



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 29, 2014

President Tony Hult called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, 2014, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Mark Broderson, Sundance; Terry Burgess, Sheridan County School District #2; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Jeremy Hill, Riverton; Tony Hult, Cody; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Jim Levine, Lyman; Terril Mills (WSBA), Ten Sleep; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Todd Quigley, Newcastle; Mack Rawhouser (WSBA), Big Piney; Kendra Roeder, Pine Bluffs; Tammy Schroeder, State Department of Education; 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 Hult 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. Hocker moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Rawhouser seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2014, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Jeff Kirshman, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*; Kevin Koile from WyoPreps; Ty Flock of Greybull; Dustin Rees of Mountain View and Roy Wilson from Heritage Christian School in Gillette.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Roy Wilson of Heritage Christian School in Gillette asked the Board to consider allowing them to become a member school.

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Shon Hocker, Todd Quigley, Jerry Schlabs, Owen St. Clair, Pete Wilson and Tom Wilson.

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

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Chris Gray, Mark Broderson, Shon Hocker, Jim Levine, Kendra Roeder and Tom Wilson

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2013-14

MOTION: Mr. Broderson moved and Ms. Roeder seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and third quarter report for 2013-14 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Hocker seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the February 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: **

APPROVE TROPHY AND MEDAL BID

MOTION: Mr. Tom Wilson moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to approve the 2014-15 through 2016-17 Trophy and Medal Bid from Universal Awards of Billings, MT.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVE 2014-15 BUDGET

MOTION: Mr. Hocker moved and Mr. Tom Wilson seconded the motion to approve the WHSAA 2014-15 budget as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMISSIONER'S CONTRACT EXTENSION

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

MOTION PASSED: **

2013-14 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black.

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Tim Winland, Jeremy Hill, Terril Mills, Dan Mitchelson, Owen St. Clair and Pete Wilson

RULE 4.7.1 – FORFEIT PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Pete Wilson seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 4.7.1 as follows:

Any school violating a varsity contract, either written or verbal, could be fined up to \$1000, with money going to the offended school. If both schools agree to not honor the contract, the fine will not be applied. Lack of paying the fine within thirty (30) days after the contest could be cause for immediate suspension. In addition to the above actions, the WHSAA may sanction the violating school as provided in Rules 1.4.2 through 1.4.5.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 3.1.32 – EDITORIAL CHANGE TO COMBINATION SCHOOL AGREEMENTS

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Mills seconded the motion to approve the editorial change to Rule 3.1.32 as follows:

The principal from the visiting school shall complete the portions of the Combination School Agreement form that pertains directly to his/her high school and forward to the host school. The host school principal shall complete the remaining portions of the Combination School Agreement and return it to the WHSAA office.

The Combination School Agreement form is to be submitted to the WHSAA office before the first date of the competition of the season in which the team competes as a combined team.

MOTION PASSED: **

RULE 3.8.0 – EDITORIAL CHANGE TO SUNDAY PARTICIPATION

MOTION: Mr. Mills moved and Mr. Pete Wilson seconded the motion to approve the editorial change to Rule 3.8.0 as follows:

*There shall be no interscholastic activity, **including practice**, held on Sunday unless Rule 2.6.0 must be invoked.*

MOTION PASSED: **

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

2013-14 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Mike Lashley, Terry Burgess, Todd Quigley, Mack Rawhouser, Jerry Schlabs and Tammy Schroeder

RULE 7.16.92 – REGIONAL WRESTLING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Quigley moved and Ms. Schroeder seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 7.16.92 as follows:

~~In 4A Wrestling, The top 4 wrestlers from each regional will be seeded at state. In one-half of the bracket, the first place wrestler from the West and fourth place wrestler from the North West Conference will be in the same quarter bracket. The third place wrestler from the North East Conference will be in the same quarter bracket as the second place wrestler from the South East Conference. The other half of the bracket would be the same with the conferences reversed. The other wrestlers should be drawn in. Byes will be placed on the bracket as evenly for each team as possible. When a wrestler who is drawn or seeded is withdrawn from the tournament a forfeit is granted and the bracket is not redrawn. The opposing wrestler will receive points for a forfeit/default. In the 2A and 3A the same process would be used for the East & West Regional placers.~~

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2013-14 COMMITTEE GOAL

To evaluate Indoor Track.

