



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOVEMBER 4, 2014

President Shon Hocker called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 4, 2014, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Mark Broderson, Sundance; Terry Burgess, Sheridan County School District #2; Kevin Christopherson (WSBA), Casper; Ty Flock, Greybull; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Jeremy Hill, Riverton; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Tony Hult, Cody; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Terril Mills (WSBA), Ten Sleep; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Todd Quigley, Newcastle; Dustin Rees, Mountain View; Kendra Roeder, Pine Bluffs; Jerry Schlabs, Cheyenne East; Sam Shumway, State Department of Education; Owen St. Clair, Wyoming Indian and Pete Wilson, Upton. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Hocker 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. Mills moved and Mr. Burgess seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Quigley seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 30 – October 1, 2014, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Kevin Koile from WyoPreps; Jim Williams of Glenrock; Scott Buckingham from Lenhart-Mason in Casper; Clint Proffit from Kemmerer and Dan Dockstader of Star Valley.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

CLINT PROFFIT – KEMMERER PARENT

Clint Proffit, a parent from Kemmerer, asked the Board to consider allowing 8th grade students to participate in high school wrestling.

DAN DOCKSTADER – STAR VALLEY INDEPENDENT

Dan Dockstader, owner of the Star Valley Independent, asked the Board to review the current policy of charging media outlets for video streaming high school culminating events.

SCOTT BUCKINGHAM – FINANCIAL REVIEW

Scott Buckingham from Lenhart-Mason and Associates provided the Board with the 2013-14 Financial Review Report and Graph Report. Mr. Buckingham explained the graphs and summarized the findings of the review.

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Terry Burgess, Mark Broderson, Dustin Rees, Jerry Schlabs, Owen St. Clair and Pete Wilson.

Ad Hoc Members: Glenn Freeburg, Cliff Hill, Bruce Miller, Bubba O’Neill, Scott Noble, Jim O’Connor, Shane Schaffner and Ann Wille.

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Tom Wilson, Mark Broderson, Terry Burgess, Chris Gray, Tony Hult and Dan Mitchelson

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2014-15

MOTION: Mr. Burgess moved and Mr. Broderson seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and first quarter report for 2014-15 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

2013-14 FINANCIAL REVIEW

MOTION: Mr. Burgess moved and Mr. Broderson seconded the motion to approve the 2013-14 Financial Review as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

2014-15 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black.

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Jeremy Hill, Terril Mills, Kendra Roeder, Sam Shumway, Owen St. Clair and Pete Wilson

RULE 7.7.12 – FOOTBALL PRACTICE RULE

MOTION: Mr. St. Clair moved and Mr. Mills seconded the motion to approve the proposed additional wording to Rule 7.7.12 which defines practice time and practice contact as follows:

Practice Time: *No single practice may exceed three hours, and the total practice time for days with multiple practice sessions may not exceed five hours.*
****Note: Warm-up, stretching, speed and agility drills and cool down are all considered part of practice.*

Meetings, film study, water breaks, rest breaks and injury treatment shall not count against the three- or five- hour limits. Nor shall weight training, voluntary conditioning and teaching period/walk through simulations without equipment, be considered practice for the purposes of the three-or five- hour limits.

Practice Contact: *Full contact and live action are limited to no more than ½ of the practice time during each week.*

****Note: When the main focus of a practice is designed as an intra-squad scrimmage, it will not count toward the full or live action contact time period. Shorter scrimmages incorporated into a regular practice will be counted toward the full and live action contact time.*

Full contact: *Contact at game speed where players execute full tackles at a competitive pace, taking player to the ground.*

Live action: *Live game simulations where live action occurs (11-on-11 and 6-on-6).*

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 5.10.3 – PRACTICE RULE ADDENDUM

MOTION: Ms. Roeder moved and Mr. Shumway seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 5.10.3, effective immediately, as follows:

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

*A pupil moving from one sport to another sport will be allowed to count the completed practices from the first sport to meet the practice number requirements for the second sport. To satisfy the required number of practices, there must be no break in participation between sports other than the normal weekend. If an athlete does not attend the first scheduled practice of the new sport following the athlete's departure from the initial team, the required number of practices for the new sport must then be met. **An athlete must compete in at least one contest in the new sport before being eligible for any culminating event in that sport. No additional contests may be added to an existing schedule to meet this requirement.** It shall be the responsibility of the local school district to determine the pupil's readiness to compete in the new sport.*

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 5.10.2 – FOOTBALL PRACTICE RULE

MOTION: Mr. Mills moved and Mr. Pete Wilson seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 5.10.2 as follows:

*A player must participate in a minimum of the required number of practice sessions of at least one practice session per day on as many different days for the respective sport prior to the first day of his/her participation. A day shall count as no more than one practice. No practice is permitted on any Sunday. Three days of practice are required for golf and **nine days for each remaining sport. The first three days of football practice must be** without contact for each participant. (Please see Rule 7.7.12) A participant becomes eligible once he/she has practiced the required number of days. A contest in which an ineligible participant participates shall be forfeited as per WHSAA Rules 1.4.0 and 5.0.7.*

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 7.8.76 – 2A GOLF SPECTATORS ON THE COURSE

MOTION: Mr. St. Clair moved and Mr. Pete Wilson seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 7.8.76 as follows:

*It will be the responsibility of the tournament director to keep all spectators in the designated area of the golf course. **Spectators will be allowed on the playing area of the course, including playoffs, for all tournaments.***

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

AFFILIATE MEMBER AND COMBINATION SCHOOL AGREEMENT DISCUSSION

Commissioner Laird asked the Committee if further clarification is needed to Rule 2.6.4 which deals with Home Schools and Virtual Schools combining with member schools.

The Committee drafted additional wording to the rule which will be taken out as a first reading item in the next round of District meetings.

2014-15 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Todd Quigley, Kevin Christopherson, Ty Flock, Mike Lashley, Dustin Rees and Jerry Schlabs

RULE 7.14.81 & 7.14.81.5 – ENTRY LIMIT AND QUALIFIER REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE INDOOR TRACK

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Rees seconded the motion to approve the proposal to institute entry limits and qualifying standards for state indoor track, starting with the next reclass cycle, as follows:

Rule 7.14.81

*All schools that compete in Indoor Track are eligible for the State Meet. Each school is permitted one boys and one girls team at the State Meet. All athletes that are in a school that offers Indoor Track may qualify to participate at the State Indoor Track Meet provided they meet all rules for participation. Entries will be limited to **four (4) individuals per event**, except for the shot put which may **enter six (6)**. Each school will be allowed to enter one relay team per relay event. NOTE: A "no time" will be given to an athlete unless they have a current season recorded competition time in their entered event. All non-qualifying participants' times must be verified by the school at the state meet coaches meeting if questioned.*

Rule 7.14.81.5

Athletes will also be allowed to qualify for the State Meet by meeting qualifying standards during the regular season. Should a school have more than four (4) prequalified athletes for an event, or six (6) prequalified in the shot put, they may enter all prequalified athletes. NOTE: Each school may have only one relay team per relay event at the State Meet. An official entry on a relay team counts as one of the four events in which a participant may compete.

Qualifying standards are determined by multiplying the old standard by three and adding the sixth place finishing mark from the immediate past state track meet and dividing by four.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.11.42 – REGIONAL SOCCER SEEDING CRITERIA

MOTION: Mr. Schlabs moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 7.11.42 as follows:

3 points will be given for each win, 1 point for each tie, and 0 points for each loss in division play. 1 point will be given for a team that loses in overtime.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2014-15 COMMITTEE GOAL

To evaluate Indoor Track and look at breaking into 3A and 4A divisions for the state meet.

DISTRICTS

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Bob Uffelman of Thermopolis.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Ms. Roeder seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Sharon Tremain of Southeast.

MOTION PASSED: **

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Ejections are up slightly compared to those at this time last year, however, no coaches were ejected during the fall sports season. Good sportsmanship numbers are up and the WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

FALL SEASON WRAP-UP

Commissioner Laird commended the host sites for state tennis, state cross country and state girls swimming and diving. The events were very competitive and several records were broken. State volleyball and football will conclude in the coming weeks.

STATE MARCHING BAND

Results from the State Marching Band Festival, held October 18th at the Casper Event Center were presented. Eight bands received a Superior rating and nine bands received an Excellent rating.

NFHS NETWORK

The NFHS network will broadcast all of the matches at the state volleyball tournament and all 5 championship football games. The network's coverage at State Cross Country and Girls State Swim was well done and well received by subscribers.

OPEN GYMS AND SUNDAY PARTICIPATION

Commissioner Laird recently sent out a memo clarifying rules regarding open gyms and Sunday participation.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR MINIMIZING HEAD IMPACT EXPOSURE AND CONCUSSION RISK IN FOOTBALL

The National Federation recently released Recommendations and Guidelines for Minimizing Head Impact Exposure and Concussion Risk in Football. The WHSAA will be sending these recommendations out to schools and may look into the safety aspect of the current quarter rule.

8TH GRADE PARTICIPATION

The Board feels that the WHSAA's current rule on not allowing 8th graders to participate at the high school level should continue to be enforced.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting will be held November 18-19, 2014, in Casper at the Ramada Plaza.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR ORIENTATION

A follow-up for new administrators is planned for November 18th in conjunction with the Statewide Scheduling Meeting. New administrators met with the WHSAA in August to go over policies and procedures.

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT

The Student Advisory Council is hosting the 4th Annual State Sportsmanship Summit on November 24, 2014, at the Parkway Plaza in Casper.

WYOMING SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION – NOVEMBER 19, 2014

The WHSAA will have a booth at the Wyoming School Board Association Expo on November 19, 2014. The expo provides a forum for the WHSAA to remind school board members about the importance of high school activities.

NATIONAL AD CONFERENCE – DECEMBER 12-16, 2014

The National Athletic Directors Conference will be in National Harbor, MD, December 12-16, 2014.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Hocker adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m. on November 4, 2014.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
SHON HOCKER

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD