



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OCTOBER 1, 2019

President Chad Whitworth called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 1, 2019, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Jon Abrams, Laramie County School District #2; Justin Carr, Douglas; Ty Flock, Greybull; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Beau Garcia, Upton; Loren Heth (WSBA), Lusk; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Thomas Jassman, Rock Springs; Bruce Jolley (WSBA), Lovell; Christina Mills, Shoshoni; David Nicholas, Washakie County School District #1; Dustin Rees, Mountain View; Josh Sandlian, Wheatland; Dicky Shanor, State Department of Education, Cheyenne; Ben Smith, Big Horn County School District #1; Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central and Larry Yeradi, Wright. Ron Laird from the WHSAA office was also present.

AGENDA

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

Agenda – addition of a presentation by Riverside to 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. Hill moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Dusty Petz and Travis Santisteven from Moorcroft; Sam Buck from Riverside; Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; and Brady Oltmans from the *Casper Star-Tribune*.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

MOORCROFT PRESENTATION

Dusty Petz and Travis Santisteven from Moorcroft High School asked the Board to allow Moorcroft to be eligible for 9-man football post season play during the 2020 and 2021 football seasons.

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to approve Moorcroft's request.

MOTION FAILED: **

RIVERSIDE PRESENTATION

Sam Buck from Riverside High School asked the Board to allow Riverside to be eligible for 6-man football post season play during the 2019 football season.

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve Riverside's request.

MOTION FAILED: **

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Ben Smith, Cliff Hill, Bruce Jolley, David Nicholas, Terry Snyder and Larry Yeradi.

Ad Hoc Members: Brandon Deromedi, Mike Gregory, Jason Hansen, Mike Lashley, Jim O'Connor, Jerry Schlabs, Ann Wille and Rod Winland.

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Josh Sandlian, Ty Flock, Glenn Freeburg, David Nicholas, Dicky Shanor and Ben Smith

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FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2018-19

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Shanor seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2018-19 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Nicholas moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the April Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Shanor moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM

MOTION: Mr. Shanor moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to approve the Culminating Event Proposal Request Form as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

2020-21 OFFICIALS PAY INCREASE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Nicholas moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve a \$5 per event raise for varsity officials during the regular season and a 1 cent per mile increase to the driver of a 5 man football crew, beginning in the 2020-21 school year.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 4.6.17 & 9.7.2 – FOOTBALL OFFICIALS FEES PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Shanor moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to increase the pay of varsity football officials to \$100 per regular season contest, beginning in the 2020-21 school year.

MOTION PASSED: ** (13-3)

INVESTMENT REPORT

Michael Merback of RBC Wealth Management provided a report on the WHSAA's investment portfolio. He will continue to monitor the WHSAA's investments and make recommendations if changes need to be made.

2019-20 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 Mike Hamel, Justin Carr, Loren Heth, Christina Mills, Terry Snyder and Larry Yeradi.

RULE 7.16.71 – REGIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT SEEDING CRITERIA

MOTION: Mr. Heth moved and Mr. Carr seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to Rule 7.16.71 that would eliminate "Returning state placers at same weight (order of place)" as a regional wrestling seeding criteria.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

ADDING GIRLS SOFTBALL AS A WHSAA SPORT

MOTION: Mrs. Mills moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the addition of Girls Softball as a WHSAA sport beginning in the spring of 2021.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.12.73 – STATE SWIMMING AND DIVING ENTRY AND PLACING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Carr moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 7.12.73 as follows:

Each school may enter only four athletes in each event and no more than one team in each relay. The only way a school may enter more than four athletes in an event is if all athletes have met the qualifying standard in that event. All athletes are eligible to advance and place in the consolation or championship finals in swimming and the final 12 in diving. Only four athletes from each school may score per event.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 5.4.5 – DEAD PERIOD CAMP APPROVAL

MOTION: Mr. Carr moved and Mr. Yeradi seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 5.4.5 as follows:

*There shall be no participation in a specialized sports camp/clinic the two weeks prior to the beginning of a sport season if the student's coach(es) is a clinician.
Exception: A coach may run a camp for the youth (non-high school) of their community and use their high school players to assist, during the two weeks prior to the beginning of a sport season, provided there is no direct instruction to the high school players.*

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2019-20 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Dustin Rees, Jon Abrams, Beau Garcia, Cliff Hill, Thomas Jassman and Bruce Jolley

4A STATE GOLF PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Jassman seconded the motion to approve the proposal that would limit participation at the 4A State Golf Tournament to the top 20 individual golfers, plus individuals from the top 4 teams who are not in the top 20, as determined by a qualifying tournament.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 8.0.54 (8) – STATE SPIRIT POM DANCE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Jassman seconded the motion to approve the State Spirit proposal that would replace the Jazz dance category with a Pom dance category.

MOTION FAILED: **

RULE 7.11.3 – SOCCER SEASON CONTEST LIMIT PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Garcia moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to approve the Soccer Season Contest Limit Proposal that would increase the number of allowed contests to 16.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

STATE SOFTBALL PROPOSAL REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Jassman seconded the motion to accept Gillette's proposal to host the 2021 and 2022 State Softball Tournaments at no cost to the WHSAA.

MOTION PASSED: **

2019-20 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 REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to award Gold Cards to Bill and Michele Doyle of Jackson.

MOTION PASSED: **

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition. Ejection numbers are down slightly from last year.

FOOTBALL CONFERENCES FOR 2020 AND 2021 SEASONS

Football conference alignments were presented for the 2020 and 2021 seasons. AD's from the 9-man schools met recently to determine their conferences. The WHSAA will discuss non-conference schedules with the AD's from 6-man, 2A and 3A schools.

FREE REGISTRATION FOR ANY HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE STUDENT AND ANY FIRST YEAR OFFICIAL

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to allow the WHSAA to offer free registration for any high school or college student and any first year official beginning in the 2020-21 school year.

MOTION PASSED: **

FREE OFFICIALS CAMPS FOR ALL OFFICIALS

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion to allow the WHSAA to offer free officials camps for all officials.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

STATE GOLF AND TENNIS

The first 2 state events of the 2019-20 school year have been completed. Even with some weather challenges, all 3 classes were able to complete 2-day golf tournaments. State Tennis had weather issues as well, with one very long day, but all matches were completed. There was great competition in both events and host sites are commended for a job well done.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

RAWLINS INDOOR TRACK REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to approve Rawlins' request to add Indoor Track beginning in 2020.

MOTION PASSED: **

WASA PAPER APPROVAL REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Abrams seconded the motion for the WHSAA to support WASA's mission to provide education and life readiness in all public schools.

MOTION PASSED: **

SCHOOL REIMBURSEMENTS

Thank you letters received by the WHSAA for the membership reimbursement were shared.

MAXPREPS

A recap of services provided through the MaxPreps/WHSAA partnership was provided. Schools are required to submit scores and rosters.

CONCUSSION INSURANCE

A recap of concussion claims since 2017 was provided.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF OFFICIALS

The WHSAA recently sent a letter to all Superintendents, School Board Chairs, Principals and Activities Directors requesting assistance in recruiting and retaining officials.

SAFE TAGS

Samples of SAFE Tags, a national program endorsed by the NFHS, were handed out to the Board.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

RECLASSIFICATION

The ADM's that will be used for the next reclass cycle were presented. Classification breakdown will remain the same:

Volleyball, Basketball and Track: Largest 16 schools will be 4A, the next 16 will be 3A, the next 16 will be 2A and all remaining schools will be 1A

Football will be comprised of 5 classifications: Largest 10 schools will be 4A, the next 12 schools will be 3A, the next 16 schools will be 2A, the next 14 schools will be 9-Man and the remaining schools, that offer football, will be 6-man (13 schools).

All other sports: Largest 12 schools will be 4A, the next 16 schools will be 3A, the next 20 schools will be 2A and all remaining schools will be 1A.

NFHS NETWORK

The NFHS network will broadcast all upcoming state volleyball matches and all 5 state football championship games.

MUSIC COPYRIGHT LAWS AND LICENSING SUMMIT

The WHSAA is providing a mandatory summit on music copyright laws and licensing requirements for all cheer and dance coaches on October 21, 2019, at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper. The summit will also offer an opportunity for Activities Directors to learn about licensing requirements for playing music at school events.

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES MONTH

October is National High School Activities Month. Commissioner Laird encourages all schools to recognize and show appreciation for all those that make high school activities possible.

STATE MARCHING BAND

The State Marching Band Festival will be held on Saturday, October 19th at the Casper Events Center. The festival will begin at 3:00 p.m.

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COMMISSIONER’S REPORT (Continued)

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

As per the agreement with the University of Wyoming, the first round of football playoffs will be played on Friday (November 1st) and the semi-final games will be played on Saturday (November 9th). The state championships will be held in Laramie on November 15-16, 2019. The 2A championship will be at 12:00 p.m. on Friday the 15th, followed by the 3A championship at 3:00 p.m. The 1A 6-man championship will be played at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 16th, followed by the 1A 11-man championship at 1:00 p.m. and the 4A championship at 4:00 p.m.

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT – NOVEMBER 25, 2019 @ 10:00 A.M.

Members of the Student Advisory Council will host a statewide sportsmanship summit on November 25, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in Casper. Further information will be sent to schools in the near future.

BOARD PICTURE

The group Board picture will be taken at the next meeting on November 5th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Whitworth adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m. on October 1, 2019.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
CHAD WHITWORTH

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD