



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 23-24, 2013

President Owen St. Clair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2013, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Mark Broderon, Sundance; Dan Espeland, Converse County School District #1; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Tony Hult, Cody; Stuart Larson, Niobrara County; Jim Levine, Lyman; Terril Mills (WSBA), Ten Sleep; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Mack Rawhouser (WSBA), Big Piney; Jerry Schlabs, Cheyenne East; Tammy Schroeder, State Department of Education; 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. Gray moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2013, 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 from WyoPreps; Kendra Roeder from Pine Bluffs and Jeff Rieckman from Moorcroft. Todd Quigley from Newcastle joined the meeting in progress.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

JEFF RIECKMAN – MOORCROFT PRINCIPAL

Jeff Rieckman, Principal of Moorcroft High School, asked the Board to consider granting a reclassification waiver to the school to accommodate a demographic of students who do not participate in extracurricular activities due to religious beliefs. The waiver would only pertain to football.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Larson seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Ms. Schroeder moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Schlabs moved and Mr. Tom Wilson seconded the motion to place St. Stephens High School on probation for all activities for one (1) year beginning in the 2013-14 school year. St. Stephens will be required to submit an action plan. If the action plan is not followed, the WHSAA Commissioner will restrict St. Stephens from participating in any district, regional or state level activity.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Espeland moved and Ms. Schroeder seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision to not grant an additional two semesters of eligibility to an 8 semester appeal request.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Ms. Schroeder seconded the motion to support the Commissioner's decision to deny the hardship request to waive the transfer rule and dual residency rule. The Board's decision is based on finding that the move was, in part, motivated for athletic purposes.

Mr. Espeland abstained.

MOTION PASSED: **

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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.

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2012-13

MOTION: Mr. Larson moved and Mr. Broderson seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and third quarter report for 2012-13 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVE BAUDEN BALL BID

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to approve the contract between Baden Sports, Inc. and the WHSAA to provide balls for culminating events through 2016.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVE 2013-14 BUDGET

MOTION: Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Larson seconded the motion to approve the WHSAA 2013-14 budget as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMISSIONER'S CONTRACT EXTENSION

MOTION: Mr. Larson moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to extend the Commissioner's contract for an additional year.

MOTION PASSED: **

2012-13 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Tim Winland, Dan Espeland, Tony Hult, Terril Mills, Dan Mitchelson and Pete Wilson.

RULE 7.13.32 – TENNIS UNIFORM PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Mills seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.13.32 that would require uniform tops to match for both players in a doubles tennis match.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.7.15 – FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Pete Wilson seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.7.15 that would allow teams to participate in a scrimmage limited to 100 plays and limited special teams with players being required to have seven (7) days of practice to participate.

MOTION FAILED: **

RULE 4.5.4 – HEAD COACHES TEST PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Pete Wilson moved and Mr. Espeland seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 4.5.4 that would reduce the number of questions on the required head coaches test from 100 to 50.

MOTION FAILED: **

RULE 7.10.28 – NORDIC SKI STATE MEET FORMAT PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Mills seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.10.28 that would set a rotation to the state meet race format.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2012-13 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Jerry Schlabs, Chris Gray, Mike Lashley, Mack Rawhouser, Tammy Schroeder and Tom Wilson

RULE 7.7.10 – FOOTBALL CLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Rawhouser seconded the motion to approve the proposal by Sundance and Pine Bluffs to determine football classifications as: the ten largest schools shall be 4A, the next largest twelve shall be 3A, the next largest fourteen shall be 2A, and the next largest fourteen shall be 1A 11-man. The remaining schools will be in the 1A 6-man classification.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENT COMMITTEE (continued)

WIAAA VOLLEYBALL SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Rawhouser moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the proposed addition to Rule 7.5.12 to extend the volleyball season by one week.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

WIAAA BASKETBALL SEASON PROPOSAL – RULE 7.5.15

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Rawhouser seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.5.15 to shorten the basketball season by one competitive week and begin practice on the Monday of WHSAA calendar week 22.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

WIAAA BASKETBALL SEASON PROPOSAL – RULE 7.5.41

MOTION: Mr. Rawhouser moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.5.41 to reduce the number of basketball contests to 18.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

WIAAA WRESTLING SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Rawhouser seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.16.12 to shorten the wrestling season by one competitive week and begin practice on the Monday of WHSAA calendar week 22, with weight certification to take place on Friday of week 22.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

WIAAA SOCCER SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Rawhouser seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.11.25 to move the start date for soccer back one week to begin on the Monday of WHSAA calendar week 37 and conclude on the Saturday of week 47.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING (10-5)

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

WIAAA OUTDOOR TRACK SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Rawhouser seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.14.20 to move the start date for track back one week to begin on the Monday of WHSAA calendar week 37 and conclude on the Saturday of week 47.

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. Gray moved and Mr. Mitchelson seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Allen Friesen of Newcastle.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Espeland moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Carryl Goens of Campbell County.

MOTION PASSED: **

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Shon Hocker was selected as the 2013-14 President-Elect.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

RULE 5.8.0 – OUTSIDE COMPETITION

Rule 5.8.0, which pertains to outside competition, was taken out to the district meetings for discussion. The District's felt that the rule should be enforced as written.

RULE 7.6.72 – PIN POINTS FOR TWO WRESTLERS

Associate Commissioner Wilson suggested that the following wording be added to clarify Rule 7.6.72:

Whenever two wrestlers from the same school wrestle a match, pin points will automatically be awarded to the winner, regardless of the outcome of the match.

GIRLS WRESTLING LETTER

The WHSAA received a letter from a parent expressing his displeasure with females being allowed to wrestle. Associate Commissioner Wilson explained that as an Association, the WHSAA cannot deny a female the opportunity to participate in wrestling.

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Good sportsmanship numbers are comparable to those at this time last year and ejection numbers are down. The WHSAA will continue to encourage officials and school personnel to report acts of good sportsmanship.

NFHS FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING CLASS

The NFHS has updated its' Fundamental of Coaching Class. The new version will be taught at the summer coaches clinic.

NFHS POLE VAULT CLASS

The NFHS has developed a new class to help coaches with pole vault instruction.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WINTER REASON REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported that the winter culminating events went well. There is some concern with revenues being down at regional tournaments.

MOORCROFT'S REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Espeland moved and Mr. Tom Wilson seconded the motion to deny Moorcroft's request for a reclassification waiver.

MOTION PASSED: **

STATE DANCE – 2 DIVISIONS

Commissioner Laird will meet with spirit coaches on May 6, 2013. If a consensus can be reached on defining the parameters of two dance categories, that format will be instituted for the 2014 spirit competition. If not, offering two divisions will not go into effect until the next reclass cycle.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS – UNIFIED SPORTS

The WHSAA met with representatives from Special Olympics Wyoming to outline details of their partnership.

LEGAL MEETING UPDATE

Commissioner Laird recently attended the NFHS Legal Meeting in Indianapolis, IN. The meeting was very informative and provided a forum to hear what is going on around the country.

NFHS NETWORK

The NFHS is developing a network that would help states broadcast events that are not currently covered in an effort to provide a broader range of exposure.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The list of 2013-14 Student Advisory Council members was presented. The council will meet on April 29, 2013.

TRACK QUALIFYING MEET

Even though all schools may not have pole vault equipment, their track meets can still be deemed qualifying meets as long as their meet personnel have met the WHSAA requirements.

PHYSICALS – JUNE 1ST

MOTION: Mr. Espeland moved and Mr. Hocker seconded the motion to change the earliest allowable date for physicals to May 1st.

MOTION PASSED: **

INTENT OF SPORT TO SPORT

The Board felt that the intent of the Sport to Sport rule was not being misinterpreted. Commissioner Laird will send schools a reminder on the rule at the beginning of the school year.

STUDENTS STARTING HIGH SCHOOL AT A YOUNGER AGE

Questions have arisen on eight semester eligibility for students who start high school at a younger age. The board felt that this should be monitored at the local level.

UW FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

As per the 2013 UW football schedule and the UW/WHSAA agreement, the 2013 WHSAA football play-off games will be played on Friday, November 1, 2013; Friday, November 8, 2013; and Friday and Saturday, November 15-16, 2013.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

FOTO-SPORT FINANCIAL REPORT

Foto-Sport provided the Board with a financial report for the winter activities.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL / PROUD TO HOST POST-TOURNAMENT EVALUATION

The Board met with representatives of Casper's Proud to Host the Best Committee to evaluate the culminating events held in Casper.

REGIONAL TRACK MEET TRAINING

The WHSAA provided Hy-Tek training for all regional track meet directors on April 24, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.

2013-14 BOARD COMMITTEE SURVEY

Commissioner Laird asked all Board members to complete the committee survey for 2013-14. He will try to assign members to the committees they requested.

SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE / WORKSHOP

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson will meet with the Sports Medicine Committee on May 22, 2013. The committee will finalize the agenda for the July 24, 2013, sports medicine workshop, which will be combined with the WCA Clinic's Strength and Conditioning Class.

NFHS SUMMER MEETING – JUNE 23-27, 2013

The NFHS Summer meeting will be in Denver on June 23-27, 2013. It is an informative conference and board members are welcome to attend.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DATE

The Executive Council meeting date has been set for July 9, 2013. The Executive Council is comprised of the President, President-Elect, Past President and committee chairs, making sure all classifications and districts are represented.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT (Continued)

FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING

The new edition of the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching class will be offered on July 23, 2013, in conjunction with the WCA Coaches Clinic.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING – AUGUST 14, 2013

The WHSAA will provide a training seminar for all new Activities Directors and Principals on August 14, 2013. A follow-up session will be held at the Statewide Scheduling Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President St. Clair adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m. on April 24, 2013.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
OWEN ST. CLAIR

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD