



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 5, 2019

President Justin Carr called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 5, 2019, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Janine Bay-Teske (WSBA), Jackson; Justin Carr, Douglas; Ty Flock, Greybull; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Beau Garcia, Upton; Mike Hamel, Carbon County School District #1; Loren Heth (WSBA), Lusk; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Thomas Jassman, Rock Springs; David Nicholas, Washakie County School District #1; Josh Sandlian, Wheatland; Ben Smith, Big Horn County School District #1; Terry Snyder, Fremont County School District #25; Owen St. Clair, Fremont County School District #14 and Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Carr 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. Garcia seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Flock moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2018, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Greg Bartlett, Darrin Jennings, Logan Wright and Matt Love of Saratoga; Joy Landeira from the University of Wyoming; Kevin Koile from WyoPreps and Brady Oltmans from the *Casper Star-Tribune*.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

SARATOGA FOOTBALL REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to support Saratoga's request to be eligible for post season play during the 2019 6-man football season.

MOTION FAILED: **

WORLD LANGUAGE DAY REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to support the University of Wyoming's request to sanction the World Language Day event.

MOTION FAILED: **

STUDENT HEARING

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

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

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Nicholas moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision regarding a hardship transfer request from Wyoming Indian.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Chad Whitworth, Mike Hamel, Cliff Hill, Josh Sandlian, Terry Snyder and Larry Yeradi.

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

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Ty Flock, Glenn Freeburg, David Nicholas, Josh Sandlian, Dicky Shanor and Chad Whitworth.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2017-18

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and second quarter report for 2018-19 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Nicholas moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the October Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Sandlian moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

INVESTMENT REPORT

MOTION: Mr. Whitworth moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the investment report as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

2018-19 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Owen St. Clair, Janine Bay-Teske, Beau Garcia, Mike Hamel, Loren Heth and Larry Yeradi.

RULE 7.11.3 – SOCCER CONTEST LIMIT PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 7.11.3 that would increase the number of allowed contests to 16.

MOTION FAILED: **

9-MAN FOOTBALL PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Heth moved and Mrs. Bay-Teske seconded the motion to approve the proposed 9-man football classification to be implemented with the 2020 reclass cycle.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

COUNTING CLUB EVENTS TOWARD SEASON LIMITS

MOTION: Mr. Hamel moved and Mr. Garcia seconded the motion to approve editorial changes to the definition of a contest that will provide clarity as to what must be counted, school or non-school, during the season.

MOTION PASSED: **

2018-19 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Jon Abrams, Cliff Hill, Thomas Jassman, Dustin Rees, Ben Smith and Terry Snyder.

RULE 6.6.2 AND 6.2.8 – ACADEMIC SEAT TIME REQUIREMENT

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Snyder seconded the motion to approve the proposal that would eliminate Rule 6.2.2 and amend Rule 6.2.8 and no longer require students to be enrolled in 20 hours of class time per week as long as they are taking 2.5 credits per semester.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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CALENDAR & CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

STATE CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSALS

2A GOLF:

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Jassman seconded the motion to accept Kemmerer's proposal to host the 2020 2A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

3A GOLF:

MOTION: Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Jassman seconded the motion to accept Lander's proposal to host the 2020 3A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

4A GOLF:

MOTION: Mr. Jassman moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to accept Casper's proposal to host the 2020 4A State Golf Tournament at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

FOOTBALL:

MOTION: Mr. Jassman moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to accept Laramie and the University of Wyoming's proposal to host the 2020 and 2021 State Football Championships with 70% of the gate payable to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

NORDIC SKIING:

MOTION: Mr. Snyder moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to accept Pinedale's proposal to host the 2021 State Nordic Ski Meet at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

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CALENDAR & CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

SPEECH

As no proposals were received, the Board directed Commissioner Laird to seek proposals for the 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 State Speech Tournaments.

2018-19 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.

DISTRICT REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to award a Gold Card to Kevan Kennington of Star Valley.

MOTION PASSED: **

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition. Good sportsmanship and ejection numbers are comparable to last year.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

ROCK RIVER'S CROSS COUNTRY REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Nicholas seconded the motion to allow Rock River to add cross country beginning with the 2019-20 season.

MOTION PASSED: **

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

CONCUSSION INSURANCE

A report on paid concussion claims as of 1/1/19 was presented. The WHSAA will send a letter to the State Medical Board and ask that they make medical professionals aware that this coverage is available.

SOFTBALL UPDATE – PILOT SEASON

Currently three schools have committed to adding girls' fastpitch softball. Several other schools are considering adding it as well. Discussion was heard of whether a pilot season should be implemented.

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. St. Clair seconded the motion that once the required 8 schools have committed to adding softball, WHSAA rules will be followed and the sport will begin in the spring season of the next reclass cycle. There will not be a pilot season in the spring of 2020.

MOTION PASSED: **

DRONES

After requesting feedback from surrounding states associations, the WHSAA will stay with the current policy of not allowing drones at any association contest.

FOOTBALL TIMER DISCUSSION

The WHSAA will work with schools to provide educational and instructional support for football clock operation.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

A list of Student Advisory Council nominees was presented. Selections for the 2019-20 Council will be made very soon.

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

The Casper College men's and women's basketball teams are both doing well, which will most likely impact the 1A/2A and 3A/4A state basketball tournaments. Contingency plans are in place and will utilize Natrona County and Kelly Walsh gymnasiums.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT (Continued)

NFHS NETWORK COVERAGE

The NFHS Network, in conjunction with Track Wrestling, will broadcast all mats and all matches of the 2019 State Wrestling Tournament. All State Basketball games will be broadcast, as will the State Spirit Competition.

LICENSED MUSIC FOR STATE SPIRIT

The WHSAA was able to secure a blanket music license within the last week. The license will cover the music used by schools during the State Spirit Competition. Schools will no longer be required to submit their license information to the WHSAA prior to the competition.

NATIONAL SPIRIT OF SPORT AND HEART OF THE ARTS AWARDS

Leo Horsen of Meeteetse is the Wyoming nominee for the NFHS’ Spirit of Sport Award.

Julie Goodwin of Farson-Eden is the Wyoming nominee for the NFHS’ Heart of the Arts Award.

LEGAL MEETING – APRIL 17-18, 2019

Commissioner Laird and Board Attorney, Bob Despain, will attend the NFHS’ Legal Meeting, April 17-18, 2019, in Indianapolis.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Carr adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m. on February 5, 2019.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
JUSTIN CARR

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD