



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 24-25, 2018

President Ty Flock called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 24, 2018, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Jon Abrams, Laramie County School District #2; Janine Bay-Teske (WSBA), Jackson; Justin Carr, Douglas; Ty Flock, Greybull; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Mike Hansen, Jackson; Loren Heth (WSBA), Lusk; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Tony Hult, Cody; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Bubba O'Neill, Evanston; Dustin Rees, Mountain View; Susan Rodabaugh, Midwest; Josh Sandlian, Wheatland; Owen St. Clair, Fremont County School District #14; Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central and Larry Yeradi, Wright. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Flock 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. Freeburg moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Whitworth moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2018, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced David Nicholas from Washakie County School District #1; Dan Dockstader from Afton; Julie Verley and Val Cook from Evanston; JD Healy from the NFHS Network; Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney and Kevin Koile from WyoPreps.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

COOK BROTHER'S BROADCASTING AND STAR VALLEY INDEPENDENT

Julie Verley and Val Cook from Cook Brothers Broadcasting in Evanston, who operate mylocalradio.com and Dan Dockstader, who operates SVI Media in Afton addressed the Board regarding concerns with the NFHS Network having exclusive video streaming rights.

JD Healy from the NFHS Network presented information on the agreement between the WHSAA and the NFHS Network and then met with Mrs. Verley, Mr. Cook and Mr. Dockstader to further discuss their concerns and offer opportunities for their companies to work in conjunction with the NFHS Network to provide WHSAA culminating event coverage.

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Justin Carr, Jon Abrams, Mike Hansen, Cliff Hill, Dan Mitchelson and Larry Yeradi.

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

RULE 7.6.1 – CROSS COUNTRY CLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hansen moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 7.6.1 as follows:

The WHSAA recognizes three classifications for cross country. The schools with the sixteen largest enrollments shall be 4A, the next sixteen largest shall be 3A and the remaining schools shall be 2A.

MOTION FAILED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Chad Whitworth, Justin Carr, Keith Harris, Tony Hult, Dan Mitchelson and Dicky Shanor.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2017-18

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and third quarter report for 2017-18 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

20% FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to increase the revenue returned to schools hosting culminating events from 15% of the gate to 20% of the gate, beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

MOTION PASSED: **

OFFICIALS FEES FOR CULMINATING EVENTS

MOTION: Mr. Carr moved and Mr. Mitchelson seconded the motion to approve a pay increase for regional and state officials, beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF MEMORABILIA BID

MOTION: Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to accept the proposal from Fine Designs to be the 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 memorabilia provider at WHSAA state tournaments.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVE 2018-19 BUDGET

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

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

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve the adjustment to the 2018-19 budget as discussed in Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMISSIONER'S CONTRACT EXTENSION

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

MOTION PASSED: **

2017-18 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black, to work with Mr. Laird and Mr. Merback on monitoring the WHSAA's investments and to look at ways to give back to the schools.

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Owen St. Clair, Glenn Freeburg, Mike Hansen, Loren Heth, Josh Sandlian and Larry Yeradi.

3A SOCCER CLASS PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to approve the 3A Soccer Class Proposal as follows:

*3A West: Worland, Cody, Powell, Lander, Riverton Pinedale
3A East: Buffalo, Douglas, Rawlins, Newcastle and Torrington*

Follow the same format as football. Each team would play the teams in their conference twice. The records from conference play would be used to determine which top 4 teams advance to the state tournament. 2 teams from the West and 1 team from the East would not qualify for state. There would be no qualifier tournament or bye week for any team.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 3.1.33 – COMBINATION SCHOOL AGREEMENT PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hansen moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 3.1.33 as follows:

The host school shall be the larger of the two schools when entering into a combination agreement.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 8.3.2 – SPEECH PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hansen moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 8.3.2 as follows:

High School competitors are allowed ten preliminary meets a year, plus the State Speech and Debate Tournament and National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) National Qualifying Tournament (Districts). Competing as a novice (a novice competitor is similar to a junior varsity competitor in other activities) counts toward this total. Out-of-state tournaments count toward this total.

MOTION FAILED: **

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

MOTION: Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Hansen seconded the motion to approve the amended wording to Rule 8.3.2 as follows:

Each high school is allowed ten preliminary meets a year, plus the State Speech and Debate Tournament and National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) National Qualifying Tournament (Districts). Competing as a novice (a novice competitor is similar to a junior varsity competitor in other activities) counts toward this total. Out-of-state tournaments count toward this total.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2017-18 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Dustin Rees, Jon Abrams, Janine Bay-Teske, Cliff Hill, Bubba O'Neill and Susan Rodabaugh

FOOTBALL PRACTICE START DATE

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to allow 1A-6Man, 1A, 2A and 3A football practice to start the Wednesday of Week 6.

MOTION FAILED: **(6-10)

2-DAY STATE VOLLEYBALL PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Abrams moved and Mrs. Bay-Teske seconded the motion to change state volleyball from a 3-day to a 2-day event.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2-DAY STATE TRACK PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to change state track from a 3-day to a 2-day event.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING (9-7)

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENT COMMITTEE (continued)

STATE NORDIC SKI PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. O'Neill moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to accept Cody's proposal to host the 2020 State Nordic Ski meet at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF 2018-19 CALENDAR

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. O'Neill seconded the motion to approve the WHSAA 2018-19 Calendar as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

2017-18 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue work on event calendars to help meet the needs of students involved in activities, while keeping budgets, time out of the classroom, and travel as part of the decision making process.

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Chad Whitworth was selected as the 2018-19 President-Elect.

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition as sportsmanship numbers are down slightly. Ejection numbers are comparable to those at this time last year.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

SPORTS MEDICINE SUMMIT AND NFHS SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Associate Commissioner Wilson attended the Sports Medicine Summit and NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Council meetings in Indianapolis. The NFL has developed a football helmet performance report that the WHSAA will forward to schools. Schools are reminded that football helmets can only be re-conditioned for 10 years.

Other areas of concern include opioid abuse, sport specialization, mental health issues, concussion safety, emergency action plans and wrestling skin issues.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WINTER SEASON REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported that the winter season culminating events went well. There is some concern that student crowds were down this year.

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.

NFHS NETWORK UPDATE

Mr. Despain reported that the meeting between the NFHS Network and the concerned video streaming entities went well and feels they should be able to work together in the future. He also reminded schools that the WHSAA Board oversees video streaming at culminating events but has no say in who schools allow to stream their regular season events.

REGION IX CONFLICTS WITH 3A/4A STATE BASKETBALL

The WHSAA will continue to pursue a contingency plan that will be used to address conflicts between Region IX and 3A/4A state basketball.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

STATE 2A GOLF - NEWCASTLE

The 2018 State 2A Golf Tournament has been moved from Gillette to Newcastle.

ALL STAR RULE (5.9.0) AND OUT OF SEASON PRACTICE RULES (5.3.0 – 5.3.9.5)

The WHSAA has noticed a discrepancy in how the All Star Rule and Out of Season Practice Rules are being interpreted, implemented, monitored and enforced. Commissioner Laird asked for input on how, or if, this needs to be addressed. The Board felt the rules should be left as is and encouraged all schools to be diligent in enforcing the intent of the rules.

DIGITAL TICKETING

The NFHS Network has partnered with Huddle and Pretix to create a digital ticketing platform for high school sports. Participating schools would have the opportunity to offer digital ticket for events. Commissioner Laird will get more information on the program at the NFHS Summer Meeting.

E-SPORTS

The NFHS Network has partnered with PlayVS to offer an eSports competitive online gaming program to high schools across the country. The program offers regular season and championship competition. The NFHS feels the program will involve students who may not be involved in sports and does not require a lot of start-up costs. Commissioner Laird will get more information on the program at the NFHS Summer Meeting.

LETTER OR EMAIL OF INTEREST FOR BOARD POSITIONS

Prior to the start of the spring District Meetings, Commissioner Laird sends out an email detailing the Board positions that are open and the requirements of becoming a Board member. Starting with the 2019 spring meetings, individuals who are interested in filling the open positions will be asked to send an e-mail to Commissioner Laird stating their interest.

COLLEGE CLASSES TOWARD ELIGIBILITY

More seniors are exclusively taking college classes, which makes determining high school credit hours more difficult to convert. The WHSAA requires that these students take 20 hours of classes per week to be eligible to participate in sanctioned WHSAA events.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

STATE FAIR PRACTICES

The state fair will be held during the first week of fall practices, however, it will be shortened to 4 days (August 15-18, 2018). Douglas High School will offer practices for football, girls swimming, volleyball, cross country and golf again this year and a schedule will be sent out at a later date.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The list of 2018-19 Student Advisory Council members was presented. The council will meet on April 30, 2018.

UW FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

In cooperation with the UW football schedule, the 2018 WHSAA football play-off games will be played on Friday, October 26, 2018; Friday, November 2, 2018; and Friday and Saturday, November 9-10, 2018.

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 25, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

2018-19 BOARD COMMITTEE SURVEY

Commissioner Laird asked all Board members to complete the committee survey for 2018-19. He will try to assign members to the committees they request.

SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COUNCIL / WORKSHOP

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson will meet with the Sports Medicine Advisory Council on May 23, 2018.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT (Continued)

NFHS SUMMER MEETING – CHICAGO – JUNE 28-JULY 2, 2018

The NFHS Summer meeting will be in Chicago on June 28 – July 2, 2018. It is an informative conference where common issues and concerns are addressed.

CAMP U – SPEAKING – JUNE 22, 2018

Commissioner Laird will speak at Camp U on June 22, 2018, in Big Horn.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – JULY 10, 2018

The Executive Council meeting date has been set for July 10, 2018. 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 – JULY 18, 2017

The NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching class will be offered on July 18, 2018, in conjunction with the WCA Coaches Clinic.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING – AUGUST 8, 2018

The WHSAA will provide a training seminar for all new Activities Directors and Principals on August 8, 2018. A follow-up session will be held at the Statewide Scheduling Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Flock adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m. on April 25, 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
TY FLOCK

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD