

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOVEMBER 2-3, 2004

President Cliff Hill called the meeting to order at 12:52 p.m., Tuesday, November 2, 2004, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: John Cook, Moorcroft; Mike Cothorn, Pinedale; Kay Fackrell, Evanston; Bill Fullmer, Burns; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Ken Griffith, Guernsey-Sunrise; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Richard Hoopes, Star Valley; Terry Hopkin, Riverside; Hal Johnson, Worland; Kevin Mitchell, Burlington; Tracy Ragland, Newcastle; Ed Reed, Baggs; Duane Schopp, Cheyenne; Ken Stoick, Midwest; Jack Tarter (WSBA) Buffalo; Trevor Wilson, Cody. Ron Laird and Ron Erion from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

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

Agenda – Add Item J – Personnel. **Committee--Finance and Personnel**—no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Handbook**—no changes and/or additions. **Committee--Calendar and Culminating Events**—Add Item D – Discussion on ACT test dates and Culminating Events. **Committee--Reclassification**—no changes and/or additions.

MOTION: Mr. Tarter moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Reed moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 28-29, 2004, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

TCT WEST, INC.

Chris Davidson and Marla Leithhead from TCT West, Inc. talked to the board about developing an agreement with the WHSAA to provide coverage of culminating events to approximately 1,300 viewers in the Basin area.

The Board asked TCT West, Inc. to prepare a letter with fee options, including both an annual and per event amount, to present to the group. Once the letter is received, the proposal will be taken to the Finance Committee for further action.

JACKSON HOLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL – SCOTT HIRSCHFIELD

Jackson Hole Community School Administrator, Scott Hirschfield, requested input from the Board on the impact in scheduling that would occur if Jackson Hole Community School combined with Jackson Hole High School for all WHSAA sanctioned activities.

MOTION: Mr. Ragland moved and Mr. Schopp seconded the motion to allow Jackson Hole Community School and Jackson Hole High School to combine and stay in the 3A Classification for 2004-05 and 2005-06.

MOTION PASSED:**

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Mr. Despain, WHSAA Legal Counsel, reported on a recent meeting with management of Pepsi concerning corporate sponsorship for WHSAA culminating events. Pepsi proposed to provide the WHSAA \$38,000 per year (\$25,000 in cash and \$13,000 in kind donations) for a three year period with two 1-year options.

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Trevor Wilson, Ken Griffith, Terry Hopkin, Bill Fullmer, and Tracy Ragland

Ad Hoc Members: Dianne Moser, Jerry Fullmer, Joel Eskelsen, Janet Ragan, Harold Bailey, Tom Racette, Gary Lee and Don Thomas.

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RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE (Continued)

OPTING DOWN

MOTION: Mr. Fullmer moved and Mr. Hopkin seconded the motion to allow Wyoming Indian to opt down from 3A to 2A in football for the next reclass cycle.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Fuller moved and Mr. Hopkin seconded the motion to allow Normative Services girls basketball and volleyball to opt down from 2A to 1A for the next reclass cycle.

MOTION PASSED: **

POWER RATING

MOTION: Mr. Ragland moved and Mr. Wilson seconded the motion to eliminate the enrollment bonus in the football power rating for all classes, starting in the fall of 2005.

MOTION PASSED:**

2005 FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Commissioner Laird reported that 2005 football schedules would be distributed at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 10, during the scheduling meetings. Scheduling has been difficult due to uneven numbers in the conferences.

1A AND 2A EAST REGIONAL BALLOTS

Ballots were sent to 1A and 2A East schools to determine if they wanted to combine and form regional tournaments in volleyball (1A), basketball (1A and 2A) and track (1A).

The 1A East schools voted to pass the proposal to establish regional tournaments. Results were 4-1 in favor in the 1A NE and 3-1 in favor in the 1A SE. 1A East representatives will meet during the statewide scheduling meeting to establish a rotation of host sites.

The 2A East school defeated the proposal to establish a regional basketball tournament and will stay with a district tournament format. Results were 3-3 in the 2A NE and 3-1 in favor in the 2A SE.

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RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE (Continued)

CULMINATING EVENT STRUCTURE FOR 2005-06 AND 2006-07

MOTION: Mr. Wilson moved and Mr. Hopkin seconded the motion to accept the Culminating Event Structure for 2005-06 and 2006-07 as amended.

MOTION PASSED:**

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Kevin Mitchell, Chris Gray, Jack Tarter, Hal Johnson and Gerry Maas.

PROPOSED WORDING CHANGE TO RULE 4.6.16 AND 9.7.1

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Tarter seconded the motion to approved the proposed wording change to Rule 4.6.16 and 9.7.1.

MOTION PASSED: ** FINAL READING

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2004-05

MOTION: Mr. Tarter moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and first quarter report for 2004-05 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the September Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Continued)

AUDIT

Tracy Boner of CPA Advantage, LLC presented an Independent Auditors' Report and financial charts depicting WHSAA revenues and expenses. Ms. Boner explained the materials provided and offered recommendations.

MOTION: Mr. Tarter moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the audit with the noted recommendations.

MOTION PASSED: **

HISTORY OF CPI

Wyoming Cost of Living Index and Consumer Price Index tables were presented. This information will be used to determine fair and reasonable raises for the WHSAA staff on a yearly basis.

2004-2005 COMMITTEE GOAL

Continue budget developing and monitoring; review and address corporate sponsorship; and review employee salary schedules and make any necessary changes.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Mike Cothorn, John Cook, Ed Reed, Terry Hopkin, Bill Fullmer and Ken Stoick

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE WORDING OF WHSAA RULE 3.13.3

MOTION: Mr. Reed moved and Mr. Cook seconded the motion to accept the NE District amended wording of WHSAA Rule 3.13.0.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)

PROPOSED WORDING FOR WHSAA RULE 1.2.3

MOTION: Mr. Cook moved and Mr. Reed seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording for WHSAA Rule 1.2.3 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

HAZING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Stoick moved and Mr. Cothorn seconded the motion to approve the hazing proposal as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2004-05 COMMITTEE GOALS

Continue to review the handbook; look into summer school credit; and continue to study ways to meet AYP.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Kay Fackrell, Duane Schopp, Tracy Ragland, Ken Griffith, and Richard Hoopes

SPRING TENNIS PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hoopes moved and Mr. Schopp seconded the motion to approve the spring tennis proposal as written.

MOTION FAILED: **

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

SOCCER COACHES PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Reed seconded the motion not to approve the soccer coaches proposal as written.

MOTION PASSED: **SOCCER PROPOSAL DEFEATED

DISCUSSION: The committee sees a need to review the classifications based on anticipated incoming schools. The WHSAA will send out a survey to determine what schools are considering adding soccer in the near future.

PLAN FOR FEBRUARY PROPOSAL PRESENTATIONS

The committee asked that the request for proposals be publicized with a January 28, 2005 deadline. Groups will be allowed a 30 minute presentation to the Board, prior to the February 8, 2005 committee meetings.

DISCUSSION OF ACT TEST DATES ON CULMINATING EVENTS

Discussion was heard on the challenges presented when ACT test dates are scheduled at the same time as culminating events. State cross country and regional volleyball tournaments are most effected. Suggestions included moving back the start time of events and requesting special consideration to allow tests to be given on Thursday.

2004-05 COMMITTEE GOAL

Continue to revise and investigate the culminating event award process and to establish criteria for accepting the appropriate location based on the needs and interests of students, schools, communities and the WHSAA

TABLED ITEMS

MOTION: Mr. Griffith moved and Mr. Schopp seconded the motion to remove the Flash Photography Rule 4.2.1 from tabled status.

MOTION PASSED:**

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TABLED ITEMS (continued)

MOTION: Mr. Griffith moved and Mr. Fullmer seconded the motion to delete the Flash Photography Rule 4.2.1 from the handbook.

MOTION FAILED:BY MAJORITY (5/10)**

DISTRICTS

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Cook moved and Mr. Ragland seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Carl Mirich of Moorcroft.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Tarter seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to George Kay of Casper.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Tarter moved and Gray seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Jerry Burrige.

MOTION PASSED: **

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

STATE CROSS COUNTRY

Associate Commissioner Erion reported that all went well at state cross country in Worland. Results were downloaded to the WHSAA website immediately following the last race.

RULES CLINICS

Rules clinics for winter sports are ongoing. Some schools aren't able to receive broadcasts due to scheduling conflicts. It was suggested that some clinics be done earlier in the year to avoid conflicts.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

OFFICIALS SELECTION PROCESS

Mr. Erion explained the process used to determine officials for football playoffs and state volleyball. For football, faxes are sent to the schools involved asking coaches to rank preferred crews. This process continues until an agreement is reached. For volleyball, the twelve officials receiving the most votes work the state tournament.

EJECTIONS REPORT

Mr. Erion reported that ten student athletes and two varsity football coaches were ejected from contests during the fall season. All of the student athletes were football players with 8 of 10 being sub varsity athletes. Last fall, nine students athletes and no coaches were ejected.

The Buy Back program for coaches will be offered November 10, 2004 at the WHSAA office.

TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

WHSAA WEBSITE – WHAT'S IN STORE

New Technology Director, Scott McCash, reported that he is in the process of redesigning the WHSAA website to make it more user friendly and include more information on activities.

Laramie High School has asked to have brackets for the upcoming Cowboy Classic basketball tournament put on the website. Mr. McCash welcomes any other information that schools may want included.

Plans for the future include putting the newsletter on the website as well as developing a commissioner's report for superintendents. Mr. McCash is scheduled to meet with Ted Schroeder from the Coaches Association concerning developing a WCA link.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

NFHS BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Laird reported that it is Wyoming's turn to go onto the NFHS board and feels it will give the state the opportunity to be ahead of the curve. The NFHS Board of Director goals were discussed.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

SPORTSMANSHIP SURVEY

A survey from the Josephson Institute of Ethics was presented. The survey showed student athletes feel that winning is more important than sportsmanship and that playing is more important than winning.

DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Erion met with Bob Casper of Lyman who is in the process of preparing a proposal to present to the Board requesting that Destination Imagination become a WHSAA sanctioned activity.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The statewide scheduling meeting will be November 9 and 10 at the Casper Holiday Inn. 2005 football schedules will be distributed at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 10th. The twenty game basketball season may present some difficulties in scheduling.

WYOMING SCHOOL BOARD CONVENTION EXPO BOOTH

The WHSAA will set up a booth at the Wyoming School Board Convention Expo on November 17th.

FALL SEASON REPORT

Commissioner Laird reported on the fall culminating events. The weather was favorable for state golf and state cross country. State tennis dates had to be moved due to inclement weather in Laramie, but the decision to delay the tournament was made early enough to allow most teams to return to school. The football playoffs have gone fairly well with some weather concerns. The state swim meet went well and produced very close team scores. The state volleyball tournament had some time concerns due to many first round matches going to 5 games. The volleyball coaches may propose going to a 2 ½ to 3 day tournament.

NIAAA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The NIAAA National Conference will be held December 11-14 in New Orleans.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Associated Press will be going to a regional reporting center, based out of Spokane, WA. The AP will be sending out their toll free number so schools can call and report scores. The AP will then send out regional information.

SUE HEWITT

Sue Hewitt from Rawlins will be the new Wyoming School Board Association representative replacing Norma Stensaas. Ms. Hewitt will begin her term on the board at the February meeting.

PERSONNEL

MOTION: Mr. Reed moved and Mr. Fackrell seconded the motion to regretfully accept Associate Commissioner Ron Erion's resignation effective January 31, 2005.

MOTION PASSED:**

The Board directed Commissioner Laird to:

- (1) Develop a job description
- (2) Establish a time line
- (3) Develop a hiring procedure
- (4) Acquire additional assistance as needed

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:57 AM on November 3, 2004.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
CLIFF HILL

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD