

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2005

President Kevin Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 27, 2005 in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Charles Auzqui, Wright; Kay Fackrell, Evanston; Bill Fullmer, Burns; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Cliff Hill, Gillette; Richard Hoopes, Star Valley; Terry Hopkin, Riverside; Tony Hult, Cody; Hal Johnson, Worland; Jim Levine, Lyman; Gerry Maas (State Department of Education) Cheyenne; Jim Malkowski (WSBA) Daniel; Kevin Mitchell, Burlington; Stuart Nelson, Platte County School District #1 on Wednesday; Tracy Ragland, Newcastle; Duane Schopp, Cheyenne; Ken Stoick, Midwest; and Russ Wiggam, H.E.M. Ron Laird from the WHSAA office was also present.

AGENDA

President Mitchell 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. Gray moved and Mr. Maas seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Stoick seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2005, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Patrick Schmiedt, the new high school sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*.

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CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney, informed the Board that the WHSAA is pursuing options to obtain a statewide corporate sponsor for all awards and trophies presented at culminating events. A \$30,000 package would include the sponsor's logo on all trophies and medals. An additional \$10,000 would allow the sponsor to advertise on the WHSAA website.

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Kay Fackrell, Cliff Hill, Terry Hopkin, Bill Fullmer, and Tracy Ragland

Ad Hoc Members: Dianne Moser, Jerry Fullmer, Joel Eskelsen, Janet Ragan, Marty Weber, Tom Racette, Greg Stanfield and Don Thomas.

The reclassification committee did not meet.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Chris Gray, Hal Johnson, Gerry Maas, Tony Hult and Stuart Nelson.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2004-05

MOTION: Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Hult seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2004-05 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT FUNDING REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to deny the Guernsey-Sunrise funding request for payment of custodial services during the 2005 1A/2A East Regional Volleyball Tournament.

MOTION PASSED: **

The committee asked Commissioner Laird to advise the East Regional meet directors to confer with meet directors of the West Regional to find ways that costs can be absorbed.

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STATE MARCHING BAND REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Schopp seconded the motion to deny the Wyoming High School All-State Marching Band's request to be partially sanctioned by the WHSAA to allow for transportation reimbursement.

MOTION PASSED: **

Mr. Johnson voted to support the request.

The Board commended the efforts and accomplishments of the Wyoming High School All-State Marching Band, but noted that the WHSAA cannot partially sanction an activity.

2005-2006 COMMITTEE GOAL

To work with the Commissioner to keep a close eye on costs and keep the balance in the black for this fiscal year.

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Ken Stoick, Jim Levine, Charles Auzqui, Terry Hopkin, Bill Fullmer, and Nancy Britton.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND WHSAA RULE 7.5.3

MOTION: Mr. Auzqui moved and Mr. Hopkin seconded the motion to approve the amended wording of WHSAA Rule 7.5.3. as follows:

A player may not participate in more than six (6) quarters on any one day. (Overtime periods are considered part of the fourth quarter.)

EXCEPTION: Regular and post-season tournaments. NOTE: A player who participates in more than the limit shall be disqualified from further play that day. Entering a contest for one live ball period counts as a quarter of participation. As per WHSAA Rule 1.4.2. and 5.0.7 the contest in which a participant exceeds the six quarter limitation shall be forfeited.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

The rule will take effect in the 2005-06 season.

NORTHEAST TENNIS PROPOSAL

Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Fullmer seconded the motion to accept the Northeast Tennis Proposal to amend the wording of WHSAA Rule 7.13.1 as follows:

The WHSAA recognizes one classification in tennis. Member schools may participate in one-day tennis matches throughout the Spring season. One two-day culminating event is allowed during the Spring season.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

REVISE WHSAA RULE 8.0.5 – SPIRIT GROUPS

Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Auzqui seconded the motion to approve the revised WHSAA Rule 8.0.5 – Spirit Groups as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

COACHING CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS 4.5.0, 5.10.4 AND 7.7.14

Mr. Fullmer moved and Mr. Hopkin seconded the motion to approve the wording changes in WHSAA Rules 4.5.0, 5.10.4 and 7.7.14 replacing the Professional Teaching Standards Board with wording describing the role of the local school district in qualifying coaches.

MOTION PASSED: **

5.3.0 AND 5.4.0 OUT OF SEASON PRACTICE AND SPECIALIZED SPORTS CAMPS

The committee recognized the need to revise WHSAA Rules 5.3.0 and 5.4.0, specifically 5.3.3, 5.3.4, 5.3.6 and 5.4.6, to clarify out of season practice and specialized sports camp rules. The committee asked the board to seek recommendations from their district personnel to develop rules that are good for kids, consistent and enforceable.

The committee will propose recommendations at the November Board of Directors meeting.

2005-2006 COMMITTEE GOALS

To look at and rewrite WHSAA Rules 5.3.0 Out of Season Practice and 5.4.0. Specialized Sports Camps.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Duane Schopp, Tracy Ragland, Jim Malkowski, Russ Wiggam, Cliff Hill and Richard Hoopes

NE FOOTBALL PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to accept the Northeast Football Proposal as follows:

Allow WHSAA 4A and 5A football schools to play a scrimmage or game on Saturday of WHSAA week 8 (the second weekend of the season). This game or scrimmage will not in anyway affect power rankings or conference records.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

The WHSAA will set guidelines for these scrimmages.

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

SOUTHWEST FOOTBALL PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve the Southwest Football Proposal as follows:

Allow all WHSAA football schools to play a scrimmage or game on Saturday of WHSAA week 8 (the second weekend of the season). This game or scrimmage will not in anyway affect power rankings or conference records.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

REGIONAL SOCCER BRACKET PROPOSAL

Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Ragland seconded the motion to adopt the Wyoming Soccer Coaches Proposal for a three-day regional soccer tournament to determine the top four teams that will advance to state.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

CULMINATING EVENTS PROPOSAL PROCESS

Changes were made to the Culminating Events Proposal Process during the Executive Council Meeting in July. These changes require that individual proposals must be submitted for each event, and that proposals may be up to a maximum of three years (changed from 5 years).

2005-2006 COMMITTEE GOAL

To improve coordination of all activities and athletic events and to research the possibility of moving to a four sport season, which would include summer schedules and culminating events.

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DISTRICTS

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Maas seconded the motion to award Lifetime Gold Passes to Chuck and Doug Frederick of Guernsey.

MOTION PASSED: **

TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

WEBSITE UPDATE

Technology Director, Scott McCash, reported that the newly designed WHSAA website launched in mid-July and includes an archives of athletics and activities. A newly created map allows the user to click on a Wyoming town and the school name, classification, colors, mascot, address and phone number will pop up. Scoreboards for every fall sport are up and running. Schools are reminded to report scores as soon as possible. This is especially important for computing football power ratings. The WHSAA is looking at corporate sponsorship advertising on individual scoreboards as a revenue source.

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Associate Commissioner Trevor Wilson was out of town. Commissioner Ron Laird presented the following report:

REGIONAL TRACK STARTER

For the past couple of years, coaches have voted to select the starter for State Track. This year, the WHSAA will expand the vote to select the regional track starters as well.

OFFICIALS MILEAGE INCREASE

Due to the recent increase in gas prices, the WHSAA sent out a memo in September asking schools to increase their mileage rate from 37.5 to 40.5 cents per mile. The IRS has increased the mileage rate to 48.5 cents between 9/1 – 12/31.

OFFICIALS MUST BE REGISTERED

Commissioner Laird reminded all schools to make sure they are using officials that are registered with the WHSAA. He noted that swim officials who are certified through the USS, must also be registered with the WHSAA.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Laird reported that the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee has become active again due to the wrestling weight certification program and other sports related concerns, such as concussions and steroid use. All recommendations made by the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee will be brought before the Board for approval.

WRESTLING WEIGHT CERTIFICATION

Information on the Wrestling Weight Certification Program was delivered to all schools at the September district meetings. By rule, the program must be in place for the 2006-07 school year. The WHSAA has chosen to implement the program this year to work out glitches and make adjustments. Testing sites will be set up around the state on November 11, 12, 18 and 19. Transportation to the testing sites is reimbursable. Coaches are urged to educate athletes on the importance of hydration prior to testing.

BADEN BALL BID

Commissioner Laird reported that schools, in compliance with NFHS rules, do not have to use Baden footballs during the regular season. However, according to the WHSAA contract with Baden, all schools must use Baden footballs during the play-offs. The WHSAA is in the process of obtaining top quality Baden footballs to use at these games. Schools may not have a choice of ball brands in the 2006-07 season.

VOLLEYBALL LIBERO

The addition of the libero in volleyball appears to be going smoothly.

STEROIDS – MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE

The WHSAA, in partnership with the NFHS, has taken a proactive stance on steroid awareness. All member schools were given DVD's and materials with a message for parents and a message for athletes and coaches.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

HEADS UP CONCUSSION - CDC

An informational program on concussions has been provided, free of charge, to all member schools by the CDC.

HOME SCHOOL AND STATE FAIR PRACTICE REPORT

Participant numbers for Home Schools and State Fair practices were provided for the Board. Commissioner Laird reported that volleyball traditionally has the most participants during State Fair and thanked Douglas High School for all their extra efforts.

BEST OF STATE CAMPS

The Boys and Girls WHSAA/WCA Best of State Basketball camps were cancelled this summer due to lack of participants. Best of State Volleyball camp was held, but numbers were down. The WCA has decided to offer the camps for one more year. If attendance does not improve, the camps will most likely be discontinued.

SECTION 7 & 8

Commissioner Laird, Associate Commissioner Wilson and President Mitchell recently attended the Section 7 & 8 Meetings in Sedona, AZ. These meetings offer the opportunity to have round table discussions with executives from states in the western region.

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WEEK

Information on National High School Activities Week, October 16-22, was distributed at the September district meetings. Commissioner Laird asked schools to take the opportunity to thank all the people that make high school activities possible.

WHSAA/UW FOOTBALL AGREEMENT

Commissioner Laird reported that despite efforts to avoid conflict, this year's high school football championships are on the same day as the UW vs. BYU football game. The WHSAA will work with schools wishing to play on Friday night or earlier than 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The statewide scheduling meeting will be held November 8-9, 2005 at the Holiday Inn in Casper.

WYOMING SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION EXPO BOOTH –
NOVEMBER 16

The WHSAA will have a booth at the Wyoming School Board Association Expo on November 16, 2005. Commissioner Laird stated that 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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President-Elect Fackrell adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m. on September, 28, 2005.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
KEVIN MITCHELL

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD