

# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 25-26, 2006

President Kevin Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2006, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Kay Fackrell, Evanston; Bill Fullmer, Burns; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Terry Hopkin, Riverside; Tony Hult, Cody; Hal Johnson, Worland; Jim Levine, Lyman; 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** – no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Calendar and Culminating Events** - no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Reclassification**—no changes and/or additions.

**MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Fackrell seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 7-8, 2006, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

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

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### NFHS LEGAL MEETING REPORT

Mr. Despain and Commissioner Laird recently attended the NFHS Legal Meeting in Indianapolis, IN. Mr. Despain reported that the meeting was very informative and provided a forum to hear what is going on around the country. Topics of discussion included transfers, the Fair Labor Standards Act, steroid testing, the Good Samaritan Law, out of season contact and public vs. private classifications.

## 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 7.7.46 - FOOTBALL PLAYOFF DATES AND TIMES

**MOTION:** Mr. Fullmer moved and Mr. Ragland seconded the motion to approve 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: \*\* FINAL READING**

### RULE 7.11.0 – SOCCER PROPOSAL

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

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

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**RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE (continued)**

3A, 4A, 5A FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion to amend the 3A, 4A and 5A football playoff proposal as follows:

*Eight teams will be seeded into a bracket. The two conference champions will be seeded 1 and 2 by their power ranking. The conference runner-ups will be seeded 3 and 4 by their power ranking **opposite their conference champions**. The four teams that have the highest power ranking of the remaining teams, regardless of conference, will be seeded 5-8. The highest seeded teams will host throughout the bracket.*

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

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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

RULES 7.8.41 and 5.6.0 – GOLF AWARDS STANDARDS RULE

**MOTION:** Mr. Nelson moved and Mr. Hult 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: \*\*FINAL READING**

**MOTION:** Mr. Nelson moved and Mr. Hult 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: \*\*FINAL READING**

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**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Continued)**

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2005-06

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

CHECKS WRITTEN

**MOTION:** Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the February Board Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

SELECT 3 YEAR MEMORABILIA BID

**MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion to award Shirts & More of Lander with the 3 Year Memorabilia bid.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

SELECT 3 YEAR PHOTOGRAPHY BID

**MOTION:** Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion to accept the bid from FotoSport of Lander for the 3 Year Photography bid.

**MOTION DEFEATED: \*\***

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to direct the Commissioner to meet with FotoSport and Shirts & More to negotiate a bid that will be beneficial to all parties involved. The Commissioner will present a recommendation to the Executive Council for approval in July.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### APPROVAL OF 2006-07 BUDGET

**MOTION:** Mr. Nelson moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the 2006-07 budget as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### COMMISSIONER'S CONTRACT EXTENSION

**MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to extend the Commissioner's contract and approve raises, as per the salary schedules, for the staff.

**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:** Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Hopkin seconded the motion to revise WHSAA Rules 5.3.4, 5.3.7 and 5.4.6 as follows:

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### HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

Revise Rule 5.3.4 to read:

*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.*

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.*

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: \*\* FINAL READING**

#### RULE 7.7.11 AND RULE 5.10.2 – FOOTBALL PRACTICE PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Stoick moved and Mr. Fullmer 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: \*\*FINAL READING**

#### RULE 7.16.68 – REGIONAL WRESTLING PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Hopkin seconded the motion to approve the regional wrestling seeding proposal as follows:

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**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)**

7.16.68 SEEDING CRITERIA

1. *Head to head competition*
2. *Record against common opponents*
3. *Returning state placers at same weight (order of place)*
4. *Returning state placers at any weight (order of place)*
5. *Best overall record (minimum of ten varsity matches)*
6. *Coin flip*
7. *Wrestlers that are not seeded will be randomly drawn in to the bracket*
8. *Once seeding begins for each weight class, a wrestler may not be taken off the board for consideration.*

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

EDITORIAL CHANGES

MOTION: Mr. Stoick moved and Mr. Fuller seconded the motion to approve the editorial changes to Rule 7.8.2 (golf) and Rule 7.14.51 (track) as follows:

***Golf***

Current Wording:

7.8.2 TOURNAMENT RULES COMMITTEE

*There should be a minimum of three coaches and the local golf pro for the State Tournament Rules Committee. The local pro may be used as a rules interpreter.*

Editorial Change:

7.8.2 TOURNAMENT RULES COMMITTEE

*There should be a minimum of three coaches and the local golf pro for the State Tournament Rules Committee. The local pro may be used as a rules interpreter. This rules committee, with the assistance of the local pro, will handle any dispute or doubtful point on the rules. The committee's decision will be final and may not be appealed.*

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### HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)

#### *Track*

##### *Current Wording:*

7.14.51 *Heat and lane assignments for regional meets.*

*Heats and lanes will be assigned by the meet director for the preliminaries. For the finals, lanes will be assigned according to the placing in the preliminary heats. Regions may determine the order of events or follow the state meet schedule.*

##### *Editorial Change:*

7.14.51 *Heat and lane assignments for regional meets.*

*Heats and lanes will be assigned by the meet director for the preliminaries. For the finals, lanes will be assigned according to the state meet guidelines. The first place finisher from each heat and the next fastest times (regardless of heat) to fill a field of eight will qualify for the finals. Regions may determine the order of events or follow the state meet schedule.*

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### 2005-2006 COMMITTEE GOALS

The committee met it's goal to continue to look at and rewrite WHSAA Rules 5.3.0 - Out of Season Practice and 5.4.0 - Specialized Sports Camps, and will pursue a new goal for the 2006-07 school year.

### CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

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

#### RULE 7.15.2 – NE DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to keep the length of the volleyball season the same as it is currently.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***



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## CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

### 2A EAST REGIONAL BASKETBALL PROPOSAL

As per votes at the NE and SE district meetings, representatives from the 2A east regions are in favor of combining to have one 2A east basketball tournament. An official ballot will be sent to all 2A NE and 2A SE schools in September. A favorable vote from schools would result in one 2A East Regional Basketball Tournament, going into effect with the next reclass cycle.

### STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

#### 2A GOLF

**MOTION:** Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to accept Lusk's proposal to host the 2007 2A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### STATE SPEECH

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### NORDIC SKI

**MOTION:** Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to accept Cody's proposal to host the 2008 State Nordic Ski Meet at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### INDOOR TRACK

**MOTION:** Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to accept Laramie's proposal to host the 2008 State Indoor Track Meet at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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### CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

#### STATE GOLF

**MOTION:** Mr. Schopp moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to direct Commissioner Laird to meet with golf coaches to determine a process in which a supervisor/marshall would be present on every hole at the state tournament.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### 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.

### DISTRICTS

#### GOLD CARD REQUESTS

**MOTION:** Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Duke Ottema of Newcastle.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Hopkin seconded the motion to award Lifetime Gold Passes to Homer Scott of Sheridan and Troy Baker of Casper.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### PRESIDENT-ELECT

**NOMINATIONS:** Mr. Gray nominated Hal Johnson for President-Elect, 2006-07.

**MOTION:** Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to cease nominations.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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### **PRESIDENT-ELECT (Continued)**

Hal Johnson was selected as the 2006-07 President-Elect.

### **TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Commissioner Laird reported that the WHSAA will be having a training session for all regional track hosts on Wednesday, April 26, 2006. He reminded soccer schools to post their results on the WHSAA website. The WHSAA is also looking into updating the front page of the website, on a weekly basis, after the completion of culminating events in March.

### **ASSOCIATE COMMISIONER'S REPORT**

#### EJECTION REPORT

Mr. Wilson reported that 1 track and 9 soccer athletes have been ejected from association contests thus far during the spring season, compared to 14 athletes during spring sports last year.

#### WRESTLING MENTORING PROGRAM

Mr. Wilson will conduct a meeting on April 25, 2006, via the WEN system, asking for input and suggestions on developing a mentoring program for wrestling officials. He hopes to have the system in place by the 2006-07 wrestling season.

#### 3 PERSON BASKETBALL CREWS AND FEES

Mr. Wilson recently met with representatives from the WSOA Board who plan to bring a proposal to the WHSAA Board asking that 3 person basketball officiating crews be paid the same per official as 2 person crews.

#### OFFICIATING COURSE

The WHSAA, in conjunction with officials throughout the state, is trying to get an officiating course for football, volleyball, basketball and wrestling back into junior college curriculums in Wyoming.

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### ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

#### LIBERO SURVEY

The WHSAA recently sent out a survey to all Wyoming member schools with volleyball concerning allowing the Libero player to serve. The Libero player is allowed to serve at the collegiate level, and the National Federation recommends that this rule be adopted for high school play. Of the 36 surveys received by the WHSAA, 33 were in favor, with 3 against.

#### 4A STATE GOLF

Mr. Wilson explained that Sheridan is the host site for the 2006 4A State Golf Tournament, but is experiencing some problems with having both the girls and boys play at the same site. 4A golf coaches were polled to determine if they were in favor of splitting playing sites.

**MOTION:** Mr. Schopp moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to have both the boys and girls play the state tournament at the same site.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

#### WINTER SEASON REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported that the winter culminating events went well, with very few behavior incidents. Financially, income was down slightly from last year. Some adjustments will be made to session times and seating arrangements at the 2007 wrestling tournament. The first sanctioned State Indoor Track Meet was very successful with close to 600 entries. The WHSAA Executive Board will continue to meet with Casper's Proud to Host the Best Committee after the state tournaments to review what went well and what may need improvement.

#### UW FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Commissioner Laird has been in contact with the Mountain West Conference scheduler and feels confident that there will not be a conflict with UW and WHSAA football games. As per the UW/WHSAA agreement, the 2006 WHSAA football play-off games will be as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Round – Friday
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Round – Friday
- Championship – Saturday

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### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

#### TRACK MEET TRAINING

Scott McCash, WHSAA Technology Director, will provide Hy-Tek training for all regional track meet directors on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

#### COACHING CERTIFICATION

The PTSB finalized recommendations for coaching certification as follows:

**Head coaches** would be required to have Care and Prevention (32 hours), a sports science class (ASEP), and CPR and First Aid. **Assistant coaches** would need CPR and First Aid and a basic Care and Prevention course (8 hours) that would be consistent state-wide.

After a 120 day comment period, which will be up May 15, the recommendation will go to the Governor for approval. The Governor has 75 days to sign the recommendation.

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

#### COACHES BUY BACK CLASS

Bob Despain conducted a Coaches Buy Back Class on April 18, 2006, for four coaches who were ejected during the 2005-06 school year. Once a coach completes the buy back program, their program is taken off warning status.

#### SUMMER CONTACT RULE

As per discussion at the recent district meetings, there does not appear to be a need to pursue changes to the current summer contact rule.

#### 2006-07 WHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE SURVEY

Commissioner Laird asked all Board members to complete the committee survey for 2006-07. He will try to assign members to the committees they requested. The 2006-07 Executive Council is comprised of the President, President-Elect, Past President and committee chairs, making sure all classifications are represented.

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**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT** (continued)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL / PROUD TO HOST POST-TOURNAMENT EVALUATION

The Executive Council will meet with representatives of Casper's Proud to Host the Best Committee on April 26, 2006, to evaluate the winter culminating events.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DATE

The Executive Council meeting date has been set for July 11, 2006.

SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE / WORKSHOP

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson will meet with the Sports Medicine Committee in late May or early June to review the wrestling weight certification program and finalize the summer workshop.

NFHS NEWSLETTER

The National Federation is doing a state by state overview of activity associations in their monthly newsletter. Wyoming will be featured in the May issue.

T-MOBILE

Commissioner Laird reported on corporate sponsorship at the national level. T-Mobile and the National Federation have entered into a sponsorship agreement.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m. on April 26, 2006.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
KEVIN MITCHELL

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