

# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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President Hal Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, 2008, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Keith Bauder, Riverton; Jim English, Torrington; Dan Espeland, Converse County School District #1; Kay Fackrell, Evanston; Bill Fullmer, Burns; Hal Johnson, Worland; Glen Legler, Casper Natrona; Gerry Maas (State Department of Education) Cheyenne; Jim Malkowski (WSBA) Daniel; Stuart Nelson, Platte County School District #1; Tobin Novasio, Ten Sleep; Duane Schopp, Cheyenne; Ken Stoick, Midwest; Don Thomas, Mountain View; Mark Walker (WSBA) Lyman; Russ Wiggam, H.E.M; Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain; Christy Wright, Big Horn; and Orlen Zempel, Kemmerer. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

### AGENDA

President Johnson asked the Board if there were any changes or additions to the agenda.

**Agenda** – no changes and/or additions. – Reports and Audience. **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. Nelson moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 5-6, 2008, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Patrick Schmiedt, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*; Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Tony Hult, Cody High School Activities Director; Cliff Hill, Campbell County High School Activities Director; and Marla Leithead, Chris Davidson and Jesse Dupont of TCT West.

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### TCT WEST

Marla Leithead, Broadcasting Coordinator; Chris Davidson, General Manager; and Jesse Dupont of TCT West gave a presentation to the Board on the video streaming capabilities of their company. TCT West has asked the WHSAA to consider forming a non-inclusive agreement to provide video streaming at culminating events.

## COMMITTEES

### RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Stuart Nelson, Keith Bauder, Kay Fackrell, Bill Fullmer and Mark Walker.

Ad Hoc Members: Tina Baker, Joel Eskelsen, Jerry Fullmer, Chris Gray, Cliff Hill, Tony Hult, Jim O'Connor and Tom Wilson.

### RULE 7.7.30 – FOOTBALL TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Fullmer seconded the motion to accept the proposed wording for WHSAA Rule 7.7.30, for the next reclass cycle, as follows:

*This procedure will be used only if two or more teams are tied upon the completion of the regular season.*

1. *Head to head between and among tied teams.*
2. *Best conference record against the highest non-tied team(s) and continue through the conference standings until tie is broken.*
3. *Head to head competition between and among common opponents beginning with 5A teams, then 4A teams, then 3A teams, then 2A teams, then 1A teams.*
4. *Total number of wins.*
5. *Coin Flip – Odd team gets highest seed; repeat criteria to determine remaining seeds.*

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

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**RECLASS COMMITTEE (Continued)**

FOOTBALL ONLY RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Bauder moved and Mr. Walker seconded the motion to approve the football only reclassification proposal which would be comprised of 4 classifications as follows:

Football Only:

The largest 10 schools will comprise the 4A classification

The next 12 schools will comprise the 3A classification

The next 16 schools will comprise the 2A classification

The remaining schools will have the option of being 1A 11-Man or 1A 6-Man

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

ALL SPORTS BUT FOOTBALL RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Walker moved and Mr. Fackrell seconded the motion to approve the amended wording of the All Sports But Football Reclassification proposal as follows:

All Class Proposal – Volleyball, Basketball and Track

*No more than* the largest 14 schools will comprise the 4A classification

*No more than* the next 16 schools will comprise the 3A classification

*No more than* the next 20 schools will comprise the 2A classification

The remaining schools will comprise the 1A classification

Official ADM's will be available in June and natural breaks will be evaluated before placing schools in classifications.

Remaining sports would be classified as follows:

Cross Country – Continue a 4A, 3A, 2A classification format

Golf – Continue a 4A, 3A, 2A classification format

Wrestling – Continue a 4A, 3A, 2A classification format

Swimming – Continue a 4A, 3A classification format

Tennis, Gymnastics, Alpine and Nordic Skiing – Continue a one classification format

Soccer – Continue a 12 school 4A and 8 school 3A classification format

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

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**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chairman Tim Winland, Dan Espeland, Glen Legler, Gerry Maas, Keith Bauder and Stuart Nelson

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2007-08

**MOTION:** Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Legler seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and third quarter report for 2007-08 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

SELECT 3 YEAR TROPHY AND MEDAL BID

**MOTION:** Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Espeland seconded the motion to award the 3 year medal and trophy to contract to Universal Awards of Billings, MT.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

BASKETBALL, WRESTLING AND SOCCER TICKET PRICES

**MOTION:** Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Legler seconded the motion to raise regional and state basketball, wrestling and soccer tournament ticket prices due to an increase in the number of officials required to officiate those culminating events.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)**

APPROVE 2008-09 BUDGET

**MOTION:** Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Espeland seconded the motion to approve the WHSAA 2008-09 budget as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

COMMISSIONER'S CONTRACT EXTENSION

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

2007-2008 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to make frugal and sound decisions regarding future saving for the building fund; to stay in the black; and to encourage the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner to continue to solicit funding through sponsorships.

**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE**

Chairman Ken Stoick, Jim English, Don Thomas, Christy Wright, Bill Fullmer and Mark Walker

RULE 6.2.50 AND RULE 6.2.51 – ALLOWING MAKE-UP WORK TO BE ELIGIBLE

**MOTION:** Mr. English moved and Mrs. Wright seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 6.2.50, to be implemented immediately, as follows:

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**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)**

***Rule 6.2.50:***

*A student shall be permitted to make up work after the close of the semester for the purpose of becoming eligible. Deficiencies, including incompletes, conditions and failures for the previous semester may be made up during a subsequent semester, summer session, night school, correspondence, or tutoring for qualification purposes. The make up work must match the class where the failure occurred ( ex. If an online class is taken, Algebra I for Algebra I, etc.). Credit needs to be approved by the student's school district The student will not become eligible until all deficiencies from the previous semester have been made up to meet Rules 6.2.1 – 6.2.3.*

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*FINAL READING (11-6)**

**RULE 7.8.9 – GOLF COACHING PROPOSAL**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Wright moved and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion to approve the all class golf coaching proposal as follows:

*Each school may appoint one person (head coach, assistant coach, etc.) to give advice to, or ask for advice from, participants representing that school each day of the competition provided that:*

- 1. Only one person is appointed to give advice to, or ask for advice from, participants representing that school each day of the competition;*
- 2. The person is identified to the games committee before the start of the competition each day;*
- 3. The person does not give advice to, or ask for advice from, another school's participants or coaches;*
- 4. The advice not be given during the playing of a hole but rather from the time a participant holes out on a hole until they tee off on the next hole (or during a suspension of play); and the advice does not unduly delay play.*
- 5. Penalty for breach of condition: by a participant – two strokes; by a coach – two strokes will be added to the coach's school's score;*
- 6. The tournament director will have a sign-up sheet near the scoring area for each school to identify their designated coach each day. Designated coaches will be given something to wear for identification purposes.*

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*FIRST READING (11-6)**

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**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)**

RULE 8.0.53 – CHEER COACHES RULES TEST PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved and Mr. English seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 8.0.53 to as follows:

2. *All head cheer coaches must pass (80%) the NFHS open book Spirit Rules Test each year in order to be eligible for the State Spirit competition.*

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

RULES 7.8.63 & 7.10.49.5 – GOLF AND NORDIC SKI STATE MEET ROTATION PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. English moved and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion to approved the proposed wording of Rules 7.8.63 and 7.10.49.5 as follows:

*Whenever a school moves into or out of a different classification, the WHSAA Commissioner will adjust the rotation for the classifications involved. Should a school request to be added to the rotation, the Commissioner will make a recommendation to the WHSAA Board as to where the school should be placed in the rotation.*

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

2007-2008 COMMITTEE GOAL

To examine Rule 6.2.1 and pursue raising the WHSAA eligibility standards from 4 to 5 credits per semester, taking block scheduling into account.

**CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Chairman Duane Schopp, Jim Malkowski, Russ Wiggam, Orlen Zempel, Tobin Novasio and Kay Fackrell

RULE 7.8.51 – GOLF SEASON PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Schopp moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to table the proposal to move the fall golf season to begin on the Monday of WHSAA Calendar Week 6.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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**CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)**

RULES 7.8.82 AND 7.13.1 – SPRING GOLF AND TENNIS PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Novasio moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to pass the proposed wording of rules 7.8.82 and 7.13.1 as follows:

*7.8.82 The spring golf season begins on week 39 and ends on week 46.*

*7.13.1 The WHSAA recognizes one classification in tennis. Member schools may participate in one-day tennis matches throughout the Spring season. One two-day culminating event is allowed during the Spring season. The spring tennis season begins on week 39 and ends on week 46.*

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

RULE 7.8.15 - GOLF SEASON PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Zempel moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to accept the proposed wording of Rule 7.8.15 as follows:

*The fall golf season will have a first allowable practice date of the Monday of WHSAA Calendar Week 6. The first allowable contest will be on Thursday of WHSAA Calendar Week 6. The State Championship will be on Friday and Saturday of WHSAA Calendar Week 11.*

**MOTION PASSED: \*\* FIRST READING (8-6)**

REPORT ON REGIONAL SOCCER AND STATE VOLLEYBALL REDUCED SCHEDULE

The Committee decided to wait until after the first year of the three day regional soccer format is completed before proposing any changes to reduce lost school time.

The Committee asked the Commissioner to take out a proposal to the September District Meetings that would reduce the State Volleyball Tournament to a two-day event, using more than 1 facility.

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**CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)**

STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

2A GOLF

**MOTION:** Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to accept Niobrara County's proposal to host the 2009 2A State Golf Meet at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

2007-08 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to look at all events in an effort to decrease lost school time without jeopardizing the integrity of the sport.

**DISTRICTS**

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

**MOTION:** Mr. Fullmer moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Jerry Fullmer of Niobrara County.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Fullmer moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Joe Tully of Niobrara County.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Bob Johnson of Niobrara County.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Schopp moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Randy Adams of Torrington.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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**DISTRICTS (continued)**

**MOTION:** Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Bill Lehr of Big Piney.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Walker moved and Mr. Fackrell seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Glenn Murray of Kemmerer.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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**ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

SPORTSMANSHIP AND EJECTION NUMBERS

Associate Commissioner Wilson presented a report comparing the 2007-08 sportsmanship and ejection number with figures from 2006-07. Ejection numbers are consistent with last year, but sportsmanship numbers are down. The WHSAA will continue to encourage officials to recognize sportsmanship.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

STATE INDOOR TRACK SCHEDULE

The 2008 State Indoor Track Meet will move to a 2 day format this year, starting Friday afternoon and continuing on Saturday.

## FOTO-SPORT FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Laird shared a financial report from Foto-Sport detailing proceeds from the fall culminating events.

## NEW SPONSORSHIPS

Commissioner Laird reported that the Marines and the Wyoming Student Loan Corporation have joined the WHSAA as corporate sponsors.

## TV BROADCASTS FOR STATE TOURNAMENTS

Due to escalating production costs, Clear Channel TV of Casper will not be able to provide televised coverage of the 1A/2A and 3A/4A State Championship Basketball games again this year. The WHSAA will pursue different avenues to provide coverage in the future.

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

### 1A/2A STATE BASKETBALL – REGION IX CONFLICT

There is a possibility that the Region IX Men's Junior College Basketball Tournament may conflict with Saturday games at Casper College during the 1A/2A State Basketball Tournament. A contingency plan is in place and schools will be notified of the change in venue, if necessary.

### STATE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

In order to accommodate the crowds at Casper College during Friday night's semi-final games, the WHSAA has opted to change the schedule for both the 1A/2A and 3A/4A State Basketball Tournaments. On Thursday, all girls' games will be at the Casper Events Center and all boys' games will be at Casper College. On Friday, all boys' games will be at the Casper Events Center and all girls' games will be at Casper College. The Saturday schedule will remain consistent with past years. The WHSAA will have the flexibility to tweak the schedule so that boys' and girls' teams from the same school will be on opposite sides of the

bracket.

STUDENT ADVISORY MEETING – MARCH 30-31, 2008

The Board viewed a DVD presentation from the NFHS' 2007 National Student Leadership Convention in Indianapolis. Commissioner Laird will meet with the newly selected Wyoming Student Advisory Committee on March 30-31 at the WHSAA office. Elliot Hopkins, NFHS Director of Education Services, will help facilitate the meeting.

NFHS PRESIDENCY REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported on his NFHS President activities since the October Board Meeting: He attended the Massachusetts Sportsmanship Summit in November, the National AD Conference in December, the Winter Meetings and 3 Year Strategic Planning Meetings in January and will attend the National Cheerleading Competition in Orlando on February 9th.

LEGAL MEETING

Commissioner Laird will attend the NFHS legal meeting in early April and will report back to the Board at the April Board meeting.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President-Elect Nelson adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m. on February 6, 2008.

Respectfully submitted:

President-Elect \_\_\_\_\_  
STUART NELSON

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

