



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2015

President Shon Hocker called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2015, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Mark Broderson, Sundance; Terry Burgess, Sheridan County School District #2; Kevin Christopherson (WSBA), Casper; Ty Flock, Greybull; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Jeremy Hill, Riverton; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Tony Hult, Cody; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Todd Quigley, Newcastle; Kendra Roeder, Pine Bluffs; Jerry Schlabs, Cheyenne East; Dicky Shanor, State Department of Education; Owen St. Clair, Wyoming Indian; Jim Williams (WSBA), Glenrock; Pete Wilson, Upton and Tom Wilson, Green River. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Hocker 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. Lashley seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Flock moved and Mr. Quigley seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2014, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Kevin Koile from WyoPreps; Glenn Freeburg from Guernsey-Sunrise; Cliff Hill from Campbell County and Jack Nowlin, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*.

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COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Terry Burgess, Mark Broderson, Dustin Rees, Jerry Schlabs, Owen St. Clair and Pete Wilson.

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

BURNS FOOTBALL RECLASSIFICATION APPROVAL

MOTION: Mr. St. Clair moved and Mr. Broderson seconded the motion to support the proposed football reclassification proposal that would recognize three classifications of 11-player football and one classification of 6-player football.

MOTION FAILED: **

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Tom Wilson, Mark Broderson, Terry Burgess, Chris Gray, Tony Hult and Dan Mitchelson

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2014-15

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Mitchelson seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and second quarter report for 2014-15 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the November Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

REVIEW MEMORABILIA CONCESSIONS REQUEST FORM

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Mitchelson seconded the motion to approve the Memorabilia Concessions Request Form as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

2014-15 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Jeremy Hill, Kendra Roeder, Dicky Shanor, Owen St. Clair, Jim Williams and Pete Wilson

RULE 7.8.76 – 2A GOLF SPECTATORS ON THE COURSE

MOTION: Ms. Roeder moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 7.8.76 as follows:

*It will be the responsibility of the tournament director to keep all spectators in the designated area of the golf course. **Spectators will be allowed on the playing area of the course, including playoffs, for all tournaments.***

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.8.76 – 2A GOLF SPECTATORS ON COURSE DURING TOURNAMENT PLAY

MOTION: Mr. Williams moved and Ms. Roeder seconded the motion to amend the proposed wording of Rule 7.8.76 as follows:

4. *Spectators are specifically instructed not to give any advice, rulings or have any contact with players. Any verbal and non-verbal contact could be construed as giving advice (Rule 8). Therefore, conversations with players in any form are not permitted. A two (2) stroke penalty may be assessed by the Rules Committee for violation.*
5. *Eliminate.*

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 5.10.2 – TENNIS PRACTICE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Ms. Roeder moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to approve the proposed change to Rule 5.10.2 that would decrease the number of required practice days for tennis from nine (9) to five (5).

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING (10-6)

RULES 2.6.4 & 3.1.39 – AFFILIATE MEMBER AND COMBINATION SCHOOL AGREEMENT PROPOSAL

MOTION: Ms. Roeder moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rules 2.6.4 and 3.1.39 as follows:

2.6.4

These home (virtual) school Affiliate Members:

3. Must pay the enrollment fee each year as outlined below:

a. ...

b. ...

c. If the Affiliate Member enters into a combination school agreement as the visiting school, the host school becomes the student's school of choice for all sports and activities offered by the host school. If there is a change from the original agreement to an agreement with a different host school, all transfer rules will apply.

3.1.39

Once an agreement is reached to combine, reapplication must be made annually to the WHSAA. If a visiting school chooses to enter into a combination school agreement with a different host school in the same activity, all transfer rules will apply. An exception may be made by the Commissioner if he deems a hardship exists.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

2014-15 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Todd Quigley, Kevin Christopherson, Ty Flock, Mike Lashley, Dustin Rees and Jerry Schlabs

RULE 7.11.42 – REGIONAL SOCCER SEEDING CRITERIA

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 7.11.42, to be implemented with the upcoming soccer season, as follows:

3 points will be given for each win, 1 point for each tie, and 0 points for each loss in division play. 1 point will be given for a team that loses in overtime.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULES 7.5.15 & 7.16.72 – PRACTICE START DATE FOR BASKETBALL AND WRESTLING

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Christopherson seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rules 7.5.15 and 7.16.72 to change the start date of Basketball and Wrestling practice as follows:

Practice will be allowed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 21. There will be no student contact of any kind on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Week 21.

MOTION FAILED: ** (8-9)

RULE 7.13.51 – STATE TENNIS SEEDING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Christopherson moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 7.13.51 regarding seeding for the state tennis tournament, as follows:

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

Each athlete shall enter in either singles or doubles. The top four finishers from each region will be seeded as per 7.13.52.5 brackets. Byes will be determined as per WHSAA rule 7.13.45. Those participants who finish at the seventh/eighth position in their division at the Regional Tennis Tournament will be drawn in to play the first or second seed in their division in the first round at the State Tennis Tournament, matching North opponents vs. South opponents to the extent possible. Those participants who finish at the fifth/sixth position in their division at the Regional Tennis Tournament will be drawn in to play the third or fourth seed in their division in the first round at the State Tennis Tournament, matching North opponents vs. South opponents to the extent possible.

In the event the regional Tennis Tournament is cancelled due to weather or other concerns, the State Tennis Tournament will use the seeds from the Conference results and seed accordingly. 1 vs. 8, 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6, 4 vs. 5, matching North opponents vs. South opponents to the extent possible during the first round in each division.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

2A GOLF:

MOTION: Mr. Flock moved and Mr. Christopherson seconded the motion to accept Moorcroft's proposal to host the 2016 2A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

3A GOLF:

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to accept Powell's proposal to host the 2016 3A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

4A GOLF:

MOTION: Mr. Flock moved and Mr. Christopherson seconded the motion to accept Green River's proposal to host the 2016 4A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

FOOTBALL:

MOTION: Ms. Lashley moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to accept Laramie's proposal to host the 2016 and 2017 State Football Championships with no ticket price increase and 75% of the gate payable per year to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

NORDIC SKIING:

MOTION: Mr. Flock moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to accept Jackson's proposal to host the 2017 State Nordic Ski Meet at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVE 2015-16 CALENDAR

MOTION: Mr. Flock moved and Mr. Lashley seconded the motion to approve the 2015-2016 WHSAA calendar as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

2014-15 COMMITTEE GOAL

To evaluate Indoor Track and look at breaking into 3A and 4A divisions for the state meet.

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Ejections are down compared to those at this time last year. Good sportsmanship numbers are comparable to those from last year and the WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR SAFETY IN SPORTS NATIONAL MEETING

Associate Commissioner Wilson will be attending the Collaborative Solutions for Safety in Sports National Meeting to be held March 26-27, 2015, at NFL headquarters in New York. The meeting will focus on best practices for dealing with head injuries and other safety issues.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT

The Student Advisory Council's State Sportsmanship Summit was held on November 24, 2014, in Casper. This year's summit was the best attended so far and Commissioner Laird feels the sportsmanship initiative is making an impact statewide.

2015-16 STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The new members of the 2015-16 Student Advisory Council will be announced soon.

NFHS NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP AMBASSADOR CONFERENCE

The NFHS will host a National Student Leadership Summit on July 20-22, 2015, in Indianapolis. Student Advisory Council returning seniors will be given the opportunity to apply to attend the summit.

NFHS NETWORK

The NFHS network will broadcast boys' state swim, the state wrestling finals, indoor track, 1A/2A state basketball, the state spirit competition and 3A/4A state basketball.

STATE SPIRIT – RESERVED SEATING

Due to increasing issues with seating at the State Spirit Competition, Commissioner Laird asked the Board for permission to implement reserved seating at the event.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

MOTION: Mr. Burgess moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to suspend the rules and allow an editorial revision to Rule 4.3.6.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. St. Clair moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to add the following wording to Rule 4.3.6:

At the discretion of the Commissioner, reserved seating may be allowed at the State Spirit Competition.

MOTION PASSED: **

FOOTBALL ADHOC COMMITTEE

The WHSAA would like to put together a football adhoc committee to collaborate and communicate football related information as needed. The committee will be comprised of 2 coaches per classification, 1 activities director per classification, certified athletic trainers and a member of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. The WIAAA will assist the WHSAA in putting the committee together.

NFHS RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR MINIMIZING HEAD IMPACT

The NFHS' Recommendations and Guidelines for Minimizing Head Impact Exposure and Concussion Risk in Football was discussed. The WHSAA is currently implementing many of these recommendations. One of the purposes of the Football Adhoc Committee will be to discuss and evaluate the recommendations.

SF98 – SCHOOL ATHLETIC SAFETY BILL

SF98 is a bill currently being considered by the legislature that would further define inherent risk and protect school districts from liability in conjunction with the Recreational Safety Act. The purpose of the bill is to make participants, parents and guardians aware of the assumption of risk involved, as it pertains to concussions, when participating in activities.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

JOINT DEFENSE AGREEMENT / COMMON INTEREST AND INFORMATION SHARING AGREEMENT

As a means of pooling expertise and strategies regarding litigation that may affect all state associations, the WHSAA asked for the Board's approval to enter into a Common Interest and Information Sharing Agreement.

MOTION: Mr. Quigley moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to allow the WHSAA to sign the Common Interest and Information Sharing Agreement.

MOTION PASSED: **

NATIONAL SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD / HEART OF THE ARTS NOMINEES

The Riverton boys' swim team was selected as Wyoming's nominee for the National Spirit of Sport Award. Tara Taylor, art teacher from Mountain View, was selected as the Heart of the Arts nominee. The winners will be announced at the NFHS' summer meeting.

BADEN BASKETBALLS

Baden, the official ball supplier for the WHSAA, will be adding the WHSAA logo to the basketballs used for regional and state events, beginning next year.

RADIO PSA'S

Public Service Announcements, 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.

NFHS LEGAL MEETING – APRIL 16-17, 2015 AND BASKETBALL RULES COMMITTEE – APRIL 20-22, 2015

Commissioner Laird and WHSAA Legal Counsel, Bob Despain, will be attending the National Federation Legal Meeting in Indianapolis April 16-17, 2015. Commissioner Laird will return to Indianapolis for the National Basketball Rules Committee Meetings April 20-22, 2015.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Tom Wilson moved and Mr. St. Clair seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

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

MOTION PASSED: **

Informational discussion only, no formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Hocker adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m. on February 10, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
SHON HOCKER

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD