2016-17 school year and be eligible to participate in the state cross country meet.

MOTION PASSED: **

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting will be held November 15-16, 2016, at the Ramada Plaza in Casper. The time schedule may be tweaked from previous years to allow more time for scheduling non-conference football.

ANYONE CAN SAVE A LIFE

The WHSAA developed and "Emergency Action Plan" form for host sites to complete and send out with their event information. The form will be included in the next district packet and will also be placed in the forms section of the WHSAA website.

LETTER FROM SUPERINTENDENTS

Commissioner Laird shared a letter he received from the Wyoming Association of School Administrators asking the WHSAA to be as transparent as possible during voting situations and address concerns regarding transportation costs and lost school time.

CORPORATE SPONSOR UPDATE

WHSAA corporate sponsors include Foss Motors, State Farm, Pepsi, Prevention Management Organization, Timberline Hospitalities and the Casper host hotels. The National Guard will confirm continued sponsorship after October 1.

FINE DESIGNS

Fine Designs reported a very profitable year.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

NFHS NETWORK

The NFHS Network will be continue to stream WHSAA events and will add coverage of the State Marching Band Festival this year. Commissioner Laird encouraged schools to take advantage of the School Broadcast Program offered by the network.

#MYREASONWHY

On October 3rd, the National Federation will be launching a social media based national PR campaign promoting activities participation called #MyReasonWhy.

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 and recognize all the people who provide these opportunities for kids.

STATE MARCHING BAND

The State Marching Band Festival will be held on Saturday, October 15th at the Casper Events Center. The festival will begin at 3:00 p.m. with 19 bands expected to perform.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

As per the agreement with the University of Wyoming, the first round of football playoffs and the semi-final games will be played on Fridays (October 28th and November 4th). The state championships will be held in Laramie on November 11-12, 2016. The 1A-6 Man championship will be at 12:00 p.m. on Friday the 11th, followed by the 3A championship at 3:00 p.m. The 2A championship will be played at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 12th, 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 21, 2016 @ 10:00 A.M.

Members of the Student Advisory Council will host a statewide sportsmanship summit on November 21, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Parkway Plaza in Casper. Further information will be sent to schools in the near future.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

BOARD PICTURE

The group Board picture will be taken at the next meeting on November 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Mitchelson adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m. on September 28, 2016.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
DAN MITCHELSON

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD