



## WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

### MINUTES

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

**FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

President Ty Flock called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m., Tuesday, February 6, 2018, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Jon Abrams, Laramie County School District #2; Justin Carr, Douglas; Ty Flock, Greybull; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Mike Hansen, Jackson; Keith Harris, Big Horn County School District #1; Loren Heth (WSBA), Lusk; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Tony Hult, Cody; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Bubba O'Neill, Evanston; Dustin Rees, Mountain View; Susan Rodabaugh, Midwest; Josh Sandlian, Wheatland; Dicky Shanor, State Department of Education; Owen St. Clair, Fremont County School District #14; Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central and Larry Yeradi, Wright. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

#### AGENDA

President Flock 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. Shanor moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2017, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Kevin Koile from WyoPreps.

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## REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

### STUDENT HEARINGS

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Abrams moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's ruling, but allow the student to be eligible to participate on August 13, 2018.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

## RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Justin Carr, Jon Abrams, Mike Hansen, Cliff Hill, Dan Mitchelson and Larry Yeradi.

Ad Hoc Members: Brandon Deromedi, Mike Gregory, Jason Hansen, Mike Lashley, Jim O'Connor, Jerry Schlabs, Ann Wille and Rod Winland.

### RULE 7.6.1 – CROSS COUNTRY CLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Hansen moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 7.6.1 as follows:

*The WHSAA recognizes three classifications for cross country. The schools with the sixteen largest enrollments shall be 4A, the next sixteen largest shall be 3A and the remaining schools shall be 2A.*

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

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**RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE (continued)**

RULE 7.8.1 – GOLF CLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Hansen moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 7.8.1 as follows:

*The WHSAA recognizes three classifications for golf. The schools with the sixteen largest enrollments shall be 4A, the next sixteen largest shall be 3A and the remaining schools shall be 2A.*

**MOTION FAILED: \*\***

RULE 7.16.1 – WRESTLING CLASSIFICATION PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Hansen moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 7.16.1 as follows:

*The WHSAA recognizes three classifications for wrestling. The schools with the sixteen largest enrollments shall be 4A, the next sixteen largest shall be 3A and the remaining schools shall be 2A.*

**MOTION FAILED: \*\***

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chairman Chad Whitworth, Justin Carr, Keith Harris, Tony Hult, Dan Mitchelson and Dicky Shanor.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2017-18

**MOTION:** Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Mitchelson seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and second quarter report for 2017-18 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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### **FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)**

#### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### INVESTMENT REPORT

Mr. Laird reported that the Association has a diverse, but conservative, portfolio and is financially sound.

#### MEMORABILIA FORM REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

**MOTION:** Mr. Shanor moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to approve the three year bid form for memorabilia concessions at WHSAA state event for 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21, omitting the request for samples after the event.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### 2017-18 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black and to work with Mr. Laird and Mr. Merback on monitoring the WHSAA's investments.

### **HANDBOOK COMMITTEE**

Chairman Owen St. Clair, Glenn Freeburg, Mike Hansen, Loren Heth, Josh Sandlian and Larry Yeradi.

#### 3A SOCCER CLASS PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to approve the 3A Soccer Class Proposal as follows:

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**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)**

*3A West: Worland, Cody, Powell, Lander, Riverton Pinedale  
3A East: Buffalo, Douglas, Rawlins, Newcastle and Torrington*

*Follow the same format as football. Each team would play the teams in their conference twice. The records from conference play would be used to determine which top 4 teams advance to the state tournament. 2 teams from the West and 1 team from the East would not qualify for state. There would be no qualifier tournament or bye week for any team.*

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

**RULE 3.1.33 – COMBINATION SCHOOL AGREEMENT PROPOSAL**

**MOTION:** Mr. Heth moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 3.1.33 as follows:

*The host school shall be the larger of the two schools when entering into a combination agreement.*

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

**2017-18 COMMITTEE GOAL**

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

**CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Chairman Dustin Rees, Jon Abrams, Janine Bay-Teske, Cliff Hill, Bubba O’Neill and Susan Rodabaugh

**RULE 7.12.3 – 3A SWIM SEASON PROPOSAL**

**MOTION:** Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 7.12.3 which would combine the 3A Girls Swimming Season with the 3A Boys Swimming Season. Both the girls swimming season and the boys swimming season would take place in the winter.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\***

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

STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

**2A GOLF:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Abrams moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to accept Lusk's proposal to host the 2019 2A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**3A GOLF:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Abrams moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to accept Star Valley's proposal to host the 2019 3A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**4A GOLF:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Abrams moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to accept Gillette's proposal to host the 2019 4A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**CROSS COUNTRY:**

**MOTION:** Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to accept Star Valley's proposal to host the 2019 and 2020 State Cross Country Meets with \$2,500 per year, plus 85% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**SOCCER:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Hill moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to accept Cheyenne's proposal to host the 2020 and 2021 State 3A/4A Soccer Tournaments with \$5,000 per year, plus 85% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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

#### **SPEECH:**

**MOTION:** Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to accept Green River's proposal to host the 2020 State Speech Meet at no cost to the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### **2019 STATE SPEECH AND 2020 NORDIC SKIING:**

As no proposals were received, the Board directed Commissioner Laird to seek proposals for the 2019 State Speech Tournament and the 2020 State Nordic Ski Meet.

#### **2017-18 COMMITTEE GOAL**

To continue work on event calendars to help meet the needs of students involved in activities, while keeping budgets, time out of the classroom, and travel as part of the decision making process.

### **ASSOCIATE COMMISIONER'S REPORT**

#### **SPORTS MEDICINE SUMMIT**

The NFHS will be hosting a Sports Medicine Summit in April.

#### **WYOMING INDIAN / ST. STEPHENS FOOTBALL REQUEST**

St. Stephen's and Wyoming Indian have inquired into the feasibility of swapping football schedules where Wyoming Indian would become 6-man and St. Stephen's would become 11-man. A formal request must be submitted to the WHSAA office prior to September for further consideration.

#### **STATE GOLF COURSES CHARGING SCHOOLS**

Staying with the Friday / Saturday format at golf courses hosting state golf is becoming more difficult as some courses want to charge schools for lost income during the WHSAA meet.

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

#### SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition as sportsmanship numbers are down slightly. Ejection numbers are comparable to those at this time last year.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

#### GREYBULL FFA REQUEST

**MOTION:** Mr. St. Clair moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve Greybull's request to add an FFA program, beginning in the fall of 2018.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### CONCUSSION INSURANCE

A report detailing concussion insurance claims was provided for review.

#### 2018-19 STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The new members of the 2018-19 Student Advisory Council will be announced soon.

#### REGION IX CONFLICT – 1A/2A AND 3A/4A STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

Conflicts with the Region IX Tournament at Casper College continue to be a concern for the State 1A/2A and 3A/4A basketball tournaments. The schedule should become clearer after February 17<sup>th</sup>, but the use of the new gyms at Kelly Walsh and Natrona County will most likely be necessary. The WHSAA will send out updated schedules once the situation is more concrete.

#### SPEECH DISCUSSION

Commissioner Laird will meet with members of the Speech and Debate Board after the state speech meet to address concerns over the Speech and Debate season length, number of allowable contests and accompanying expenses. He hopes to have a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading proposal for the April District Meetings.



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

#### STATE VOLLEYBALL AND STATE TRACK DISCUSSION

Commissioner Laird will send out an e-mail directing schools to discuss shortening State Volleyball and State Track to two-day events with their administration and Superintendents. He plans to take 1<sup>st</sup> Reading proposals out to the April District Meetings. If the proposals pass two readings, changes in the state meet formats would not go into effect until the 2020 / 2021 school year.

#### NFHS NETWORK COVERAGE

The NFHS network is teaming with Track Wrestling and will broadcast all matches at the state tournament. The network will also broadcast 1A/2A state basketball, the state spirit competition and 3A/4A state basketball.

#### LICENSED MUSIC FOR STATE SPIRIT

All participants in the State Spirit Competition must submit copyright licenses to the WHSAA prior to the competition.

#### NATIONAL SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD

Clayton Auzqui of Arvada-Clearmont High School has been nominated as Wyoming's representative for the National Spirit of Sport Award.

#### NATIONAL CHEER COMPETITION – FEBRUARY 8-12, 2018

Commissioner Laird will be attending the National Cheer Competition, February 8-12, 2018, to observe how the competition is done on a national level.

#### LEGAL MEETING

Commissioner Laird and WHSAA Legal Counsel, Bob Despain, will attend the National Federation Legal Meeting in Indianapolis April 18-20, 2018.

#### CHEERLEADERS AT STATE WRESTLING

In an effort to clear up the congestion on the floor at State Wrestling, it has been decided the cheerleaders will be in the stands instead of on the floor. After a lengthy discussion, the decision was supported by the Board.

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**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)**

PENALTIES FOR FIGHTING AND COMING OFF THE BENCH

A discussion on whether the penalty for participants who participate in a fight during a contest should be the same as those that leave the bench area and do not get involved in the altercation. By WHSAA rule (3.5.2), a participant disqualified from an event is suspended for the remainder of that contest and the next contest(s) depending on the sport. It was suggested to look at our other current rules to see if the Commissioner has the flexibility to apply suspensions depending on the severity of the situation. This discussion will take place at the next round of District Meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Flock adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m. on February 6, 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
TY FLOCK

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