



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2014

President Tony Hult called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2014, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Mark Broderson, Sundance; Terry Burgess, Sheridan County School District #2; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Jeremy Hill, Riverton; Tony Hult, Cody; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Jim Levine, Lyman; Terril Mills (WSBA), Ten Sleep; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Todd Quigley, Newcastle; Kendra Roeder, Pine Bluffs; Tammy Schroeder, State Department of Education; Jerry Schlabs, Cheyenne East; Pete Wilson, Upton and Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

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

Agenda – Add Executive Session. **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. Mills moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Quigley seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 5-6, 2013, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Jeff Kirshman, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*; Kevin Koile from WyoPreps; Dan Holroyd, WMEA President; Terry Hooker, Kelly Hornby, Dean Kelly, Mark Matthern and Amy Rose from Natrona County School District #1 and Mike Hejtmanek, Superintendent at St. Stephens.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

WMEA – DAN HOLROYD

Dan Holroyd of the Wyoming Music Educators Association (WMEA) asked the Board to consider adding All-State Jazz Band and Choir and the three state wide jazz festivals to the WHSAA calendar. Although music is a sanctioned WHSAA activity, some school districts do not pay for activities that are not listed on the WHSAA calendar.

NATRONA COUNTY – NEW SCHOOL DISCUSSION

Terry Hooker, Kelly Hornby, Dean Kelly, Mark Matthern and Amy Rose from Natrona County School District #1 explained the concept and parameters of their new Center for Advanced and Professional Studies (CAPS), which is set to open the spring semester of 2016. CAPS is an academy based program and will not offer any type of activities. Students who attend CAPS must establish their school of choice when entering 9th grade and will be subject to WHSAA transfer and eligibility rules.

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Shon Hocker, Todd Quigley, Jerry Schlabs, Owen St. Clair, Pete Wilson and Tom Wilson.

Ad Hoc Members: Glenn Freeburg, Cliff Hill, Bruce Miller, Bubba O’Neill, Scott Noble, Jim O’Connor, Shane Schaffner and Ann Wille.

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Chris Gray, Mark Broderson, Shon Hocker, Jim Levine, Kendra Roeder and Tom Wilson

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2013-14

MOTION: Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Broderson seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and second quarter report for 2013-14 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Broderson moved and Ms. Roeder seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the November Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

REVIEW TROPHY AND MEDAL REQUEST FORM

MOTION: Mr. Levine moved and Ms. Roeder seconded the motion to approve the 2014-15 through 2016-17 Trophy and Medal Request Form.

MOTION PASSED: **

2013-14 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black.

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Tim Winland, Jeremy Hill, Terril Mills, Dan Mitchelson, Owen St. Clair and Pete Wilson

RULE 6.8.0 - GENDER IDENTITY PARTICIPATION

MOTION: Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Pete Wilson seconded the motion to approve Rule 6.8.0 – Gender Identity Participation as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

COMBINATION SCHOOL AGREEMENTS

Rule 3.1.3 – Combination Schools was discussed at length at all four district meetings and the feedback was used to determine that the rule currently in place is adequate. The WHSAA will clean up the wording of 3.1.32 to reflect current practices, i.e. use of the Combination School Agreement Form, and will be taken out to the spring District meetings as an editorial change.

2013-14 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Mike Lashley, Terry Burgess, Todd Quigley, Mack Rawhouser, Jerry Schlabs and Tammy Schroeder

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

MOTION: Mr. Quigley moved and Mr. Schlabs seconded the motion to approve moving the 2014 Statewide Scheduling Meeting from Week 19 to Week 20.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATION EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

SPEECH:

MOTION: Mr. Burgess moved and Ms. Schroeder seconded the motion to accept Buffalo's proposal to host the 2015 and 2016 State Speech and Debate Tournaments at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

2A GOLF:

MOTION: Mr. Schlabs moved and Mr. Quigley seconded the motion to accept Wright's proposal to host the 2015 2A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

3A GOLF:

MOTION: Mr. Schlabs moved and Mr. Quigley seconded the motion to accept Torrington's proposal to host the 2015 3A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

4A GOLF:

MOTION: Mr. Schlabs moved and Mr. Quigley seconded the motion to accept Sheridan's proposal to host the 2015 4A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

CROSS COUNTRY:

MOTION: Mr. Schlabs moved and Ms. Schroeder seconded the motion to accept Sheridan's proposal to host the 2015 and 2016 State Cross Country Meets with \$2,000 per year payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: ** (Mr. Hill abstained from voting)

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATION EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

NORDIC SKIING:

MOTION: Mr. Burgess moved and Mr. Quigley seconded the motion to accept Casper's proposal to host the 2016 State Nordic Ski Meet at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

SOCCER:

MOTION: Ms. Schroeder moved and Mr. Quigley seconded the motion to accept Sheridan's proposal to host the 2016 and 2017 3A/4A State Soccer Tournaments with \$2,000 and 85% of the gate payable per year to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVE 2014-15 CALENDAR

MOTION: Mr. Quigley moved and Mr. Schlabs seconded the motion to approve the 2014-2015 WHSAA calendar as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

GAME CONTRACTS – FORFEITS

Discussion was held concerning Rules 4.7.1 and 4.7.2, which deal with game contracts and forfeits. The Board determined that written contracts are not required but stiffer penalties should be enforced for schools choosing not to honor a contract and forfeit a contest when a compromise cannot be reached. The WHSAA will prepare a proposal for first reading consideration which will amend Rule 4.7.1 to include a \$1,000 fine and possible sanctions for forfeits.

2013-14 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Good sportsmanship numbers are down slightly compared to those at this time last year. Ejections have decreased significantly, however, two coaches have been ejected during the winter season.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT

The Student Advisory Council's State Sportsmanship Summit was held on November 25, 2013, in Casper. The Summit had approximately 250 participants. Commissioner Laird feels the sportsmanship initiative is making an impact statewide.

2014-15 STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The new members of the 2014-15 Student Advisory Council will be announced soon.

WMEA REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Mills seconded the motion to place the All-State Jazz Band and Choir dates on the WHSAA calendar.

MOTION PASSED: **

NFHS NETWORK

The WHSAA is continuing to work closely with the NFHS Network to provide video stream coverage of state culminating events in activities and athletics. The NFHS Network is contracting with Wyoming companies to provide coverage. All state basketball games will be streamed this year. The WHSAA is still working out the coverage plan for state wrestling, swimming and indoor track. The possibility of state Nordic and Alpine skiing being covered in the future is being considered.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

POLE VAULT – NEW BOX PADDING

The NFHS rule concerning new padding requirements for pole vault pits will go into effect next year. Schools must make sure padding is ASTM approved.

FOOTBALL DISCUSSION – MAY 5TH

The WHSAA is looking at a May 5, 2014 meeting date with football coaches to reach a consensus on rules, practices, concussions and heat related concerns.

UPDATED NFHS CONCUSSION GUIDELINES – SPORTS MEDICINE LINK

Updated NFHS concussion guidelines are posted on the WHSAA website, under the Sports Medicine link. The guidelines meet the requirements of Wyoming's state law.

NATIONAL SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD / HEART OF THE ARTS NOMINEES

Dillon Von Gilpin of Evanston was selected as Wyoming's nominee for the National Spirit of Sport Award. Dr. Patrick Patton of Campbell County was selected as the Heart of the Arts nominee. The winners will be announced at the NFHS' summer meeting.

RADIO PSA'S

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

FBLA

Commissioner Laird asked for the Board's approval to allow FBLA to use the auditorium of a non-denomination church in Cheyenne for state FBLA opening and closing activities should the group outgrow the facilities available at the local high schools.

INDOOR TRACK / PRACTICE RULE 5.10.3 DISCUSSION

The unique nature of indoor track and the possibility for athletes to compete in a second sport once their sport is completed (during the same season) has prompted the WHSAA to explore the practice rule and whether it's intent is being properly implemented. The Board directed the WHSAA to take this out to the District meetings for further discussion.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

CULMINATING EVENT PHILOSOPHY

The Board reviewed the WHSAA Culminating Event Philosophy and Recommended Facility Specifications to Host Regional Tournaments and determined that the guidelines are adequate, but host sites may need to review the guidelines before hosting an event.

FOTO-SPORT FALL SEASON REPORT

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

SECTION 7 & 8 MEETING, JACKSON HOLE, SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2014

Wyoming will host the NFHS Section 7 & 8 Meeting in Jackson, September 14-16, 2014. Section 7 & 8 is made up of 11 states and affords associations a platform to discuss commonalities and issues pertinent to high school activities.

BASKETBALL RULES COMMITTEE – APRIL 14-16, 2014 AND NFHS LEGAL MEETING – APRIL 24-25, 2014

Commissioner Laird will be attending the National Basketball Rules Committee Meetings April 14-16 in Indianapolis. Legal Counsel, Bob Despain, will join Mr. Laird in Indianapolis April 24-25, for the National Federation Legal Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Quigley moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

Informational discussion only, no formal action was taken.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Hult adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m. on February 11, 2013.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
TONY HULT

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD