



# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

President Ben Smith called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m., Tuesday, September 29, 2020, in the Jackson Room of the Clarion Inn.

The following members were present: Jon Abrams, Laramie County School District #2; Keith Bauder, Wyoming Indian (via Zoom); Justin Carr, Douglas; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Beau Garcia, Upton; Mike Hamel, Carbon County School District #1; Jason Hansen, Lyman; Terry Hooker, Casper; Thomas Jassman, Rock Springs; Bruce Jolley (WSBA), Lovell; Reggie Miller, Riverton; Christina Mills, Shoshoni; David Nicholas, Washakie County School District #1; Josh Sandlian, Wheatland; Ben Smith, Big Horn County School District #1; Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central and Larry Yeradi, Wright. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office was also present.

#### AGENDA

President Smith 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. Yeradi moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2020, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney and Matt Liu, Director of Forensics at the University of Wyoming.

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**REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)**

STUDENT HEARING

**MOTION:** Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Nicholas seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision regarding the transfer request for a Burns High School student.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**COMMITTEES**

**RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Chair Larry Yeradi, Jon Abrams, Justin Carr, Mike Hamel, Reggie Miller and Chad Whitworth.

Ad Hoc Members: Brandon Deromedi, Mike Gregory, Mike Lashley, Jim O'Connor, Dustin Rees, Jerry Schlabs, Ann Wille and Rod Winland.

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chair Chad Whitworth, Glenn Freeburg, Reggie Miller, David Nicholas, Josh Sandlian and Dicky Shanor

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)**

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2019-20

**MOTION:** Mr. Nicholas moved and Mr. Miller seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2019-20 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

**MOTION:** Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Miller seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the June Board Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM

**MOTION:** Mr. Nicholas moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the Culminating Event Proposal Request Form as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

INVESTMENT REPORT

Michael Merback of RBC Wealth Management provided a report on the WHSAA's investment portfolio. He will continue to monitor the WHSAA's investments and make recommendations if changes need to be made.

2020-21 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

Chair Christina Mills, Mike Hamel, Loren Heth, Terry Hooker, Thomas Jassman and Larry Yeradi

### RULE 7.10.58 – ALPINE SKI PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Hooker moved and Mr. Jassman seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.10.58 that would add the following wording:

*Athletes may compete in up to four additional race days if they are independent of the high school racing program and require no additional funding from schools.*

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

### RULE 7.10.24 – NORDIC SKI PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hamel seconded the motion to approve proposed change to Rule 7.10.24 that would add the following wording:

*Athletes may compete in up to four additional race days if they are independent of the WHSAA ski program and require no additional funding from schools.*

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

### 2020-21 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

## CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chair Beau Garcia, Jon Abrams, Keith Bauder, Justin Carr, Jason Hansen and Bruce Jolley

### RULE 7.10.45 – NORDIC SKI STATE QUALIFICATIONS PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Jassman moved and Mr. Jolley seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 7.10.45 as follows:

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## CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

### *Rule 7.10.45 STATE MEET CONSIDERATIONS*

1. *Qualifications for participation in the state meet:*
  - a. *Finish the season in good standing as a member of the affiliated school team.*
  - b. ***Student participants earn 1 point per day for starting a WHSAA regular season race.***  
*Students must earn 6 points to qualify for participation at the State meet.*
  - c. *Students with extraordinary circumstances such as serious injury may petition the Commissioner for waiver of the rule.*

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

### RULE 7.54.41 – BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Carr moved and Mr. Jolley seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 7.10.45 to increase the number of allowable regular season tournaments to four.

### **MOTION FAILED: \*\***

### 2020-21 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue work on the event calendars to help the needs of students involved in activities while keeping budgets, time out of the classroom, travel, and the health and safety of all involved in the discussion making process.

## **ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

### SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition.

### ATHLETIC TRAINER MEETING UPDATE

Members of the Wyoming Athletic Trainers Association recently met with Mr. Laird and Mr. Wilson to discuss ways to improve communication with schools regarding coverage at culminating events.

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## COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

### STATE GOLF AND TENNIS

The first 2 state events of the 2020-21 school year have been completed. Commissioner Laird was pleased with how the athletes followed the safety guidelines and protocols. There was great competition in both events and host sites are commended for a job well done.

### PINEDALE'S INDOOR TRACK REQUEST

**MOTION:** Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to approve Pinedale's request to add Indoor Track for the 2020-21 school year.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### RE-SCHEDULING BASKETBALL AND WRESTLING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020 – RAMKOTA, 10:00 A.M.

The WHSAA will meet with all Activities Director's on October 6, 2020 to re-schedule basketball and wrestling to comply with the Smart Start Guidelines and individual sport considerations. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Ramkota. The hope is that all schools can obtain a full schedule.

### BASKETBALL CONSIDERATIONS

Basketball Considerations, updated as of 9/15/2020, were discussed. The Board provided input on factors to be considered when developing the Regional and State Tournament formats.

### WRESTLING CONSIDERATIONS

Wrestling Considerations, updated as of 9/23/2020, were discussed. The Wrestling Committee will meet on September 30, 2020 to continue to develop the Regional and State Tournament formats.

### STATE SPIRIT MEETING – MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 – RAMKOTA, 11:00 A.M.

The WHSAA will meet with Spirit Coaches on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Ramkota to make a decision on the State Spirit Competition. UCA's head tech judge will be at the meeting as well.

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### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

#### STATE MARCHING BAND – VIRTUAL – SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020

The State Marching Band Festival will be held virtually this year. Bands will submit a video which will be evaluated in the same areas as previous festivals and results will be released on October 17, 2020.

#### ACTIVITIES UPDATE

The event plans for Activities (Music, Student Council, FCCLA, FBLA, DECA, SkillsUSA, Drama, Speech and Debate and FFA) were discussed. Most will hold their fall events virtually and are still evaluating their options for spring events. The WHSAA will post updates on the website.

#### OCTOBER DISTRICT MEETINGS

It was decided to have the October District Meetings in person, with the option to attend via Zoom.

#### STATE CROSS COUNTRY

State Cross Country will be held on October 24, 2020. The 2A meet will be in Douglas, the 3A meet will be in Star Valley and the 4A meet will be in Casper.

#### REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL

Regional volleyball tournaments will be played on Thursday – highest seed in the quadrant will host and Saturday – cross quadrant, highest seed will host.

#### STATE VOLLEYBALL

The State Volleyball Tournament will be held November 4 – 7, 2020, with 1 classification playing per day. Matches will be at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

#### FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS – ATTENDANCE POLICIES – CHAMPIONSHIPS ON FRIDAY IF MUTUALLY AGREE?

Discussion was heard on best practices to use for ticket distribution for playoff games. The home to visitor ratio will be 70 / 30 for first round games and 60 / 40 for the semis and finals.

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**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)**

Schools should establish a deadline for ticket sales. Tickets must be purchased at each school and be presented for entry. Some schools may require a ticket list as well.

Traditionally, first round games are played on Friday and Semi-final and Championship games are played on Saturday. Games may be played at a different time if both teams mutually agree.

DRAGONFLY TRAINING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020

The DragonFly Training scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2020 has been cancelled.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING – TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17-18, 2020

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, November 17-18, 2020 has been cancelled.

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT

The State Sportsmanship Summit, scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2020 has been cancelled. The Student Advisory Council will meet on October 5, 2020 to film PSA's to be used at state culminating events.

NEXT MEETING – MOVED TO NOVEMBER 10-11, 2020

The next Board Meeting has been moved to November 10-11, 2020 due to extending the State Volleyball Tournament to 4 days. The meeting will be held at a local hotel so that social distancing can be utilized. The group Board picture will be taken at the next meeting.



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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. on September 29, 2020.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
BEN SMITH

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