



## WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 26, 2016

President Terry Burgess called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, 2016, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Terry Burgess, Sheridan County School District #2; Kevin Christopherson (WSBA), Casper; Ty Flock, Greybull; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Tony Hult, Cody; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Bubba O'Neill, Evanston; Dustin Rees, Mountain View; Susan Rodabaugh, Midwest and Dicky Shanor, State Department of Education. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

The following members participated via Go To Meeting: Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Jeremy Hill, Riverton; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Todd Quigley, Newcastle; Kendra Roeder, Pine Bluffs and Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central.

### AGENDA

President Burgess 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. Hult seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Shanor seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Jack Nowlin, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*, Kevin Koile from WyoPreps and Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney.

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### **COMMITTEES**

#### **RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Chairman Dan Mitchelson, Jeremy Hill, Tony Hult, Bubba O'Neill, Dustin Rees and Jim Williams.

Ad Hoc Members: Mike Hanson, Cliff Hill, Mike Lashley, Bruce Miller, Jim O'Connor, Shane Schaffner, Bruce Schmidt and Ann Wille.

#### TRANSPORTATION COSTS

Mr. Shanor expressed the need for the Board to be proactive in finding ways to reduce transportation costs in lieu of possible cuts by the legislature due to declining state revenues. The WHSAA will use the ideas provided by the Board, along with additional feedback from schools, to prepare documentation that steps are being taken to address this issue.

#### BUFFALO'S FOOTBALL REQUEST

**MOTION:** Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to accept Buffalo's request to opt up to 3A in football for the 2017 season.

**MOTION:** Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Shanor seconded the motion to table Buffalo's request until September, 2016, so that accurate enrollment numbers can be evaluated.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*TABLED**

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

Due to declining enrollment and the possibility of transportation funding cuts, it may be time to develop a completely different mindset and seriously look at cut lines and regional scheduling for the next reclass cycle. Favorable consideration was given to the 16 team 4A Classification Proposal at the recent district meetings. The Board, the WIAAA and the WHSAA will work together to have a plan in place by April of 2017.

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**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chairman Shon Hocker, Mark Broderson, Chris Gray, Tony Hult, Dan Mitchelson and Chad Whitworth

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2015-16

**MOTION:** Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Mitchelson seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and third quarter report for 2015-16 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVE UPDATED INVESTMENT PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to the WHSAA investment policy.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVE 2016-17 BUDGET

**MOTION:** Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the 2016-17 budget as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)**

COMMISSIONER'S CONTRACT EXTENSION

**MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Mitchelson seconded the motion to extend the Commissioner's contract for an additional year.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

2015-16 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black.

**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE**

Chairman Kendra Roeder, Glenn Freeburg, Jeremy Hill, Dicky Shanor, Owen St. Clair and Jim Williams.

RULE 7.8.9 – GOLF COACHES RULE PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Rees moved and Mr. Christopherson seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 7.8.9 as follows:

3. *Advice may be given at any time during the stipulated round, and/or during any suspension of play. The advice shall not unduly delay play.*

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

RULE 7.3.2 – DRONE PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Flock moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to approve new rule 7.3.2 regarding the use of drones at Association contests as follows:

*The use of drones, in any capacity, is not allowed during any "Association Contest". Member schools may make a local decision as to how they wish to utilize drones during practice situations.*

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

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### HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

#### 2015-16 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

### CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Todd Quigley, Kevin Christopherson, Ty Flock, Bubba O'Neill, Dustin Rees and Susan Rodabaugh

#### RULE 7.7.30 – FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PLAY-IN PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Flock moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 7.7.30 that would eliminate all play-in games to determine state playoff seeding.

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

#### RULE 7.16.71 – WRESTLING SEEDING CRITERIA PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Rees moved and Mr. O'Neill 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 PASSED: \*\*FIRST READING**

#### APPROVAL OF 2016-17 CALENDAR

**MOTION:** Mr. Rees moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to approve the 2016-17 WHSAA calendar as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### 2015-16 COMMITTEE GOAL

To assess all activities in regards to time out of school, travel and budgets.