DISTRICTS

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Mitchelson seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Steve Bailey of Powell.

MOTION PASSED: **

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DISTRICTS (continued)

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Kim Sorenson of Laramie.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Darlene O'Melia of Rawlins.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Rawhouser moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Tom Rogers of Wyoming Indian.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Tom Wilson seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Marj Moretti of Rock Springs.

MOTION PASSED: **

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Terry Burgess was selected as the 2014-15 President-Elect.

ASSOCIATE COMMISIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Ejections have decreased significantly compared to those at this time last year. Good sportsmanship numbers are down slightly and the WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

REGIONAL WRESTLING

The WHSAA will make an editorial change to Rule 7.16.72, #3, to clarify that all wrestlers must make weight on each day of the regional tournament.

QUALIFYING TRACK MEETS

In order for a track meet to be considered a qualifying meet, the Meet Director, Meet Referee and Starter must be registered officials. The registration process includes registering on Arbiter, attending a rules clinic and passing the open book test.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WINTER REASON REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported that the winter culminating events went well. Poor weather affected the gate during state swimming and wrestling.

STATE SPIRIT COMPETITION SEATING

Due to seating concerns during the State Spirit Competition, the WHSAA is considering offering reserved seating in the lower sections of the Events Center where the competitors face. The upper sections and seating opposite to where the competitors face while performing will remain general admission.

LEGAL MEETING UPDATE

Commissioner Laird and Bob Despain 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

Wyoming was in the top 10 in the nation in viewership during the 1A/2A state basketball tournament and in the top 6 during the week of state spirit and 3A/4A state basketball. Wyoming was the number one state in the nation, per capita, in network visits during that time frame. Commissioner Laird feels the network is accomplishing what was envisioned and has not had an effect on gate revenues.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

SPEECH – SUNDAY COMPETITION

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Burgess seconded the motion to allow Commissioner Laird to rule, as he sees fit, on allowing Speech Teams to attend tournaments around the nation that may involve Sunday competition.

MOTION PASSED: **

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The list of 2014-15 Student Advisory Council members was presented. The council met on April 28, 2014.

FOOTBALL MEETING – MAY 5TH

The WHSAA will meet on May 5th with football coaches to discuss best practices guidelines. It is hoped that the recommendations from the meeting will be voluntarily implemented in the fall and finalized once they proceed through the two reading process.

UW FOOTBALL AGREEMENT

In cooperation with the UW football schedule, the 2014 WHSAA football play-off games will be played on Friday, October 31, 2014; Saturday, November 8, 2014; and Friday and Saturday, November 14-15, 2014.

FOTO-SPORT FINANCIAL REPORT

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

MICHAEL DEVEREAUX – NFHS HALL OF FAME

Michael Devereaux, a four sport athlete who graduated from Kelly Walsh High School in 1981, has been selected and will be inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame in July. Mr. Devereaux is only the second athlete from Wyoming to receive this honor.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL / PROUD TO HOST POST-TOURNAMENT EVALUATION

Following the completion on the April Board Meeting, members of Board will meet 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 will provide Hy-Tek training for all regional track meet directors on April 30, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

2014-15 BOARD COMMITTEE SURVEY

Commissioner Laird asked all Board members to complete the committee survey for 2014-15. He will try to assign members to the committees they requested.

NFHS SUMMER MEETING – BOSTON – JUNE 28 – JULY 2, 2014

The NFHS Summer meeting will be in Boston on June 28 – July 2, 2014. It is an informative conference where common issues and concerns are addressed.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DATE

The Executive Council meeting date has been set for July 8, 2014. The Executive Council is comprised of the President, President-Elect, Past President and committee chairs, making sure all classifications and districts are represented.

FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING

The NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching class will be offered on July 22, 2014, in conjunction with the WCA Coaches Clinic.

SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE / WORKSHOP

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson will meet with the Sports Medicine Committee on May 28, 2014. The committee will finalize the agenda for the July 23, 2014, sports medicine workshop, which will be combined with the WCA Clinic's Strength and Conditioning Class.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT (Continued)

NEW ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING – AUGUST 13, 2014

The WHSAA will provide a training seminar for all new Activities Directors and Principals on August 13, 2014. A follow-up session will be held at the Statewide Scheduling Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Hult adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m. on April 29, 2014.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
TONY HULT

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD