

# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOVEMBER 4-5, 2008

President Stuart Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 4, 2008, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Keith Bauder, Riverton; Jim English, Torrington; Dan Espeland, Converse County School District #1; Kay Fackrell, Evanston; Bill Fullmer, Burns; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Hal Johnson, Worland; Glen Legler, Casper Natrona; Jim Levine, Lyman; Gerry Maas (State Department of Education) Cheyenne; Jim Malkowski (WSBA) Daniel; Stuart Nelson, Platte County School District #1; Duane Schopp, Cheyenne; Ken Stoick, Midwest; Don Thomas, Mountain View; Mark Walker (WSBA) Lyman; Russ Wiggam, H.E.M; Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain; and Christy Wright, Big Horn. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

### AGENDA

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

**Agenda** – no changes and/or additions. **Reports and Audience** – 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** – move item C4 to C1. **Committee--Reclassification**—no changes and/or additions.

**MOTION:** Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Hocker seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Walker seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 30 – October 1, 2008, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Patrick Schmiedt, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*; Cliff Hill, Campbell County High School Activities Director; Tim Ray, Natrona County School District #1 Activities Manager; Bob Despain, Board Attorney; Mike Hamel, Cheyenne South High School Principal; Tracy Boner of CPA Advantage in Douglas; Tom Burman, University of Wyoming Athletic Director; Kate Farmer, Laramie Tourism Board; and Scott Handley, Laramie High School Activities Director.

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### **REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (Continued)**

#### TRACY BONER – CPA ADVANTAGE – AUDIT REPORT

Tracy Boner from CPA Advantage in Douglas provided the Board with the 2007-08 Auditor's Report and Graph Report. Mrs. Boner explained the graphs and summarized the comments and suggestions presented in the report.

#### CHEYENNE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

Mike Hamel, Principal of Cheyenne South High School, requested permission to join the WHSAA as a 3A member school beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, and transition into the 4A classification beginning with the 2011-2012 reclass cycle.

#### STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP PROPOSAL – LARAMIE REPRESENTATIVES

Tom Burman, University of Wyoming Athletic Director; Kate Farmer, Laramie Tourism Board; and Scott Handley, Laramie High School Activities Director, spoke to the Board regarding the proposal to host all 5 state championship football games at War Memorial Stadium on November 13-14, 2009.

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Chairman Tim Winland, Keith Bauder, Bill Fullmer and Don Thomas.

Ad Hoc Members: Tina Baker, Chris Gray, Cliff Hill, Tony Hult, Jim O'Connor, Steve Pollock, Anne Wille and Tom Wilson.

#### CLASSIFICATION AND CULMINATING EVENT STRUCTURE FOR 2009-10 & 2010-11

The Committee reviewed the Classification and Culminating Event Structure for 2009-10 and 2010-11 as an informational item. The WHSAA Board determines the classification structure, but the schools within each classification are responsible for establishing conferences.

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**COMMITTEES (Continued)**

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chairman Dan Espeland, Keith Bauder, Hal Johnson, Glen Legler, Gerry Maas and Tim Winland.

RULES 4.6.15 AND 9.7.0 – OFFICIAL’S MILEAGE PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Legler seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rules 4.6.15 and 9.7.0 as follows:

*Each driver receives a mileage allowance at a rate established by the State of Wyoming on July 1 of the upcoming school year.*

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

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2008-09

**MOTION:** Mr. Maas moved and Mr. Legler seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and first quarter report for 2008-09 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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### FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

#### 2008-2009 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black.

### HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Jim English, Bill Fullmer, Jim Levine, Ken Stoick, Mark Walker and Christy Wright.

#### RULES 6.2.1, 6.2.3 & 6.2.8 – INCREASING ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Stoick moved and Mr. Walker seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rules 6.2.1, 6.2.3 and 6.2.8 as follows:

- 6.2.1 *In order to be eligible for any level of interscholastic competition, a student must be currently enrolled and must have been enrolled in school the immediate preceding semester and received passing grades during that semester in subjects that earn a minimum of 5.0 credits or the equivalent, per year toward graduation.*
- 6.2.3 *A pupil must be passing in five solid subjects at the time of contest. A passing grade is considered to be the passing grade of the individual school. As defined, a solid subject meets five days a week or its equivalent for the entire semester and for which one-half Carnegie units are granted.*
- 6.2.8 *High school students taking college classes will be allowed to count the college classes toward the required five solid subjects/twenty hours of work per week, if the student has the approval of the school.*

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

#### RULE 4.2.1 – FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY AT INDOOR EVENTS PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mrs. Wright moved and Mr. Walker seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 4.2.1 as follows:

- 4.2.1 *If, in the opinion of event management or game officials, the use of flash cameras is determined to be a distraction, the photographer will be asked to move to an area where the distraction no longer exists.*

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

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**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)**

**RULE 7.11.40 – SOCCER – REGULAR SEASON OVERTIME PROCEDURE POLICY**

**MOTION:** Mr. Levine moved and Mrs. Wright seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 7.11.40 Soccer Regular Season Overtime Procedure Policy as follows:

**7.11.40**     *Regular Season Overtime Procedure*

*When the score is tied at the end of the regulation time for conference and non-conference varsity contests, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team boxes. There will be five minutes for teams to prepare for the overtime.*

1. *There shall be two ten-minute overtime periods (not sudden victory):*
  - a. *A coin toss shall be held.*
  - b. *At the end of the first ten-minute overtime period, teams shall change ends.*
  - c. *The score at the end of the second overtime period shall be the final score.*
2. *There shall be no overtime for non-varsity or jamboree contests.*

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

**RULE 7.5.31 – BASKETBALL WARM-UP PROPOSAL**

**MOTION:** Mr. Walker moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to approve Rule 7.5.31 as follows:

*Rule 7.5.31*     *Teams are to conduct pre-game and half-time warm-ups on their half of the court. If jogging or running is part of their warm-up drills, then it is to be confined to their half of the court to warm-up. Teams are not to run under the basket of the opposing team when entering the floor or anytime during warm-ups.*

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

**ALPINE SKI PROPOSALS**

**MOTION:** Mr. Stoick moved and Mrs. Wright seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Alpine Ski Rules 7.10.74 and 7.10.76.

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

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### HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)

#### NORDIC SKI PROPOSALS

**MOTION:** Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Walker seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording changes to Nordic Ski Rules 7.10.21, 7.10.24, 7.10.28, 7.10.32, 7.10.35 and 7.10.45.

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

#### RULE 4.5.4 – HEAD COACHES RULES TEST PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Walker moved and Mrs. Wright seconded the motion to approve the proposed Rule 4.5.4 as follows:

*Rule 4.5.4 All head coaches in swimming/diving, football, volleyball, wrestling, basketball, soccer and track must pass (80%) the NFHS open book rules test each year in their respective sport prior to their first contest. Schools whose coaches do not pass the test will be subject to the disciplinary action as listed in WHSAA Rule 1.4.0.*

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

#### 2008-2009 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to look at academic requirements and ways to encourage students to achieve at a higher level.

### CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Kay Fackrell, Shon Hocker, Jim Malkowski, Duane Schopp, Don Thomas and Russ Wiggam.

#### STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Schopp moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to approve the State Championship Football proposal which would allow all five 2009 state football championship games to be played at War Memorial Stadium in Laramie.

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

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**CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (Continued)**

RULE 7.7.15 – 4A FOOTBALL PRACTICE PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Hocker moved and Mr. Fackrell seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 7.7.15 as follows:

*Rule 7.7.15 The football season for 1A, 2A and 3A will have a first allowable practice date of the Monday of WHSAA Calendar Week 7. The football season for 4A will have a first allowable practice date of the Monday of WHSAA Calendar Week 6 . . . . .*

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

STATE 2A GOLF

**MOTION:** Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to accept Sundance High School's proposal to host the 2009 State 2A Golf Tournament at the Golf Club of Devil's Tower in Hulett and Niobrara County High School's proposal to host the 2010 State 2A Golf Tournament.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

2008-09 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to look at all events in an effort to decrease lost school time.

**DISTRICTS**

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

**MOTION:** Mrs. Wright moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Steve Williams of Southeast High School.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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

#### OFFICIAL'S VOTING

Associate Commissioner Wilson reported that schools which did not vote for fall culminating event officials were posted on the WHSAA website in an attempt to encourage all schools to vote. The system for assigning post season officials works best when all schools vote.

#### SPORTSMANSHIP AND EJECTION NUMBERS

A report comparing the 2008-09 sportsmanship and ejection numbers with figures from 2007-08 was presented. Sportsmanship numbers are up significantly from last year. Ejections were up slightly.

#### NEWCASTLE FOOTBALL REQUEST

**MOTION:** Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve Newcastle High School's request to play their 2009 Zero Week football game vs. Custer, SD on Friday, August 28, 2009.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

#### CHEYENNE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

The Board approved Cheyenne South High School's request to become a WHSAA member school for the 2009-10 school year. South High School will be allowed to compete at the sub-varsity level in football, volleyball, basketball and soccer in 2009-10. Approval was also given for South High School students to participate at the varsity level in all other sports and activities, as requested, during the 2009-10 school year.

In 2010-11, every attempt will be made to allow South High School students to participate at the varsity level in all sports and activities except football.

Cheyenne South's ADM numbers will place them in the 3A classification.



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

#### PINEDALE WRESTLING REQUEST

Pinedale High School will be implementing wrestling at the Junior Varsity level for the 2008-09 school year and will be competing at the varsity level for 2009-10.

#### STATE MARCHING BAND

The State Marching Band Festival, showcasing seventeen bands, was held October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Casper Events Center. The event yielded the second largest turnout in its history.

#### FALL SEASON WRAP-UP

Commissioner Laird commended all host sites for doing a great job in hosting the fall culminating events. The weather has been favorable and the sportsmanship demonstrated by the participants is appreciated.

#### FOOTBALL FIELD CONDITIONS

Commissioner Laird detailed the steps the WHSAA follows when concerns are raised about football field conditions. The Board felt that the current wording in the handbook gives the WHSAA the authority and responsibility to move a playoff game and that we should continue to follow the current procedure and address concerns on a case by case basis.

#### WHSAA COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

WHSAA Rule 2.3.1 will be reviewed to clarify the responsibility of committees.

#### HOME SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

The Affiliate Home School Membership Form will be updated to clarify the catastrophic insurance component for home school participants. All home school students in grades 9-12, participating with a member school, must pay a membership fee of \$100 per family. All home school students in grades 5-12, participating with a member school, must pay a catastrophic insurance fee of \$5 per student.

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## COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

### TCT – PSA's

The 16 members of the Student Advisory Council recently recorded Public Service Announcements on sportsmanship. The PSA's were filmed by TCT West and are currently being shown on the WHSAA website.

### STATE FARM INSURANCE SPONSORSHIP

The WHSAA recently entered into a sponsorship contract with State Farm Insurance, which will provide the funding for the trophies, medals and awards presented at the 2008-09 culminating events. The trophies and awards will contain a State Farm logo, medals will be presented with a State Farm lanyard.

### STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting will be held November 11-12, 2008 at the Ramada Plaza Riverside in Casper. A new scheduling format will be used this year.

### NEW ADMINISTRATORS ORIENTATION FOLLOW-UP

A follow-up for new administrators is planned for November 11<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Statewide Scheduling Meeting. New Administrators met with the WHSAA in August to go over policies and procedures.

### DISTRICT SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMITS

Schools are encouraged to get their registration forms in for the upcoming District Sportsmanship Summits. The Northwest Summit will be on November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Southeast Summit will be on November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Northeast Summit will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> and the Southwest Summit will be on December 10<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$50 registration fee per school.

### STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINEES

Application forms for the Student Advisory Council will be sent out in mid-November. The Council is made up of 16 students and strives to include 8 boys and 8 girls, and 8 sophomores and 8 juniors who represent the 1A – 4A classifications in each district.

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**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT (Continued)**

WYOMING SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION EXPO BOOTH – NOV. 19

The WHSAA will have a booth at the Wyoming School Board Association Expo on November 19, 2008. 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.

NIAAA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The National Athletic Directors Conference will be in San Diego, CA, December 12-16, 2008.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Nelson adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m. on November 5, 2008.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
STUART NELSON

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