



# WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2016

President Dan Mitchelson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2016, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Janine Bay-Teske (WSBA), Jackson; Mark Broderson, Sundance; Justin Carr, Douglas; Ty Flock, Greybull; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Mike Hansen, Jackson; Keith Harris, Big Horn County School District #1; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Tony Hult, Cody; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Bubba O'Neill, Evanston; Dustin Rees, Mountain View; Susan Rodabaugh, Midwest; Kendra Roeder, Pine Bluffs; Josh Sandlian, Wheatland; Dicky Shanor, State Department of Education; Owen St. Clair, Fremont County School District #14; Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central and Jim Williams (WSBA), Glenrock. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

#### AGENDA

President Mitchelson 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 Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 27-28, 2016, regular meeting.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Mike Lashley from Lingle-Ft. Laramie, Pete Hawkins from Buffalo, Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney and Kevin Koile from WyoPreps.

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## COMMITTEES

### RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Ty Flock, Mike Hansen, Keith Harris, Cliff Hill, Bubba O'Neill and Jim Williams

Ad Hoc Members: Brandon Deromedi, Jason Hansen, Pete Hawkins, Mike Lashley, Jim O'Connor, Shane Schaffner, Bruce Schmidt and Ann Wille.

#### DISCUSSION ON PROPOSALS FOR 2018-19 & 2019-20 RECLASSIFICATION CYCLE

**MOTION:** Mr. Harris moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to take out the proposal that would allow for 16 schools in 4A, 16 schools in 3A, 16 schools in 2A and all the rest in 1A for volleyball, basketball and track during the next reclass cycle as a first reading item at the January district meetings.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### FOOTBALL

The Committee will seek input / feedback from football coaches at the November 17, 2016 football meeting on how best to address football concerns in all classifications for the next reclass cycle.

#### CROSS COUNTRY, GOLF, TENNIS, ALPINE SKIING, NORDIC SKIING AND SWIMMING

**MOTION:** Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to retain the current classification structure for cross country, golf, tennis, alpine skiing, Nordic skiing and swimming for the next reclass cycle and take out as a first reading item at the January district meetings.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### WRESTLING

**MOTION:** Mr. Hansen moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to reclass wrestling into two classifications, with the largest 20 wrestling schools in one class and the remaining wrestling schools in the other, for the next reclass cycle and take out as a first reading item at the January district meetings.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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**RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE (continued)**

SOCCKER

**MOTION:** Mr. Hansen moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to have the largest 14 soccer schools comprise the 4A classification and all remaining soccer schools comprise the 3A classification for the next reclass cycle and take out as a first reading item at the January district meetings.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

2016-17 COMMITTEE GOAL

To limit travel, costs and time out of class and maintain equitable competition as much as possible.

**FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chairman Tony Hult, Mark Broderson, Ty Flock, Keith Harris, Kendra Roeder and Chad Whitworth.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2016-17

**MOTION:** Mr. Broderson moved and Ms. Roeder seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and first quarter report for 2016-17 as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

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### **FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)**

#### APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

**MOTION:** Ms. Roeder moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### 2015-16 FINANCIAL REVIEW

**MOTION:** Mr. Whitworth moved and Mr. Broderson seconded the motion to approve the 2015-16 Financial Review as presented.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### CONCUSSION INSURANCE REPORT

**MOTION:** Ms. Roeder moved and Mr. Broderson seconded the motion to approve allowing the WHSAA to provide concussion insurance to member schools at an additional cost of \$1.50 per student. The total cost of approximately \$45,000 - \$50,000 will be provided by the WHSAA.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

#### 2016-17 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

### **HANDBOOK COMMITTEE**

Chairman Glenn Freeburg, Cliff Hill, Josh Sandlian, Dicky Shanor, Owen St. Clair and Jim Williams.

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**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)**

**RULE 7.8.9 – GOLF COACHING PROPOSAL**

**MOTION:** Mr. St. Clair moved and Mr. Sandlian seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 7.8.9 as follows:

- 7.8.9 *Coaches may give advice to and make themselves available to seek advice from the participants representing that school each day of the competition provided:*
1. *Coaches identify and make themselves known to the rules committee before the start of the competition each day.*
  2. *Coaches may not give advice to, or seek advice from, another school's participants.*
  3. *Coaches may give advice at any time during the stipulated round, and/or during any suspension of play. The advice shall not unduly delay play.*
  4. *Penalty for breach of condition: by participant – two strokes; by a coach – two strokes will be added to the coach's school's score.*
  5. *The tournament director will have a sign-up sheet near the scoring area for each school to identify their coaches each day. Coaches should wear something for identification purposes.*

**MOTION FAILED: \*\***

**RULE 7.16.72 – WRESTLING SEASON PROPOSAL**

**MOTION:** Mr. Sandlian moved and Mr. St. Clair seconded the motion to make Regional Wrestling a one day tournament in all classifications.

**MOTION FAILED: \*\***

**RULE 7.10.11 & 7.10.24 – NORDIC SKI SEASON PROPOSAL**

**MOTION:** Mr. St. Clair moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the proposal to begin the Nordic Ski season on Week 20 and end it on Week 34 and limit skiers to 12 contest days per season, not counting the State Meet, beginning in the 2018 ski season.

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

**RULE 7.10.58 – ALPINE SKI SEASON PROPOSAL**

**MOTION:** Mr. Sandlian moved and Mr. St. Clair seconded the motion to approve the proposal to limit skiers to 12 contest days per season, not counting the State Meet, beginning in the 2018 ski season.

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

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**HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)**

RULE 7.14.70 – INDOOR TRACK SEASON PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Sandlian moved and Mr. St. Clair seconded the motion to approve the proposal to limit each indoor track athlete to 8 track meets per season, not counting the State Meet, beginning in the 2018 indoor track season.

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

RULE 7.14.20 – OUTDOOR TRACK SEASON PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. St. Clair moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the proposal to limit each outdoor track athlete to 10 track meets per season, not counting the Regional and State Meets, beginning in the 2018 outdoor track season.

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

RULE 7.11.36 – SOCCER TIMING PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Sandlian moved and Mr. St. Clair seconded the motion to approve 4A soccer request as follows:

*Beginning with the 2017 4A soccer season, when a scoreboard clock is on-site and available, the official time for all 4A varsity soccer matches will be kept on the clock. Schools should have a clock operator trained on NFHS Soccer signals for stopping/starting the clock.*

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

RULE 7.5.41 – BASKETBALL LOWER LEVEL TOURNAMENT PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. St. Clair moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the proposal to reduce 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade basketball games during the week and not impose the three tournament limit provided tournaments are conducted on Saturdays, beginning in the 2018 basketball season.

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

2016-17 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

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## CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Bubba O'Neill, Janine Bay-Teske, Justin Carr, Mike Hansen, Dustin Rees and Susan Rodabaugh

### RULE 7.8.15 – GOLF SEASON PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Rees moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to approve the proposal to begin the golf season on Week 6 and end it on Week 11 and limit golfers to 10 contest days per season, not counting the State Meet. The Board suspended the rules to allow this to go into effect during the 2017-18 school year.

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

### RULE 7.13.1 – TENNIS SEASON PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Carr moved and Mr. Rees seconded the motion to approve the proposal to begin the tennis season on Week 6 and end it on Week 12 and limit tennis players to 10 contest days per season, not counting the Regional and State Meets. The Board suspended the rules to allow this to go into effect during the 2017-18 school year.

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

### RULE 7.6.15 – CROSS COUNTRY SEASON PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve the proposal to limit cross country runners to 8 contest days per season, not counting the State Meet, beginning in the 2017 cross country season.

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

### RULE 7.12.3 & 7.12.71 – SWIM SEASON PROPOSALS

**MOTION:** Mr. Carr moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to approve the proposal to end the girls' swimming and diving season on Week 18 and end the boys' swimming and diving season on Week 33 and limit all swimmers and divers to 18 contest days per season, not counting the State Meet. The Board suspended the rules to allow this to go into effect during the 2017-18 school year.

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

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**CALENDAR COMMITTEE (continued)**

RULE 7.14.82 – INDOOR SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mrs. Bay-Teske moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve the proposal to add a Sprint Medley Relay to the State Indoor Track Meet, beginning with the next reclassification cycle.

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

RULE 7.14.40 & 41 – OUTDOOR SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY PROPOSAL

**MOTION:** Mr. Carr moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to approve the proposal to add a Sprint Medley Relay to the State Outdoor Track Meet, beginning with the next reclassification cycle.

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

2016-17 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 REPORT**

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

**MOTION:** Mr. Whitworth moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Mick Weist of Sheridan.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Carr moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Lee Igo of Douglas.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Doug Rose of Gillette.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***



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## **ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

### SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Ejection numbers have declined compared to last year. Sportsmanship numbers are down slightly and the WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition.

### PHYSICALS FOR MARCHING BAND PARTICIPANTS

A proposal to require marching band participants to have a physical will be taken out as a first reading item at the January district meetings.

### PIGTAIL DISCUSSION

Volleyball and basketball pigtail games are currently contested on Mondays and Tuesdays. Discussion was heard on whether this practice should continue. The Board felt it would be best for the WHSAA to encourage pigtails to be played on the first day of regional tournaments.

## **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. State volleyball and football will conclude in the coming weeks.

### STATE MARCHING BAND

Results from the State Marching Band Festival, held October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Casper Event Center, were presented. Nineteen bands performed at this year's festival.

### FOOTBALL SCHEDULING

The WHSAA will be scheduling conference football games for the 2017 season. Commissioner Laird will be sending out each school's open dates so schools can begin to line up non-conference opponents.

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### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

#### STATE GOLF CONTINGENCY PLAN

The following proposed contingency plan for state golf will be taken out as a first reading item at the January district meetings:

*The state meet will consist of 36 holes of medal play; eighteen on Friday and eighteen on Saturday. Should weather become an issue, the WHSAA Commissioner or designee will work with the Tournament Director and/or golf pro of the host site to evaluate options to complete the tournament. The proper action will depend on the circumstances in each case. Depending on the weather forecast, the tournament may be moved to the following week or the practice round may be eliminated and the tournament will start on Thursday, with Saturday being used as a backup in case the tournament could not be finished on the previous two days. Should this option be utilized, no one will be allowed to have a practice round. However, once the schools have all arrived at the site and the weather changes to where 36 holes cannot be completed, a minimum of 18 holes will determine the individual and team placing. If 27 holes can be completed, as long as each gender plays the same nine holes, the 27 hole total will be used.*

#### FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAME TIMES

Commissioner Laird solicited input from the Board on whether Rule 7.7.46, which outlines game times and provides an opportunity for schools to mutually agree to an alternate day/time, should be revisited. The Board felt the rule adequately outlines the procedure and encouraged schools to be honest with each other and make compromises if warranted.

#### STATE SPIRIT MUSIC GUIDELINES

The WHSAA recently sent out guidelines which must be followed for schools to comply with federal copyright regulations that arise with the use of music for dance and cheer routines and performances.

#### OPEN GYMS

Due to an increase in inquiries on what is and isn't allowed during open gyms, Commissioner Laird will be sending out information to clarify what is allowed and what may violate the intent of the open gym rule.

#### STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting will be held November 15-16, 2016, in Casper at the Ramada Plaza.

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### COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

#### NEW ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING

A follow-up for new administrators is planned for November 15<sup>h</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> Annual State Sportsmanship Summit on November 21, 2016, at the Parkway Plaza in Casper.

#### WYOMING SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION – NOVEMBER 16, 2016

Commissioner Laird will meet with Superintendents at the School Board Association Convention on November 16, 2016 to discuss the reclass proposals and address questions or concerns.

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

#### NATIONAL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CONFERENCE – DECEMBER 9-13, 2016

The National Athletic Directors Conference will be in Nashville, TN, December 9-13, 2016.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

**MOTION:** Ms. Roeder moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

**MOTION PASSED: \*\***

Informational session, no action was taken.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Mitchelson adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m. on November 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted:

President \_\_\_\_\_  
DAN MITCHELSON

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