



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2009

President Stuart Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 11, 2009, 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; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Hal Johnson, Worland; Glen Legler, Casper Natrona; Jim Levine, Lyman; Gerry Maas (State Department of Education) Cheyenne; Jim Malkowski (WSBA) Daniel; Stuart Nelson, Platte County School District #1; Duane Schopp, Cheyenne; Ken Stoick, Midwest; Don Thomas, Mountain View; Mark Walker (WSBA) Lyman; Russ Wiggam, H.E.M; Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain; and Christy Wright, Big Horn. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

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

Agenda – no changes and/or additions. **Reports and Audience** – 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** – did not meet.

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Maas seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Walker moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 4-5, 2008, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Patrick Schmiedt, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*.

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COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE – Did Not Meet

Chairman Tim Winland, Keith Bauder, Bill Fullmer and Don Thomas.

Ad Hoc Members: Tina Baker, Chris Gray, Cliff Hill, Tony Hult, Jim O'Connor, Steve Pollock, Anne Wille and Tom Wilson.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Dan Espeland, Keith Bauder, Hal Johnson, Glen Legler, Gerry Maas and Tim Winland.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2008-09

MOTION: Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and second quarter report for 2008-09 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the November 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: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

REVIEW T-SHIRT AND PHOTOGRAPGHY BID REQUEST FORM

MOTION: Mr. Legler moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to approve the T-Shirt and Photography Bid Request Forms as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

2008-2009 COMMITTEE GOAL

To look to recruit new corporate sponsors.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Jim English, Bill Fullmer, Jim Levine, Ken Stoick, Mark Walker and Christy Wright.

RULE 4.5.4 – HEAD COACHES RULES TEST PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Stoick moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to approve the proposed Rule 4.5.4, for implementation in the fall of 2009, as follows:

Rule 4.5.4 All head coaches in swimming/diving, football, volleyball, wrestling, basketball, soccer and track must pass (80%) the NFHS open book rules test each year in their respective sport prior to their first contest. Schools whose coaches do not pass the test will be subject to the disciplinary action as listed in WHSAA Rule 1.4.0.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 7.7.30 – FOOTBALL TIE BREAKING CRITERIA PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mrs. Wright seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 7.7.30, Football Tie Breaking Criteria, to clarify state playoff seeding criteria.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

EDITORIAL CHANGES ON BOARD MEETING PROCEDURES

MOTION: Mr. Fullmer moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve editorial changes to Rule 2.3.1 – WHSAA Board of Directors Procedure for Adopting, Revising, or Repealing a Rule and Rule 2.3.2 – WHSAA Board of Directors Meeting Schedule.

MOTION PASSED: **

2008-2009 COMMITTEE GOAL

To evaluate Rule 6.6.2, regarding the June 1 date for physicals, and determine if moving the date to May 15 would be more convenient for schools and provide better coverage for summer camps.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Kay Fackrell, Shon Hocker, Jim Malkowski, Duane Schopp, Don Thomas and Russ Wiggam.

RULE 7.7.15 – 4A FOOTBALL PRACTICE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Fackrell seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 7.7.15 as follows:

Rule 7.7.15 The football season for 1A, 2A and 3A will have a first allowable practice date of the Monday of WHSAA Calendar Week 7. The football season for 4A will have a first allowable practice date of the Monday of WHSAA Calendar Week 6

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Maas seconded the motion to amend the proposed wording of Rule 7.7.15 as follows:

*Rule 7.7.15 The football season for 1A, 2A and 3A will have a first allowable practice date of the Monday of WHSAA Calendar Week 7. The football season for 4A will have a first allowable practice date of the **Thursday** of WHSAA Calendar Week 6*

MOTION PASSED: **

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)

MOTION: Mr. Walker moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to Table the approved amended version of Rule 7.7.15 to allow for further discussion at the April District meetings.

MOTION PASSED: **TABLED

RULES 7.15.2 & 7.15.3 – VOLLEYBALL MATCH PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rules 7.15.2 and 7.15.3 that would allow volleyball teams to play 20 matches per season, which would include up to five invitational tournaments.

MOTION FAILED: **

RULE 7.7.15 – FOOTBALL ZERO WEEK PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.7.15 that would allow 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A football teams to play a zero week contest on or after the Friday of WHSAA Week 8 and before the Friday of Week 9.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

GYMNASTICS

MOTION: Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to accept Campbell County's proposal to host the 2010 State Gymnastics Meet at no cost to the WHSAA minus 15% of the gate.

MOTION PASSED: **

3A GOLF

MOTION: Mr. Thomas moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to accept Lyman's proposal to host the 2010 State 3A Golf Tournament in Evanston at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (Continued)

4A GOLF

MOTION: Mr. Schopp moved and Mr. Fackrell seconded the motion to accept Campbell County's proposal to host the 2010 State 4A Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

TENNIS

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion to accept Cheyenne Central's proposal to host the 2010 State Tennis Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

CROSS COUNTRY

MOTION: Mr. Schopp moved and Mr. Hocker seconded the motion to accept Douglas' proposal to host the 2010 State Cross Country Meet with \$1,250 payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

NORDIC SKI

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion to accept Jackson's proposal to host the 2011 State Nordic Ski Meet at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

INDOOR TRACK

MOTION: Mr. Schopp moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to accept Campbell County's proposal to host the 2011 State Indoor Track Meet at no cost to the WHSAA minus 15% of the gate.

MOTION PASSED: **

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (Continued)

FORENSICS

As no proposals were received, the Committee directed the Commissioner to continue to solicit proposals for the 2011 State Forensics Meet.

APPROVE 2009-10 CALENDAR

MOTION: Mr. Hocker moved and Mr. Maas seconded the motion to accept the 2009-10 WHSAA Calendar as presented

MOTION PASSED: **

2008-09 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to look at all events in an effort to decrease lost school time.

DISTRICTS

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Pat Ballinger of Dubois.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Legler seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Boyd Livingston of Dubois.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Brad Barlow of H.E.M.

MOTION PASSED: **

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP AND EJECTION NUMBERS

A report comparing the 2008-09 sportsmanship and ejection numbers with figures from 2007-08 was presented. Sportsmanship numbers are up significantly from last year. Ejections were up slightly. The WHSAA will continue to encourage officials to recognize good sportsmanship.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMITS

Commissioner Laird reported that the first annual Sportsmanship Summits were very well received and many schools are implementing the Join the RIDE principles to encourage better sportsmanship.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The 5 returning charter members will be joined by eleven new members to round out the 16-member 2009-10 Student Advisory Council.

CONCUSSION RULE

A first reading Concussion Rule that was taken out to the District meetings in January will be reviewed by the Sports Medicine Committee at its next meeting in May.

FOTO-SPORT / HOTT-SHOTTS PHOTOGRAPHY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial reports from the photography vendors who took pictures at the fall culminating events were presented.

SPONSORSHIPS

Due to the economic downturn, the WHSAA is losing some corporate sponsor support.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

VIDEO STREAMING FOR STATE TOURNAMENTS

Commissioner Laird will be meeting with TCT West and RT Communications regarding video streaming for the upcoming state wrestling and basketball tournaments.

STATE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The state basketball schedule will return to a "by class" format for the 2009 tournament.

NEW ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT

WHSAA Rules 6.2.1, 6.2.3 and 6.2.8, which will require students to be passing the equivalent of 5 solid subjects per semester, will be in effect for the fall semester of 2009. Commissioner Laird will send out a clarification of this rule prior to the end of the school year.

PARK CHRISTIAN REQUEST

Park Christian School, in Cody, has requested to compete as a WHSAA member school in track, wrestling and 6-man football. The WHSAA has recommended that they combine with Meeteetse for football and pursue a junior varsity schedule in track and wrestling until their enrollment is consistent and sustainable.

UW FOOTBALL DISCUSSION

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson recently met with University of Wyoming officials to discuss details pertaining to the State Football Championships in Laramie.

GYMNASTICS

The State Gymnastics Meet will be held this weekend for the 3 schools that still have a gymnastics program. As per WHSAA rules, the gymnastics program will continue through next year's state meet. If six schools have not committed to gymnastics by the end of that time, the program will be discontinued.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

LEGAL MEETING

Commissioner Laird and Board Attorney, Bob Despain, will attend the NFHS Legal Meeting, April 15-18, 2009, in Indianapolis. The meetings provide an opportunity to find out what other states are dealing with and allows the WHSAA to be proactive in potential legal issues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Nelson adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m. on February 11, 2009.

Respectfully submitted:

President

STUART NELSON

Commissioner

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