



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

President Terry Burgess called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 9, 2016, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Mark Broderson, Sundance; Terry Burgess, Sheridan County School District #2; Ty Flock, Greybull; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Jeremy Hill, Riverton; Tony Hult, Cody; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Bubba O'Neill, Evanston; Susan Rodabaugh, Midwest; Kendra Roeder, Pine Bluffs; Dicky Shanor, State Department of Education; Owen St. Clair, Fremont County School District #14; Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Burgess 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. Freeburg moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2015, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Mike Lashley from Lingle-Ft. Laramie, Jack Nowlin, sports reported for the *Casper Star-Tribune* and Kevin Koile from WyoPreps. Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney, joined the meeting in progress.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

STUDENT HEARING

MOTION: Mr. Shanor moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Flock moved and Mr. Broderson seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Shanor moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision and allow the student to be eligible for varsity basketball at Wyoming Indian High School on November 4, 2016.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Dan Mitchelson, Jeremy Hill, Tony Hult, Bubba O'Neill, Dustin Rees and Jim Williams.

Ad Hoc Members: Mike Hanson, Cliff Hill, Mike Lashley, Bruce Miller, Jim O'Connor, Shane Schaffner, Bruce Schmidt and Ann Wille.

GILLETTE'S NEW SCHOOL TRANSITION

Gillette's new high school, Thunder Basin High School, is slated to open in the fall of 2017. Because the school will open in the middle of a reclass cycle, the following adjustments will be made for the 2017-18 school year only:

MOTION: Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to add Thunder Basin High School to the 4A division for football.

MOTION PASSED: **

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RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE (continued)

The current football structure (first 10 schools will be 4A, the next 12 will be 3A, the next 14 will be 2A, the next 14 will be 1A 11-man and the remaining schools will be 1A 6-man) will remain in effect, which will bump Evanston to 3A, Buffalo to 2A, Big Horn to 1A 11-man and Lingle-Ft. Laramie to 1A 6-man for the 2017-18 school year.

MOTION: Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to add Thunder Basin High School to the 4A division (13 schools) for volleyball, basketball and soccer and allow 2 extra competitions per team, with no additional tournaments.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to add Thunder Basin High School to the 4A division for cross country, swimming, indoor track, outdoor track, golf and tennis.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to add Thunder Basin High School to the 4A division (13 schools) for wrestling and allow 1 extra event per team, with no additional tournaments.

MOTION PASSED: **

PRELIMINARY IDEAS CONCERNING 2018-19 & 2019-20 RECLASSIFICATION STRUCTURE

Don Julian from Sheridan High School presented three possible reclassification structures for the 2018-19 & 2019-20 reclass cycle. The Commissioner encouraged the Board to start preliminary discussions now with consideration given to concerns from the Legislature regarding travel budgets and time out of school.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Shon Hocker, Mark Broderson, Chris Gray, Tony Hult, Dan Mitchelson and Chad Whitworth

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2015-16

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and second quarter report for 2015-16 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Whitworth moved and Mr. Broderson seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

BALL BID RECOMMENDATION

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Broderson seconded the motion to approve the renewal proposal from Baden Sports to be the official ball supplier to the WHSAA for 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.

MOTION PASSED: **

2015-16 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black and directed the Commissioner to work with Mike Merback of RBC Wealth Management and Bob Despain to redesign the WHSAA's investment policy.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Kendra Roeder, Glenn Freeburg, Jeremy Hill, Dicky Shanor, Owen St. Clair and Jim Williams.

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.4.8 – FOUR TEAM TIEBREAKING PROCEDURE EDITORIAL CHANGE

MOTION: Mr. Shanor moved and Mr. St. Clair seconded the motion to approve the editorial change to Rule 7.4.8 as follows:

7.4.8 Tie Breaking Procedure – Four teams involved

Step 1: Do any of the tied teams have an advantage in head to head play? If so, that team would be the top seed out of the tie. If there is no advantage, then flip one coin per team until there is one odd team and that team is the ~~top~~ lowest seed out of the tie.

Step 2: Look at head to head competition of the three remaining schools. Does one team have an advantage? If so, that team is the top seed of those remaining three schools. If not, flip one coin per team until there is an odd team and that team is the ~~top~~ lowest seed out of the tie.

Step 3: Look at head to head competition of the two remaining teams. If one team has an advantage, they are seeded higher. If not, conduct a coin flip with one team calling and the coin toss winner is the higher seed.

MOTION PASSED: **

RULE 7.8.9 – GOLF COACHES RULE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. St. Clair seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 7.8.9 as follows:

- 3. Advice may be given at any time during the stipulated round, and/or during any suspension of play. The advice shall not unduly delay play.*

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.3.2 – DRONE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. St. Clair moved and Mr. Shanor seconded the motion to approve new rule 7.3.2 regarding the use of drones at Association contests as follows:

The use of drones, in any capacity, is not allowed during any “Association Contest”. Member schools may make a local decision as to how they wish to utilize drones during practice situations.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

2015-16 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, Bubba O'Neill, Dustin Rees and Susan Rodabaugh

RULE 7.8.76 – SPECTATORS ON THE COURSE DURING TOURNAMENT PLAY PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Flock moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 7.8.76 addressing spectators on the golf course during tournament play as follows:

7.8.76 SPECTATORS ON THE COURSE DURING TOURNAMENT PLAY

- 1. As spectators enter the tournament venue they will be given a list of Wyoming High School golf “spectator guidelines” and be required to sign-in (indicating they understand the rules and risk). **Lanyards will be made available with policy so spectators can visibly display that they have agreed to the guidelines.** This will be done on all tournament days. Coaches are expected to share these guidelines with spectators and fans from their school.*
- 2. No spectator carts are allowed on the course with the following exception: If a spectator has a disabling condition they may rent a cart from the pro shop but will not be allowed to carry another spectator in that cart. Questions of disabling conditions and carts will be handled by the tournament director.*
- 3. Spectators **MUST** remain in designated viewing areas, on the cart paths or at least 25 yards from all contestants at all times. Spectators are not allowed on the tee, ~~fairway~~ or greens at any time. **Tournament directors reserve the right to not allow spectators on their course at any time.***
- 4. Spectators are specifically instructed not to give any advice or rulings ~~or have any contact~~ with players. Any verbal and non-verbal contact could be construed as giving advice. Therefore, conversations with players in any form are not permitted. A two (2) stroke penalty may be assessed by the Rules Committee for violation. **Spectators may assist in searching for golf balls to help speed up pace of play.***
- 5. Spectators must understand there is a risk of injury and assume that risk while they are on or near the golf course.*
- 6. Cell phones must be set on silent and cannot be used to communicate with any player.*
- 7. Coaches will be available to monitor and enforce spectator rules ~~on assigned holes~~, as part of the tournament staff, determined by the meet director.*

*~~If a spectator is in violation of these WHSAA Guidelines, tournament staff will escort the spectator back to the clubhouse.~~ **Enforcement of this policy will be implemented as follows: 1st offense – verbal warning; 2nd offense – the spectator will be asked to leave the golf course. For a serious breach of the spectator policy, decisions on future suspensions will be left to the discretion of WHSAA staff.***

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 7.7.30 – FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PLAY-IN PROPOSAL

MOTION: Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 7.7.30 that would eliminate all play-in games to determine state playoff seeding.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

2A GOLF:

MOTION: Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to accept Big Horn / Tongue River's proposal to host the 2017 2A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

3A GOLF:

MOTION: Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to accept Douglas' proposal to host the 2017 3A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

4A GOLF:

MOTION: Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to accept Evanston's proposal to host the 2017 4A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

CROSS COUNTRY:

MOTION: Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to accept Sheridan's proposal to host the 2017 and 2018 4A State Cross Country Meets with \$2,000 per year payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

NORDIC SKI:

MOTION: Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to accept Laramie's proposal to host the 2018 State Nordic Ski Meet at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

SPEECH AND DEBATE:

MOTION: Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to accept Rock Springs' proposal to host the 2017 and 2018 State Speech and Debate Tournaments at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

3A/4A SOCCER:

MOTION: Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to accept Jackson's four year proposal to host the 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 State 3A/4A Soccer Tournaments with \$4,000 per year and 85% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION DEFEATED: **

MOTION: Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to accept Jackson's two year proposal to host the 2018 and 2019 State 3A/4A Soccer Tournaments with \$4,000 per year and 85% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

2015-16 COMMITTEE GOAL

To begin to explore using the new facilities in Natrona County School District #1 for culminating events.

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Good sportsmanship numbers are down from last year and the WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition. Unfortunately, ejections are up from last year.

FOOTBALL RULES REPORT

Associate Commissioner Wilson recently attended the NFHS Football Rules Committee meeting and reported that the NFHS is continuing to find ways to minimize risk and emphasize safety.

NATA – SAFETY IN SPORTS NATIONAL MEETING

Mr. Wilson and Chellsie Johnson, certified athletic trainer at Kelly Walsh High School, will attend the NATA – Safety in Sports national meeting to be held in Indianapolis in March.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT

The Student Advisory Council's State Sportsmanship Summit was held in Casper on November 23, 2015, with Heather Schultz as the keynote speaker. This year's summit had record attendance and Commissioner Laird hopes that the School Action Plans developed at the summit are being implemented.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

2016-17 STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The new members of the 2016-17 Student Advisory Council will be announced soon.

NFHS NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT – JULY 17-20, 2016

The NFHS will host a National Student Leadership Summit on July 17-20, 2016 in Indianapolis. Student Advisory Council members will be given the opportunity to apply to attend the summit.

REGION IX CONFLICT – 1A/2A STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Region IX Basketball Tournament and the 2016 WHSAA State 1A/2A Basketball Tournament will be at the same time. If Casper College earns the right to host, Thunderbird Gym at Casper College will not be available. Should this be the case, Douglas High School will replace Casper College for the 1A/2A State Tournament. The WHSAA has been working out the logistics of moving the tournament to Douglas with all the entities involved.

NFHS NETWORK

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

STATE SPIRIT – RESERVED SEATING

Reserved seating tickets for the 2016 State Spirit Competition will go on sale at noon on February 17, 2016. Additional reserved seating will be available this year. The first day of sales will be online only with a limit of 20 tickets per purchase.

NATIONAL SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD / HEART OF THE ARTS NOMINEES

The WHSAA did not receive any nominations for the National Spirit of Sport or Heart of the Arts awards this year.

REDUCE RISKS OF CONCUSSIONS IN FOOTBALL

A synopsis of the NFHS's continuing efforts to reduce risk of concussions in high school football was presented.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

FINE DESIGNS

Fine Designs submitted a breakdown of sales from fall culminating events. Sales were up considerably. In addition to all the usual venues, they will expand their sales opportunities and have a booth set up at both the State Nordic and Alpine Ski Meets this 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.

NFHS AT-LARGE BOARD POSITION

Commissioner Laird asked the Board to suspend the rules and allow Owen St. Clair to serve a third term on the WHSAA Board so that he can accept an At Large position on the NFHS Board of Directors.

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to suspend the rules and allow Owen St. Clair the opportunity to represent Wyoming as an At Large member of the NFHS Board of Directors.

MOTION PASSED: **

NFHS LEGAL MEETING – APRIL 14-15, 2016 AND BASKETBALL RULES COMMITTEE – APRIL 18-20, 2016

Commissioner Laird and WHSAA Legal Counsel, Bob Despain, will be attending the National Federation Legal Meeting in Indianapolis April 14-15, 2016. Commissioner Laird will remain in Indianapolis for the National Basketball Rules Committee Meetings April 18-20, 2016.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Burgess adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m. on February 9, 2016.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
TERRY BURGESS

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD