

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2007

President Hal Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 25, 2007 in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Keith Bauder, Riverton; Jim English, Torrington; Dan Espeland, Converse County School District #1; Kay Fackrell, Evanston; Bill Fullmer, Burns; Hal Johnson, Worland; Glen Legler, Casper Natrona; Gerry Maas (State Department of Education) Cheyenne; 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.; Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain; Christy Wright, Big Horn; and Orlen Zempel, Kemmerer. Trevor Wilson from the WHSAA office was 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. Maas seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

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

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Associate Commissioner Wilson introduced Patrick Schmiedt, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*; John Gabrielson from WyoPreps in Riverton; George Kay from Casper; Craig Beck, Marissa Root, Carl Manning, Bill Russell and Larry Christiansen from Riverton and Kevin Murphy from Casper.

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AUDIENCES

Riverton Superintendent Craig Beck and representatives from the Riverton School Board, Marissa Root, Carl Manning, Bill Russell and Larry Christiansen, addressed the Board with concerns over Riverton's placement in the current 4A classification alignment. They asked the Board to consider Riverton's size disparity and travel requirements for the next reclass cycle.

Kevin Murphy, from Casper, addressed the Board regarding safety concerns for schools having to travel on I-80.

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.

The reclassification committee did not meet in September. The committee will meet at the October 30, 2007, Board of Directors meeting.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2006-07

MOTION: Mr. Espeland moved and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2006-07 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

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APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

The Committee asked the WHSAA to charge schools that make no effort to collect a gate at culminating events (i.e. soccer regionals) a fee that represents the average gate for the prior three years.

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

MOTION: Mr. Nelson 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: ** FIRST READING

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 6.2.60 – SEMESTER ELIGIBILITY

MOTION: Mr. Walker moved and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 6.2.60 and eliminate Rule 6.2.61 as follows:

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)

6.2.60 *Students ineligible because of scholastic deficiencies from the previous semester shall not be eligible until all grades have been verified by a school official on or after the last day of the current semester provided they have met requirements.*

6.2.61 *Eliminate*

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 2.5.5 – UNCONSCIOUS ATHLETE

MOTION: Mr. English moved and Mrs. Wright seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 2.5.5 as follows:

2.5.5 *UNCONSCIOUS ATHLETE*

Any student who loses consciousness during an event will not be allowed to participate for the remainder of that day. In order to return to practice or play in the future, the student must have medical clearance by a practitioner licensed by the State Board of Medicine (i.e. MD, DO, PA-C).

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 6.6.3 - IMMUNIZATIONS

MOTION: Mr. Fullmer moved and Mr. Walker seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 6.6.3 as follows:

6.6.3 *No pupil shall be eligible to compete in any interscholastic sport unless, within the current school year and preceding any practice, he/she shall have filed a certificate of physical examination with his/her high school principal. The medical examination form is also a parental permission form and must be signed by the parent/legal guardian.*

No pupil shall be eligible to compete in any interscholastic sport or activity unless, within the current school year and preceding any practice, he/she shall have provided proof of immunization as defined in Wyoming Statute 21-4-309.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)

RULE 2.4.4 – CONTAGIOUS DISEASE POLICY

MOTION: Mrs. Wright moved and Mr. Fullmer 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: **FIRST READING

The Committee asked that a list of approved commercial products be supplied to the schools.

FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE PRACTICE RULE

MOTION: Mr. Thomas moved and Mr. English 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. 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: **FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (Continued)

RULE 7.8.63 - 4A STATE GOLF ROTATION

MOTION: Mrs. Wright moved and Mr. English 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: **FIRST READING

2007-2008 COMMITTEE GOAL

To revisit allowing summer school classes 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

RULE 7.9.31 – STATE GYMNASTICS PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Fackrell moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to accept the proposed changes to Rule 7.9.31 as follows:

7.9.31 *Teams shall be limited to a maximum of **five** entries per event. Coaches may enter as many all-around competitors as they wish, but only **five** entries per event.*

We would still score three in each event.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

STATE INDOOR TRACK PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Schopp 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: **FIRST READING

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Fackrell seconded the motion to approve the proposal to move the date of the statewide scheduling meeting back one week as follows:

The All-Class scheduling meeting held during the week of the WHSAA football championships should be moved back a week to coincide with the WCA all-state / all-conference football selection meetings.

MOTION FAILED: ** (9-10)

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:

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: **FIRST READING

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

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

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Fackrell seconded the motion to accept the amended proposal to hold the state football championships at a collective site awarded by a bid process for the next reclass cycle 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 PASSED: **FIRST READING (13-5)

2007-09 COMMITTEE GOAL

To examine the school calendar, as it currently exists, and address issues regarding lost school time.

DISTRICTS

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Legler moved and Mr. Walker seconded the motion to award Lifetime Gold Passes to Gary Jahnke and Loren Jackson of Gillette.

MOTION PASSED: **

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WRESTLING WEIGHT MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT DATES

Associate Commissioner Wilson reported that the wrestling weight management assessment date has been set for November 16th. Schools will receive more information on sites and times at a later date.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Mr. Wilson reported that, to date, the WHSAA has awarded good sportsmanship certificates to 15 athletes and 3 coaches. Four athletes and 1 coach have been ejected, which is comparable to this point last year.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

NFHS PRESIDENT SCHEDULE

Commissioner Laird has been out of the office most of September fulfilling his responsibilities as President of the National Federation of High Schools Board of Directors. Due to travel delays, he was not able to be present at the September WHSAA Board Meeting. Associate Commissioner Wilson presented his report.

SECTION 7 AND 8

Commissioner Laird and Associate Commissioner Wilson recently attended the Section 7 & 8 Meetings in Park City, Utah.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR ORIENTATION

The WHSAA held an orientation workshop for new administrators on August 8, 2007. Those attending felt it was very beneficial in preparing for the upcoming school year. A follow-up meeting will be held during the Statewide Scheduling Meeting in November.

NFHS FUNDAMENTALS OF COACHING

A new sports science curriculum, NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching, was taught at the Wyoming Coaches Association clinic in July. Approximately 85 coaches took the class. The WHSAA was able to add a 20 question test over Wyoming rules and regulations to the curriculum.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

STATE MARCHING BAND

The State Marching Band Festival will be held inside the Casper Events Center on Saturday, October 13, 2007.

WHSAA/UW FOOTBALL AGREEMENT

A copy of the WHSAA/UW football agreement, signed by Commissioner Ron Laird and UW Athletic Director, Tom Burman, was presented.

FOTO-SPORT PHOTOGRAPHY

2006-07 financial reports from Foto-Sport and Shirts and More were presented. Both will continue to offer photos and memorabilia for WHSAA culminating events.

MINIMIZING RISK – A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY DVD

A DVD, entitled *Minimizing Risk – A Shared Responsibility*, developed by the NFHS was shown to the Board.

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WEEK

National High School Activities Week is October 14-20. Mr. Wilson reminded schools to take the opportunity to thank all the people that make high school activities possible.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The statewide scheduling meeting will be held November 6-7, 2007 at the Holiday Inn in Casper. Associate Commissioner Wilson cautioned schools about doing pre-scheduling prior to this meeting, which could result in a school being put on warning.

