



# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**FEBRUARY 5, 2013**

President Owen St. Clair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 5, 2013, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Mark Broderson, Sundance; Dan Espeland, Converse County School District #1; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Jeremy Hill, Riverton; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Tony Hult, Cody; Stuart Larson, Niobrara County; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Jim Levine, Lyman; Meaghan McClellan, State Department of Education; Terril Mills (WSBA), Ten Sleep; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Mack Rawhouser (WSBA), Big Piney; Jerry Schlabs, Cheyenne East; Ken Stoick, Natrona County; Pete Wilson, Upton; Tom Wilson, Green River and Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

#### AGENDA

President St. Clair 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. Winland seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2012, 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; Laurie Atencio, Teresa Jacobs-Costano and Matt Castano from Laramie. Tim Monroe, reporter for the *Wyoming Business Report*, joined the meeting in progress.

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

#### LARAMIE SOCCER REQUEST

Laurie Atencio, Teresa Jacobs-Costano and Matt Castano, parents of freshman soccer players in Laramie, asked the Board to consider an exception to the Outside Competition Rule (WHSAA Rule 5.8.0) and allow their sons to compete in both club soccer and interscholastic soccer during the same season.

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Chairman Tony Hult, Mark Broderson, Jeremy Hill, Mike Lashley, Pete Wilson and Tom Wilson.

Ad Hoc Members: Glenn Freeburg, Cliff Hill, Eric Lillis, Bruce Miller, Scott Noble, Jim O'Connor, Shane Schaffner and Ann Wille.

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

#### **FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chairman Shon Hocker, Mark Broderson, Stuart Larson, Jeremy Hill, Jim Levine and Ken Stoick.

#### APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2012-13

**MOTION:** Mr. Larson moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and second quarter report for 2012-13 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

REVIEW BALL BID REQUEST FORM

**MOTION:** Mr. Larson moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve the 2013-14 through 2015-16 Tournament Ball Bid Request Form.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

FINANCIAL REVIEW POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

**MOTION:** Mr. Broderson moved and Mr. Larson seconded the motion to approve the Financial Review policy recommendations as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

2012-13 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black and sell the building.

**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE**

Chairman Tim Winland, Dan Espeland, Tony Hult, Terril Mills, Dan Mitchelson and Pete Wilson.

RULE 7.11.3 – SOCCER CONTEST PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Espeland seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 7.11.3, which will go into effect for the 2013-14 season, as follows:

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## HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

*Teams shall be limited to **fourteen** regular season contests. One day 160 minute jamborees shall count as two contests and regular matches involving two teams shall count as one. **Participation in regular season tournaments shall count as two contests. Each member school should be limited to one regular season tournament.** A player may not participate in more than three halves per day. Exception: When two contests at the same level are scheduled in one day, then four halves are permitted. Overtimes are considered part of the second half. Entering a contest for one live ball period counts as a half of participation. As per WHSAA rules 1.4.2, the contest in which a participant exceeds the limitation shall be forfeited.*

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

### RULE 5.10.2 – TENNIS PRACTICE PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Pete Wilson seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 5.10.2 that would lower the required number of practice days before the first tennis contest from nine days to five days.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\*(5-12)**

### RULE 7.13.32 – TENNIS UNIFORM PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Espeland moved and Mr. Mills seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 7.13.32 that would require uniform tops to match for both players in a doubles tennis match.

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

### RULE 6.4.6 – EDITORIAL CHANGE

**MOTION:** Mr. Espeland moved and Mr. Pete Wilson seconded the motion to approve the editorial change to Rule 6.4.6 that would clarify the transfer rule.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### 2012-13 COMMITTEE GOAL

To explore the possibility of shortening the wrestling and basketball seasons.

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## CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Jerry Schlabs, Chris Gray, Mike Lashley, Meaghan McClellan, Mack Rawhouser and Tom Wilson

### RULE 7.7.10 – FOOTBALL CLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Tom Wilson moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to approve the proposal by Sundance and Pine Bluffs to determine football classifications as: the ten largest schools shall be 4A, the next largest twelve shall be 3A, the next largest fourteen shall be 2A, and the next largest fourteen shall be 1A 11-man. The remaining schools will be in the 1A 6-man classification.

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

### STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

#### CROSS COUNTRY:

**MOTION:** Mr. Tom Wilson moved and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion to accept Sheridan's proposal to host the 2013 and 2014 State Cross Country Meets with \$2,000 per year payable to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### 2A GOLF:

**MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Rawhouser seconded the motion to accept Thermopolis' proposal to host the 2014 2A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### 3A GOLF:

**MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Rawhouser seconded the motion to accept Cody's proposal to host the 2014 3A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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

**4A GOLF:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Rawhouser seconded the motion to accept Rock Springs's proposal to host the 2013 4A State Golf Tournament, and Laramie's proposal to host the 2014 4A State Golf Tournament, both at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**TENNIS:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Tom Wilson moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to accept Campbell County's proposal to host the 2014 – 2017 State Tennis Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**GIRLS SWIMMING:**

**MOTION:** Ms. McClellan moved and Mr. Tom Wilson seconded the motion to accept Campbell County's proposal to host the 2014 – 2017 State Girls Swim Meet with 100% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**FOOTBALL:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Tom Wilson moved and Ms. McClellan seconded the motion to accept Laramie and the University of Wyoming's proposal to host the 2014 and 2015 State Football Championships with 75% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**BOYS SWIMMING:**

**MOTION:** Ms. McClellan moved and Mr. Rawhouser seconded the motion to accept Campbell County's proposal to host the 2015 – 2018 State Boys Swim Meet with 100% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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

**NORDIC SKI:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Rawhouser seconded the motion to accept Pinedale's proposal to host the 2015 State Nordic Ski Meet at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**INDOOR TRACK:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Tom Wilson seconded the motion to accept Campbell County's proposal to host the 2015 – 2018 State Indoor Track Meet with 85% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**ALPINE SKI:**

**MOTION:** Ms. McClellan moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to accept Jackson's proposal to host the 2015 – 2018 State Alpine Ski Meet with \$500 per year payable to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**VOLLEYBALL, WRESTLING, 1A/2A BASKETBALL, 3A/4A BASKETBALL, TRACK**

**MOTION:** Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to accept Casper's package deal to host the 2014 – 2017 State Volleyball Tournament and the 2015 – 2018 State Wrestling Tournament, 1A/2A State Basketball Tournament, 3A/4A State Basketball Tournament and State Track Meet with 100% of the gate, \$5,000 per year and a \$15,000 signing bonus payable to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**STATE SPEECH**

As no proposals were received, the Committee directed the Commissioner to solicit proposals for the 2015 State Speech Meet.

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

APPROVE 2013-14 CALENDAR

**MOTION:** Mr. Rawhouser moved and Mr. Tom Wilson seconded the motion to accept the 2013-2014 WHSAA calendar as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

2012-13 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

**DISTRICTS**

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

**MOTION:** Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Paul Grube of Rock Springs.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Bryan Trosper of Wyoming Indian.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

LARAMIE SOCCER REQUEST

**MOTION:** Mr. Tom Wilson moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to uphold the Associate Commissioner's decision to not allow athlete's to participate in club soccer and interscholastic soccer during the same season, as per Rule 5.8.0.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***



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### ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

#### SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Good sportsmanship numbers are up considerably compared to those at this time last year. Unfortunately, ejection numbers are up as well. Commissioner Laird will send a correspondence to schools regarding the increase in ejections.

#### 4A STATE GOLF

Due to construction, Rock Springs will host 4A State Golf in 2013 and Laramie will host in 2014.

#### OCR GUIDELINES

The OCR conducted a conference call on January 25, 2013, asking schools to expand opportunities and provide inclusion for children with disabilities.

The WHSAA feels Wyoming schools are doing a great job of accommodating special needs students.

### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMUNICATION

**MOTION:** Mr. Hocker moved and Mr. Larson seconded the motion to allow Commissioner Laird to contact the Executive Council for approval before providing the Legislature with WHSAA position statements when requested.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### STATE BASKETBALL – REGION IX CONFLICT

There is a possibility that the Region IX Tournament may conflict with Saturday games at Casper College during the 1A/2A State Basketball Tournament. If necessary, WHSAA games will be moved to Kelly Walsh.

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

#### CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

The WHSAA is working with state tournament Athletic Trainers to develop a concussion protocol that will be implemented for teams that do not have a trainer present on the bench during contests.

#### WYOMING SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Special Olympics Wyoming has asked the WHSAA for a Level 1 Endorsement that would provide support and encouragement of the Unified Sports Program.

#### POLE VAULT – NEW BOX COLLAR

The NCAA has approved the use of a box collar during pole vault competitions. The NHFS has not taken a stance on this yet and the WHSAA will not use the box collar at the 2013 state track meet.

#### STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT

The Student Advisory Council's State Sportsmanship Summit was held on November 19, 2012, in Casper. The Summit went well and was well received. Commissioner Laird feels the sportsmanship initiative is making an impact statewide.

#### 2013-14 STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Nominees for the 2013-14 Student Advisory Council are being reviewed and the new members will be announced soon.

#### NATIONAL SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD NOMINEE

Drew Feller of Powell was selected as Wyoming's nominee for the National Spirit of Sport Award. The winner will be announced at the NFHS' summer meeting.

#### BEST OF STATE VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The WHSAA/WCA Best of State Volleyball Camp will take place July 8-11, 2013, in Casper.

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

#### TRANSGENDER POLICY

The WHSAA will take a pro-active approach and solicit the advice of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to develop a transgender policy.

#### FOOTBALL – CONTACT RECOMMENDATIONS

The WHSAA will also consult with the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to develop contact recommendations for the safety of athletes.

#### SUPERINTENDENTS FROM THE SOUTHWEST

Superintendents from the Southwest District attending the January District Meeting had concerns over having the state football championships in Laramie and requested a larger presence of Superintendents on the WHSAA Board of Directors.

#### RADIO PSA'S

PSA's, as provided by the NFHS, were sent to media outlets across the state to promote the positive impact of high school activities.

#### FOTO-SPORT FALL SEASON REPORT

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

#### BASKETBALL RULES COMMITTEE – APRIL 15-17, 2013 AND NFHS LEGAL MEETING – APRIL 18-19, 2013

Commissioner Laird will be attending the National Basketball Rules Committee Meetings April 15-17 in Indianapolis. Legal Counsel, Bob Despain, will join Mr. Laird in Indianapolis April 18-19, for the National Federation Legal Meeting.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President St. Clair adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m. on February 5, 2013.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
OWEN ST. CLAIR

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