

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OCTOBER 30-31, 2007

President Hal Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 30, 2007 in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Keith Bauder, Riverton; Jim English, Torrington; Kay Fackrell, Evanston; Bill Fullmer, Burns; Hal Johnson, Worland; Glen Legler, Casper Natrona; Jim Malkowski (WSBA) Daniel; Stuart Nelson, Platte County School District #1; Tobin Novasio, Ten Sleep; Duane Schopp, Cheyenne; Ken Stoick, Midwest; Don Thomas, Mountain View; Mark Walker (WSBA) Lyman; Russ Wiggam, H.E.M.; John Weigal, Douglas; Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain; Christy Wright, Big Horn; and Orlen Zempel, Kemmerer. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

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

Agenda – no changes and/or additions. – Reports and Audience. **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. Malkowski moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Walker moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 24-25, 2007, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Patrick Schmiedt, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune* and Tracy Boner, WHSAA Auditor, from CPA Advantage in Douglas.

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2006-07 AUDIT

Tracy Boner from CPA Advantage presented the Board with the 2006-07 Auditors' Report and Graph Report. Mrs. Boner explained the graphs and summarized the comments and suggestions presented in the report.

STUDENT HEARINGS

MOTION: Mr. Nelson moved and Mr. Fackrell seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision regarding the transfer request student hearing.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision regarding the eight semester waiver student hearing.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Stuart Nelson, Keith Bauder, Kay Fackrell, Bill Fullmer and Mark Walker.

Ad Hoc Members: Tina Baker, Joel Eskelsen, Jerry Fullmer, Chris Gray, Cliff Hill, Tony Hult, Jim O'Connor and Tom Wilson.

PHILOSOPHY AND GUIDELINES

Chairman Nelson informed the Board that the Committee is putting together a list of priorities that should be considered when classifying schools for the next reclass cycle. Priorities include equity of competition, travel, safety, enrollment, scheduling, school location, and weather concerns. Schools will be surveyed for additional input and will be asked to rank their priorities.

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RECLASS COMMITTEE (Continued)

RECLASSIFICATION PROPOSALS

Reclassification proposals, received to date, were reviewed by the Committee. These proposals will be sent out to all schools for discussion at the next round of District meetings. The Committee will have first reading proposals for consideration to the Board at the April Board meeting.

SARATOGA WRESTLING

MOTION: Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Fullmer seconded the motion to approve Saratoga's request to be moved into the 2A SE classification for wrestling, effective immediately.

MOTION PASSED: **

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Tim Winland, Dan Espeland, Glen Legler, Gerry Maas, Keith Bauder and Stuart Nelson

RULES 4.6.16 AND 9.7.1 – 3 PERSON OFFICIATING CREWS AT CULMINATING EVENTS

MOTION: Mr. Legler moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 4.6.16 and 9.7.1 as follows:

*All classes. Two or three registered officials paid \$55 each. When more than two schools come together to participate during regular season play, schools have the option to negotiate fees with basketball officials. **Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, three person crews will be used for all regional and state tournaments.***

MOTION PASSED: ** FINAL READING

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2007-08

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Legler seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and first quarter report for 2007-08 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Weigal moved and Mr. Winland 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. Weigal seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

2006-07 AUDIT

MOTION: Mr. Winland moved and Mr. Legler seconded the motion to approve the 2006-07 audit as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

RULE 7.11.36 – SOCCER REGULAR SEASON TOURNAMENT PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Legler moved and Mr. Winland seconded the motion to approve proposed Rule 7.11.36 which would institute a tournament rule for soccer in which more than 2 games in a tournament would count only as 2 games toward the total games allowed per season.

MOTION FAILED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

2007-2008 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to make frugal and sound decisions regarding future saving for the building fund; to stay in the black; and to encourage the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner to continue to solicit funding through sponsorships.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Ken Stoick, Jim English, Don Thomas, Christy Wright, Bill Fullmer and Mark Walker

RULE 2.4.4 – CONTAGIOUS DISEASE POLICY

MOTION: Mrs. Wright moved and Mr. English seconded the motion to approve the amended wording of Rule 2.4.4 as follows:

- 2.4.4 *The host school is responsible for cleaning the area in the following manner:*
1. *A solution made from 1 -10 dilution of household bleach **or similar commercial product** should be used.*
 2. *While wearing rubber gloves, personnel should wipe the area clean with towels and then dispose of the towels into a plastic bag.*
 3. *While wearing rubber gloves, personnel should then scrub the area with a solution of disinfectant. Rubber gloves should be disposed into a plastic bag. The user should then wash his/her hands immediately.*
 4. *The referee should then restart the contest as prescribed by the National Federation Rules.*

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE PRACTICE RULE

MOTION: Mr. Thomas moved and Mrs. Wright seconded the motion to approve the clarified wording of Rule 7.7.15 as follows:

- 7.7.15 *The football season will have a first allowable practice date of the Monday of WHSAA Calendar Week 7. The first allowable contest will be on the Thursday of calendar week 9. The State Championship will be on the Saturday of Week 19. The season shall be limited to eleven weeks of competition, including the playoffs.*

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)

All classes in football are limited to nine games which includes the first game of the culminating event playoff series.

*Football teams are allowed to play a scrimmage or game on or after the Saturday of WHSAA week 8 and before the Friday of Week 9. This game or scrimmage will not in anyway affect power rankings or conference records. If a team chooses to play a game it must meet all NFHS and WHSAA rules of play. Scrimmages will be limited to 120 total plays per team. This total will include offense, defense, and special team plays. There may be more that two teams at a scrimmage, however, the 120 total plays is still in effect. **A player must have ten (10) days of practice to participate in the scrimmage or game.***

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 7.8.63 - 4A STATE GOLF ROTATION

MOTION: Mr. English moved and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion to approve the revised 4A golf rotation (Rule 7.8.63) as follows. Please note that Evanston will replace Laramie for the 2008-09 school year:

7.8.63 *The state meet will consist of 36 holes of medal play; eighteen on Friday and eighteen on Saturday. The 4A meet will rotate to Star Valley in 2007-08; Laramie in 2008-09; Cheyenne in 2009-10; Gillette in 2010-11; Riverton in 2011-12; **Laramie in 2012-13**; Casper in 2013-14; Rock Springs in 2014-15; Sheridan in 2015-16; Star Valley in 2016-17; **Evanston in 2017-18.***

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 7.8.63 – 3A STATE GOLF ROTATION

MOTION: Mr. Fullmer moved and Mr. Fackrell seconded the motion to approve the revised 3A golf rotation (Rule 7.8.63) as follows.

7.8.63 *The state meet will consist of 36 holes of medal play; 18 on Friday and 18 on Saturday. The 3A meet will rotate to Jackson in 2007-08; Douglas in 2008-09; Lander in 2009-10; Lyman in 2010-11; **Rawlins in 2011-12**; Worland in 2012-13; **Buffalo in 2013-14**; **Cody in 2015-16**; **Torrington in 2016-17**; **Powell in 2017-18.***

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)

RULE 8.2.2 – MUSIC REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Walker moved and Mr. Fullmer seconded the motion to approve the WMEA proposal to move Douglas, Kelly Walsh and Natrona from the Northeast District to the Platte River District for musical activities.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2007-2008 COMMITTEE GOAL

To look at Rules 6.2.50 and 6.2.51 and explore allowing summer school classes and virtual classrooms to be used to reinstate eligibility due to AYP issues.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Duane Schopp, Jim Malkowski, Russ Wiggam, Orlen Zempel, Tobin Novasio and Kay Fackrell

AMENDED STATE INDOOR TRACK PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to approve the amended state indoor track proposal by the Wyoming Track Coaches Association as follows:

*A State Meet that would encompass one evening and one day of competition **for a one year trial basis.***

*Number of participants for each event – **6 individuals**, except for the **shot put** which would be **8**. Each school would also be allowed to enter **one relay**.*

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Novasio moved and Mr. Zempel seconded the motion to accept a cross-bracketing format for state football playoffs for the next reclass cycle as follows:

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

State Football Playoffs should be set using a cross-bracketing format (West #1 vs. East #4, Etc.) The existing policy of who is the top seed based on East / West successive years would still be used.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

AMENDED PROPOSAL TO HOLD THE STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AT A COLLECTIVE SITE:

MOTION: Mr. Schopp moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to accept the amended proposal to hold the state football championships at a collective site awarded by a bid process as follows:

The WHSAA State Football Championships should be held at a collective site awarded by a bid process through the WHSAA for a one year trial basis.

MOTION FAILED: ** (8-9)

RULE 7.8.77 – 4A GOLF COACHING PROPOSAL

The Committee had no motion on the proposal and directed the Commissioner to take the proposal back to the district meetings after receiving clarification on the wording from the golf coaches.

RULE 7.8.76 – 4A GOLF SPECTATOR POLICY

MOTION: Mr. Zempel moved and Mr. Schopp seconded the motion to approve the 4A Golf Spectator Policy proposal that would allow interested persons to watch 4A golf invitationals, conference meets, and the state meet from the course.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

The Committee specified that additional clarification is needed regarding monitoring the policy.

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

2007-08 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to look at all events in an effort to decrease lost school time. Areas of discussion included:

- (1) Review the 3 day state volleyball format. Look at using an additional facility.
- (2) Move the start date of the fall golf season up one week.
- (3) Review the 3 day regional soccer format.
- (4) Look at holding conference cross country meets on Saturday instead of Friday.
- (5) Encourage schools to hold track meets on Saturdays.

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

OFFICIAL'S MILEAGE FOR 08-09 IS 48.5 CENTS PER MILE

Associate Commissioner Wilson reported that the mileage rate for officials for the 2008-09 school year will be 48.5 cents. This is a non-negotiable rate established by the WHSAA based on state recommendation.

WEEK 0 FOOTBALL CONTESTS

Due to scheduling conflicts with a couple of out of state contests, the WHSAA asked for permission from the Board to schedule 0 week games for a small number of schools. These games would count on that school's record and would create an open week during the season.

MOTION: Mr. Nelson moved and Mr. Schopp seconded the motion to allow the WHSAA to schedule 0 week contests as needed for scheduling purposes.

MOTION PASSED: **

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT QUESTIONS

Associate Commissioner Wilson will review the weight management program at the end of each wrestling rules clinic for all new coaches. An updated assessment schedule will be provided to schools prior to November 16th.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

BASKETBALL EVALUATORS MEETING – NOVEMBER 13

Mr. Wilson will meet with the basketball evaluators, via the WEN, at the conclusion of the basketball rules clinic on November 13. Coaches and officials are welcome to stay for the meeting.

WRESTLING OBSERVATION PROGRAM

The wrestling observation program will continue again this year, with a goal of getting out to more middle school and junior high programs.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

STATE MARCHING BAND

Sixteen bands participated in the State Marching Band Festival on October 13th at the Events Center in Casper.

FALL SEASON WRAP UP

Commissioner Laird reported that the fall season culminating events have gone well so far. Mr. Laird thanked all the host sites for their hard work in making these events possible.

FALL SEASON DISCIPLINE

Commissioner Laird directed the Board to the confidential FYI section of their Board packet where information regarding fall season discipline was located. The WHSAA must follow the rules of the Association and act accordingly, which may cause unfortunate consequences for schools.

PEPSI CONTRACT RENEWAL

The WHSAA and Pepsi have renewed their sponsorship contract for another 3 years. Schools are required to use Pepsi products for WHSAA culminating events.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

FORT WASHAKIE BOYS BASKETBALL REQUEST

Fort Washakie is looking to add some junior varsity boys basketball games to this year's schedule and hopes to have enough players for a varsity schedule next year.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING / NEW ADMINISTRATORS ORIENTATION / LESS THAN 11 MAN FOOTBALL

The statewide scheduling meeting will be held November 6-7, 2007, at the Holiday Inn in Casper. The calendar will roll for the 2008-09 school year, and schools were reminded to plan accordingly.

Two meetings will be held in conjunction with the scheduling meeting. A follow-up for new administrators is planned for Tuesday, November 6th at 10:00 a.m. New administrators met with the WHSAA in August to go over policies and procedures.

The WHSAA will meet with schools interested in less than 11 man football at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 6th. Decisions must be finalized this year so scheduling can be done for 2008-09.

SOUTHWEST SUPERINTENDENTS

Superintendents from the southwest district attended the district meeting on October 16th in Rock Springs, sharing concerns over lost school time, travel issues and classification determination. Commissioner Laird welcomed all Superintendents to attend the quarterly district meetings.

SPORTSMANSHIP PROGRAM

The WHSAA is looking to establish a sportsmanship program made up of students from around the state. The make-up of the committee members would be similar to the WHSAA Board of Directors, with 1 person per class, per district, for a total of 16. The responsibilities of the committee will be to lead District Sportsmanship Summits and eventually a State Sportsmanship Summit. Delegates will be chosen to attend the National Student Leadership Conference in Indianapolis each summer.

MRSA INFORMATION

Commissioner Laird reminded schools to be cognizant of the MRSA guidelines to prevent staph infections. These guidelines can be found on the WHSAA website (www.whsaa.org).

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

ROLE OF THE PRINCIPAL

The NFHS is developing a DVD, in conjunction with the NASSP, to help define the role of the principal when dealing with high school activities.

ACCOUNTABILITY BILL

The U.S. House of Representatives is considering an accountability bill that is tied to Title IX, No Child Left Behind and NCAA procedures. While the premise of the bill is sound, some of the verbiage is not conducive to high school practices. NFHS lobbyists are working with congress on this bill to make it more feasible for high schools.

3A EAST SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT – NOVEMBER 1

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson will attend a 3A East Sportsmanship Summit on November 1st in Glenrock. The summit will address sportsmanship guidelines that can be implemented for all schools in the conference.

WYOMING SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION EXPO BOOTH – NOVEMBER 14

The WHSAA will have a booth at the Wyoming School Board Association Expo on November 14, 2007. 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.

MIAAA SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT – NOVEMBER 16

Commissioner Laird will be the keynote speaker for the MIAAA Sportsmanship Summit on November 16th in Maine. He is hoping to use this summit as to gain ideas for the Wyoming sportsmanship program.

