

# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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President Kevin Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2005 in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Charles Auzqui, Wright; Nancy Britton (WSBA) Green River; Kay Fackrell, Evanston; Bill Fullmer, Burns; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Richard Hoopes, Star Valley; Terry Hopkin, Riverside; Tony Hult, Cody; Hal Johnson, Worland; Jim Levine, Lyman; Jim Malkowski (WSBA) Daniel; Kevin Mitchell, Burlington; Stuart Nelson, Platte County School District #1; Tracy Ragland, Newcastle; Duane Schopp, Cheyenne; Ken Stoick, Midwest; and Russ Wiggam, H.E.M. Ron Laird and Trevor Wilson from the WHSAA office were also present.

### AGENDA

President Mitchell 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. Hill moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 27-28, 2005, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird welcomed Patrick Schmiedt, the high school sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*.

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## 2004-05 AUDIT

Tracy Boner from CPA Advantage presented the Board with the 2004-05 Auditors' Report and Graph Report. Mrs. Boner explained the graphs and summarized the comments and suggestions presented in the report.

## COMMITTEES

### RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Kay Fackrell, Cliff Hill, Terry Hopkin, Bill Fullmer, and Tracy Ragland

Ad Hoc Members: Dianne Moser, Jerry Fullmer, Joel Eskelsen, Janet Ragan, Marty Weber, Tom Racette, Greg Stanfield and Don Thomas.

### POWER RATING

Chairman Fackrell reported that the Committee felt the Power Rating system is working well and has no recommendations to take to the district meetings.

### REVIEW THE TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE FOR FOOTBALL

**MOTION:** Mr. Ragland moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to change the tie breaking procedure for football as follows:

1. *Head to Head*
2. *Common opponents starting with highest rated within classification then common opponents starting with highest division*
3. *Strength of schedule points*
4. *Number of wins*
5. *Coin flip – odd team gets highest seed*

**MOTION PASSED: \*\* (TAKE TO DISTRICTS FOR FIRST READING)**

### CONFERENCES VS. CURRENT SYSTEM

The Committee directed Commissioner Laird to take the following options to the district meetings for consideration:

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### RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE (continued)

- Develop a conference bracket for 3A, 4A and 5A schools in the first round of the playoffs, where the #1 seed would play the #4 seed, and the #2 seed would play the #3 seed within the north/south or east/west conference. 3A, 4A and 5A are to be surveyed separately.
- Offer the 1A and 2A schools the opportunity to go to 2 conferences. East and West in 1A and North and South in 2A.

### FOOTBALL PLAYOFF DATES AND TIMES

**MOTION:** Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Fullmer seconded the motion to revise the wording of WHSAA Rule 7.7.46 as follows:

*First round playoff games will be on Friday at 7:00 p.m. for fields with lights or Friday at 2:00 p.m. for fields without lights. Times and date can be adjusted by mutual consent of participating teams in accordance with the WHSAA/UW agreement.*

*Second round playoff games will be on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Time and date can be adjusted by mutual consent of participating teams in accordance with the WHSAA/UW agreement.*

*Championship game will be on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.*

**MOTION PASSED: \*\* (TAKE TO DISTRICTS FOR FIRST READING)**

### STATE VOLLEYBALL PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Ragland seconded the motion to revise WHSAA Rule 7.15.91 and allow the State Volleyball Tournament to expand to a 3 day format.

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

### FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Chris Gray, Hal Johnson, Gerry Maas, Tony Hult and Stuart Nelson.

### APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2005-06

**MOTION:** Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and first quarter report for 2005-06 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Continued)**

CHECKS WRITTEN

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

WHSAA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to approve the changes to the WHSAA Policies and Procedures Manual as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

2004-05 AUDIT

**MOTION:** Mr. Nelson moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to approve the 2004-05 Audit as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

2005-2006 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to work with the Commissioner to keep a close eye on costs and keep the balance in the black for this fiscal year.

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## HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Ken Stoick, Jim Levine, Charles Auzqui, Terry Hopkin, Bill Fullmer, and Nancy Britton.

### REVISE WHSAA RULE 8.0.5 – SPIRIT GROUPS

Mr. Auzqui moved and Mrs. Britton seconded the motion to approve the revised WHSAA Rule 8.0.5 – Spirit Groups as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*FINAL READING**

### 5.3.0 AND 5.4.0 OUT OF SEASON PRACTICE AND SPECIALIZED SPORTS CAMPS

**MOTION:** Mr. Auzqui moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to revise WHSAA Rule 5.3.4 as follows:

*School team practice during the WHSAA calendar (Week 5 through Week 46) outside of the sport season is a violation of the out-of-season rule and cannot be included in an out-of-season training program. Coaches may work with individuals on individual sports techniques out-of-season at a participant's request. However, team concepts may neither be taught nor practiced through support of a member school. Coaches may coach non-school teams but may not receive member school support except for use of facilities. Except for supervision of open gyms as provided in WHSAA Rule 5.5.0, contact between coaches and potential participants must cease and desist two weeks prior to the first allowable practice date.*

**MOTION PASSED: \*\* (TAKE TO DISTRICTS FOR FIRST READING)**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Britton moved and Mr. Auzqui seconded the motion to eliminate WHSAA Rule 5.3.7, which currently reads:

*Participants on a non-school team must furnish their own clothing (sweat suits, pads, shoes, etc.). In addition, school-issued individual equipment may not be provided for the participant on a non-school team.*

**MOTION PASSED: \*\* (TAKE TO DISTRICTS FOR FIRST READING)**

**MOTION:** Mr. Auzqui moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to delete the last two sentences of WHSAA Rule 5.4.6, which currently reads:

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### HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

*The athletic camp fee (tuition) shall be paid by the student athlete or his/her parents. No school funds may be used for entry fees, equipment, transportation, or uniforms. Fund raising activities sponsored by a member school to send athletes to camp are illegal.*

**MOTION FAILED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Auzqui moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to amend WHSAA Rule 5.4.6 to read as follows:

*The athletic camp fee (tuition) shall not be paid by the school district's general funds.*

**MOTION FAILED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Auzqui moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to eliminate WHSAA Rule 5.4.6.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\* (11-6) (TAKE TO DISTRICTS FOR FIRST READING)**

Commissioner Laird asked if WHSAA Rule 5.4.0 – Specialized (Individual Technique) Sports Camps, should be taken to the district meetings with the suggestion that all references to “sports” and “athletic” be replaced with “activity”. Other options include leaving the rule as is and addressing cheerleading camps separately.

### INDOOR TRACK SANCTIONING

Discussion was heard on the challenges that have been presented as a result of the sanctioning of Indoor Track. According to NFHS and WHSAA sanctioning rules, Wyoming teams may only compete against other sanctioned teams at sanctioned meets. Because the states surrounding Wyoming do not sanction Indoor Track, Wyoming athletes may face limited competition as non-sanctioned athletes cannot compete in sanctioned meets.

Individual Wyoming athletes may participate unattached in non-sanctioned meets, but must do so without any ties to the school. School transportation and sponsorship by a school sanctioned coach is not allowed at a non-sanctioned meet.

Currently ten 4A schools, five 3A schools and one 2A school will participate in Indoor Track this year.

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### HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)

#### COACHING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

**MOTION:** Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Auzqui seconded the motion to revert back to the original wording of WHSAA Rules 4.5.0, 5.10.4 and 7.7.14 regarding the Professional Teaching Standards Board's role in coaching certification requirements as per recommendation by Governor Freudenthal.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### 2005-2006 COMMITTEE GOALS

To continue to look at and rewrite WHSAA Rules 5.3.0 Out of Season Practice and 5.4.0. Specialized Sports Camps.

### CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Duane Schopp, Tracy Ragland, Jim Malkowski, Russ Wiggam, Cliff Hill and Richard Hoopes

#### SOUTHWEST FOOTBALL PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Hoopes moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve the Southwest Football Proposal as follows:

*Allow all WHSAA football schools to play a scrimmage or game on Saturday of WHSAA week 8 (the second weekend of the season). This game or scrimmage will not in anyway affect power rankings or conference records.*

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*FINAL READING**

#### REGIONAL SOCCER BRACKET PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Schopp moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to adopt the Wyoming Soccer Coaches Proposal for a three-day regional soccer tournament to determine the top four teams that will advance to state.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\*FINAL READING (9-8)**

The revised format will not go into effect until the next reclass cycle.

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### CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

#### 2006 4A STATE GOLF REQUEST

**MOTION:** Mr. Hoopes moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to deny Sheridan's request to move the dates of the 2006 4A State Golf Tournament.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### FALL SOCCER REQUEST

The Committee presented an informational item from Jackson requesting that the Wyoming soccer season be moved to the fall. Commissioner Laird will contact Jackson and ask that they present their request in the form of a proposal that can be taken to the district meetings for discussion.

#### WHAM SANCTIONING

The WHAM (Wyoming Hospitality Alliance Mentoring) Program was sanctioned by the WHSAA Board in September of 2004 as a means of paying for sponsors and transportation. Since that time, the WHSAA has learned that WHAM is tied to the ProStart program and must follow its guidelines. Transportation costs will still be reimbursed because of the ProStart affiliation.

**MOTION:** Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to suspend the rules as per WHSAA Rule 2.3.1 to allow the Board to pass items needing immediate attention on First Reading.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Nelson moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to rescind the sanctioning of WHAM.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\* FINAL READING**

#### 2005-2006 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to improve coordination of all activities and athletic events and to research the possibility of moving to a four sport season, which would include summer schedules and culminating events.

The Committee asked the Board to look into coordination of event scheduling with upcoming state required PAWS testing, and asked Commissioner Laird to survey schools regarding adding a fourth sports season during the summer.



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### **DISTRICTS**

#### GOLD CARD REQUESTS

**MOTION:** Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to award Lifetime Gold Passes to Kyle Walker and Jack Hayden of Pinedale.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### **TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### WEBSITE UPDATE

Commissioner Laird reported that the WHSAA is striving to get updated culminating events results posted on the website as soon as possible, but is having difficulty with some schools in getting scores reported.

### **ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

#### CROSS COUNTRY

State Cross Country was held October 22, 2005 in Cheyenne. Timing chips strapped to the competitors' ankles were used. There was a bit of a mix up in the 4A boys' race, as a few competitors switched chips which caused problems with scoring. The back up timing system was employed and times and scores were able to be correctly reported.

Cheyenne will host the 2006 state meet and will be evaluating whether we want to continue using the timing chip method.

#### 2A GOLF

Associate Commissioner Wilson attended the 2A State Golf Tournament held at 3 Crowns Gold Course in Casper and reported that the event was well received by the competitors, despite the weather and difficulty of the course.

#### EJECTION REPORT

Mr. Wilson reported that 14 football players have been ejected from association contests this season compared to 10 players and 2 coaches at this time last year.

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

#### WRESTLING WEIGHT CERTIFICATION

Associate Commissioner Wilson shared the wrestling weight certification evaluation process with the Board and outlined what will be discussed at the meeting with wrestling coaches on November 3.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

#### STATE MARCHING BAND

Commissioner Laird reported that 16 bands participated in this year's State Marching Band Festival. Bands do not compete against each other, but are adjudicated on their performance. Thirteen of the 16 bands received Superior awards.

#### FALL SEASON WRAP UP

Commissioner Laird stated that all the fall culminating events went well, with State Tennis experiencing the best weather in many years. The time adjustments made at State Volleyball were effective, and the football games held thus far have gone well.

#### COACHING CERTIFICATION

The letter sent by Governor Freudenthal to the Professional Teaching Standards Board calling for the reinstatement of Coaching Certification Requirements was addressed.

#### GILLETTE CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS

The WHSAA has been approached by a group of home educators in Gillette requesting permission to play athletic teams in Wyoming. Because of the sanctioning rules, the group would need to become a member school. Representatives from the Gillette Christian Home Educators have been invited to the statewide scheduling meeting and will make a presentation at the February Board meeting.

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

#### STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The statewide scheduling meeting will be November 8-9, 2005 at the Holiday Inn in Casper. 2006 Football schedules will be handed out at 8:30 a.m. on November 9.

#### WYOMING SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION – NOVEMBER 16

The WHSAA will have a booth at the Wyoming School Board Association Expo on November 16, 2005. Commissioner Laird stated that the expo provides a forum for the WHSAA to remind school board members about the importance of high school activities through fun competitions like a basketball shoot and football toss.

#### NFHS BOARD MEETING

Commissioner Laird recently attended the NFHS Board Meeting. The Board met with members of each rules committee and the Sport Medicine Committee. In other action, the Board discussed promoting greater diversity in coaching and officiating, reviewed the marketing assessment, continued development of a strategic plan and reviewed the financial audit.

#### ADOPT A MASCOT PROGRAM

Commissioner Laird addressed the Adopt A Mascot program initiated by the NFHS to help schools affected by the hurricanes. Burns High School has adopted a school, but has had difficulty making contact.

#### NIAAA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The NIAAA National Conference will be held December 14-28, 2005 in Orlando, FL. Commissioner Laird noted that Joel Eskelsen from Big Piney will be receiving a citation award.

#### CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson met with the new owner of Papa John's Pizza who was interested in sponsorship opportunities. The WHSAA will continue to pursue corporate sponsorships with Wyoming businesses.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m. on November 2, 2005.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
KEVIN MITCHELL

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