



# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**FEBRUARY 7-8, 2012**

President Christy Wright called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2012, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Kirby Baier, Hulett; Keith Bauder, Riverton; Jim English, Torrington; Dan Espeland, Converse County School District #1; Joe Hicks (WSBA), Meeteetse; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Tony Hult, Cody; Stuart Larson, Niobrara County; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Jim Levine, Lyman; Jim Malkowski (WSBA), Daniel; Meaghan McClellan, State Department of Education; Jerry Schlabs, Cheyenne East; Owen St. Clair, Wyoming Indian; Ken Stoick, Natrona County; Russ Wiggam, HEM; Tom Wilson, Green River and Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

#### AGENDA

President Wright 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. Malkowski moved and Mr. Baier seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2011, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney, Clint Robus, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*, Kevin Koile from WyoPreps, and Mary Alice Snider from Laramie.

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### **REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)**

#### LARAMIE SOCCER GROUP

Mary Alice Snider, a parent representing a group from Laramie, asked the Board to consider (1) moving the boys soccer season from the spring to the fall, and (2) allow an exception to the dual participation rule for soccer players.

#### PROUD TO HOST REPRESENTATIVES

Aaron McCreight, Chair of the Proud to Host the Best Committee and Director of the Casper Visitor's Bureau; Terry Hooker, Natrona County School District #1 Activities Manager; and Bill Landen, Athletic Director at Casper College were present to answer questions regarding the potential conflict that may occur if Casper College hosts the Regional IX Women's Junior College Basketball Tournament at the same time as the 3A/4A State Basketball Tournament.

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Chairman Owen St. Clair, Kirby Baier, Keith Bauder, Joe Hicks, Mike Lashley and Tom Wilson.

Ad Hoc Members: Kay Fackrell, Chris Gray, Cliff Hill, Bruce Miller, Jim O'Connor, Steve Pollock, Shane Schaffner and Ann Wille.

#### DISCUSSION OF FEEDBACK FROM DISTRICT MEETINGS ON WIAAA 5 CLASS STRUCTURE

Mr. St. Clair reported on the committee's discussion of the proposed 5 Class structure, as developed by the WIAAA. The Committee directed the WIAAA to pursue a proposal with 5 classifications based on ADM cut lines for first reading consideration at the spring district meetings.

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### FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Shon Hocker, Keith Bauder, Joe Hicks, Stuart Larson, Jim Levine and Ken Stoick.

#### APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2011-12

**MOTION:** Mr. Larson moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and second quarter report for 2011-12 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

**MOTION:** Mr. Stoick moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the November Board Meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### REVIEW T-SHIRT AND PHOTOGRAPHY BID REQUEST FORMS

**MOTION:** Mr. Larson moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the t-shirt and photography bid request forms for 2012 - 2015 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### 2011-12 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black, to evaluate regional and state culminating event expenses, and to be in the new building by summer.

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### HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Tony Hult, Kirby Baier, Dan Espeland, Jim Malkowski, Owen St. Clair and Tim Winland.

#### RULE 7.2.2 – TEAM LIMITATION RULE

**MOTION:** Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve new Rule 7.2.2 as follows:

*Each school is allowed one team at the varsity, junior varsity and sophomore level. The freshman will be allowed one (1) A team and one (1) B team per school. For example, one (1) A and one (1) B freshman team, one (1) sophomore, one (1) junior varsity and one (1) varsity team per high school.*

**MOTION FAILED: \*\***

#### DESTINATION IMAGINATION

The Committee was asked to review information submitted by the Destination Imagination program to determine if it should become a WHSAA sanctioned activity. The Committee did not recommend sanctioning by the WHSAA.

#### 2011-12 COMMITTEE GOAL

To prepare a proposal for consideration at the spring district meetings concerning a mercy rule in basketball.

### CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Jerry Schlabs, Jim English, Mike Lashley, Meaghan McClellan, Russ Wiggam and Tom Wilson.

#### RULE 5.10.1 – TENNIS 5 DAY PRACTICE PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. English moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to approve the proposal to change the required practice days prior to the first tennis match from nine days to five days.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\*(7-11)**

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

RULE 7.7.15– FOOTBALL START DATE FOR 1A, 2A AND 3A

**MOTION:** Mr. Wiggam moved and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 7.7.15 as follows:

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

**MOTION FAILED: \*\***

RULE 7.8.82 – SPRING GOLF SEASON PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Wiggam moved and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 7.8.82 as follows:

*WHSAA Rule 7.8.82: The spring golf season begins on week **38** and ends on week 46. **Week 38 may only be used for classroom instruction.***

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

STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

**2013 NORDIC SKIING:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Wiggam moved and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion to accept Lander's proposal to host the 2013 State Nordic Ski Meet at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**2014 NORDIC SKIING:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Wiggam moved and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion to accept Cody's proposal to host the 2014 State Nordic Ski Meet at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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

**3A SOCCER:**

**MOTION:** Mr. English moved and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion to accept Jackson's proposal to host the 2013, 2014 and 2015 3A State Soccer Tournament with 85% of the gate and \$2,500 per year payable to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**4A SOCCER:**

**MOTION:** Mr. English moved and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion to accept Rock Springs' proposal to host the 2013, 2014 and 2015 4A State Soccer Tournament with 85% of the gate and \$500 per year payable to the WHSAA. This proposal is contingent upon WHSAA approval of the fields.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**2A GOLF:**

**MOTION:** Ms. McClellan moved and Mr. English seconded the motion to accept Sundance's proposal to host the 2013 State 2A Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\*(7-11)**

Sundance's proposal was received after the deadline. The WHSAA will reopen the proposal process for the 2013 2A State Golf Tournament.

**3A GOLF:**

**MOTION:** Ms. McClellan moved and Mr. English seconded the motion to accept Buffalo's proposal to host the 2013 State 3A Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**4A GOLF:**

**MOTION:** Ms. McClellan moved and Mr. English seconded the motion to accept Natrona County's proposal to host the 2013 State 4A Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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

#### 2011-12 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

### **ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

#### SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Sportsmanship numbers for the winter sports are down a bit when compared to those from last year, while ejections are up slightly. The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and school personnel to report acts of good sportsmanship.

#### REGIONAL WRESTLING PROPOSAL

A proposal was passed last year that would potentially increase participation at the state tournament by eliminating byes and filling brackets. The process will be used for the first time at the upcoming regional wrestling tournaments. Mr. Wilson will review the process with the regional hosts at their meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

#### 3A/4A STATE BASKETBALL

**MOTION:** Mr. Espeland moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the WHSAA's alternate game schedule, if needed, for the 2012 3A/4A State Basketball Tournament.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### 4A GOLF CONFLICT

As per the WHSAA rotation, Laramie was supposed to host the 2012 4A State Golf Tournament, but the course will not be available. Natrona County has agreed to switch positions with Laramie and will host in 2012.

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

#### STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT

The Student Advisory Council's first State Sportsmanship Summit was held on November 21, 2011 in Casper. The Summit went well and was well received. Commissioner Laird feels the sportsmanship initiative is making an impact statewide.

#### 2012-13 STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Nominees for the 2012-13 Student Advisory Council are being reviewed and the new members will be announced in the next couple weeks.

#### NATIONAL SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD NOMINEES

Michael Lamb of Big Horn was selected as Wyoming's nominee for the National Spirit of Sport Award. The winner will be announced at the NFHS' summer meeting.

#### BASKETBALL STARTER RULE

Commissioner Laird asked the Board for direction on whether the WHSAA should clarify and/or add consequences to Rule 7.5.41 which currently states: *"Players who will compose the starting five on the varsity team may not suit up for sub-varsity level contests without WHSAA approval."*

The Board directed the Commissioner to draw up a proposal to take out to the spring district meetings as a first reading item.

#### BOYS SOCCER SEASON

The Board directed the Commissioner to take no action on moving the boys soccer season to the fall or to change the dual participation rule unless the WHSAA receives a proposal to do so from a school or the soccer coaches.

#### SOFTBALL MEEETING IN NOVEMBER

Commissioner Laird met in November with a group interested in adding softball as a WHSAA sanctioned activity. Mr. Laird explained the process necessary to add an activity and has not heard back from the group.



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

#### WYOMING LODGING AND RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION

Commissioner Laird has been in contact with members of the Wyoming Lodging and Restaurant Association, a group similar to WHAM and ProStart, who may come before the WHSAA Board to request sanctioning.

#### LRG UPDATE

Commissioner Laird reported that several schools had received requests to sign a licensing agreement with PEL, a company that was outside the LRG umbrella. PEL is now under the LRG licensing agreement and schools do not need to sign additional agreements.

#### CNN CONCUSSION PRESENTATION

CNN aired a concussion program on February 5 which advocated for all high schools to have a certified athletic trainer. Commissioner Laird will review the program and determine if the information provided is pertinent for Wyoming schools.

#### HEAT RELATED ILLNESS

The Sports Medicine link on the WHSAA's webpage currently lists protocols for heat related illnesses. The Sports Medicine Advisory Committee will determine if more information should be provided to schools.

#### DRUG TESTING RESULTS

Commissioner Laird sent out a survey to schools currently administering drug testing in an effort to establish a resource tool for other schools that may be considering adding a program.

#### BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

The WHSAA recently signed contracts with Granite Peak Development and CAEDA (Casper Area Economic Development Alliance) to finalize the construction of a new building. The WHSAA currently has its building for sale and is hoping to be in the new building by the end of the summer.

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

#### RADIO PSA'S

The WHSAA, in conjunction with the NFHS and NIAAA, sent out sportsmanship PSA's to local radio stations. Commissioner Laird would like to know which stations are airing the announcements so the WHSAA can send them a thank you note.

#### FOTO-SPORT FALL SEASON REPORT

Foto-Sport's financial report for the fall culminating events was presented.

#### BASKETBALL RULES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – APRIL 15-17, 2012 AND NFHS LEGAL MEETING – APRIL 18-20, 2012

Commissioner Laird has been appointed to the National Basketball Rules Committee and will attend committee meetings April 15-17 in Indianapolis. Legal Counsel, Bob Despain, will join Mr. Laird in Indianapolis April 18-20, for the National Federation Legal Meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Mr. Wilson moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to go into Executive Session

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

Informational discussion only, no formal action was taken.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hocker moved and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Wright adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m. on February 8, 2012.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
CHRISTY WRIGHT

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