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### **DISTRICT REPORT**

#### GOLD CARD REQUESTS

**MOTION:** Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Tim Fagnant of Powell.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Mitchelson seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to David Anderson of Lingle.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Ty Flock was selected as the 2016-17 President-Elect.

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

#### SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Good sportsmanship numbers are down from last year and the WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition. Unfortunately, ejections in soccer continue to escalate.

#### SPORTS SAFETY CONFERENCE

Mr. Wilson and Chellsie Johnson, certified athletic trainer at Kelly Walsh High School, recently attended the NATA – Safety in Sports national meeting in Indianapolis. The WHSAA is considering requiring all schools to develop an emergency action plan and will have further discussions at the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee meeting in May.

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## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

### WINTER REASON REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported that the winter culminating events went well and the competition was very good. The favorable weather helped bolster gate revenues.

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS – UNIFIED SPORTS AT STATE TRACK

The 2016 State Track meet will feature a Unified Sports 400 meter relay on Saturday.

### LEGAL MEETING UPDATE

Commissioner Laird and Bob Despain recently attended the NFHS Legal Meeting in Indianapolis. The meeting was very informative and provided a forum to hear what is going on around the country. Concussions and safety in sports continue to be prominent concerns.

### NFHS PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM

The National Federation has hired a public relations firm to remind people of the benefits of high school activities.

### ANYONE CAN SAVE A LIFE

Commissioner Laird asked for direction from the Board on how to best encourage schools to develop and implement an emergency action plan. The WHSAA has provided materials and there are additional resources in each community. The Board felt the initiative should not be mandated, but schools that do implement a plan should be recognized. Additionally, a Response Protocol form will be sent to culminating event directors so emergency contact information is available.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Commissioner Laird encouraged all districts to increase their social media awareness and utilize programs that will educate students, parents and communities.

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### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)**

#### STATE FAIR PRACTICES

The state fair will fall on top of the first week of fall practices. Douglas High School will offer practices for football, girls swimming, volleyball, cross country and golf.

#### NFHS NETWORK

The NFHS network will provide coverage all three days at state track. There will not be any network coverage at state soccer.

#### STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The list of 2016-17 Student Advisory Council members was presented. The council met on April 25, 2016.

#### UW FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

In cooperation with the UW football schedule, the 2016 WHSAA football play-off games will be played on Friday, October 28, 2016; Friday, November 4, 2016; and Friday and Saturday, November 11-12, 2016.

#### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL / PROUD TO HOST POST-TOURNAMENT EVALUATION

Following the completion of the April Board Meeting, members of the 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 27, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

#### 2016-17 BOARD COMMITTEE SURVEY

Commissioner Laird asked all Board members to complete the committee survey for 2016-17. He will try to assign members to the committees they request.



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### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)**

#### SPORTS MEDICINE COMMITTEE / WORKSHOP

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson will meet with the Sports Medicine Committee on May 25, 2016. The committee will finalize the agenda for the July 20, 2016, sports medicine workshop, which will be combined with the WCA Clinic's Strength and Conditioning Class.

#### NFHS SUMMER MEETING – RENO – JUNE 28 – JULY 2, 2016

The NFHS Summer meeting will be in Reno, NV on June 28 – July 2, 2016. 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 12, 2016. 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 19, 2016, in conjunction with the WCA Coaches Clinic.

#### NEW ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING – AUGUST 10, 2016

The WHSAA will provide a training seminar for all new Activities Directors and Principals on August 10, 2016. A follow-up session will be held at the Statewide Scheduling Meeting.

#### STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL – AUGUST 11, 2016

The Student Advisory Council will meet on August 11, 2016, to begin preparing for the State Sportsmanship Summit.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Burgess adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m. on April 26, 2016.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
TERRY BURGESS

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