

WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 29-30, 2009

President Tim Winland called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 29, 2009, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Keith Bauder, Riverton; Jim English, Torrington; Dan Espeland, Converse County School District #1; Gary Glodt, Upton; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Hal Johnson, Worland; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Jim Levine, Lyman; Jim Malkowski (WSBA) Daniel; Stuart Nelson, Platte County School District #1; Leeds Pickering, (State Department of Education) Cheyenne; Tim Ray, Natrona County School District #1; Jerry Schlabs, Cheyenne East; Owen St. Clair, Wyoming Indian; Mark Walker (WSBA) Lyman; Russ Wiggam, H.E.M; Tom Wilson, Green River; Tim Winland, Rocky Mountain; and Christy Wright, Big Horn. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Winland 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. Malkowski moved and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mrs. Wright moved and Mr. Malkowski seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2009, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Clint Robus, sports reporter for the *Casper Star-Tribune*, and Ethan and Christine Call, parents from Star Valley.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (Continued)

ETHAN AND CHRISTINE CALL

Star Valley parents, Ethan and Christine Call, addressed the Board with concerns and questions they have with rules and policies in their district.

STUDENT HEARINGS

STUDENT HEARING #1

MOTION: Mr. Wilson moved and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision concerning a transfer waiver denial.

MOTION PASSED: **Mr. Bauder abstained from voting.

STUDENT HEARING #2

MOTION: Mr. Hocker moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to uphold the Commissioner's decision concerning a transfer waiver denial.

MOTION PASSED: **Mr. Bauder abstained from voting.

COMMITTEES

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Hal Johnson, Keith Bauder, Dan Espeland, Gary Glodt, Leeds Pickering and Tim Ray.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2008-09

MOTION: Mr. Espeland moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2008-09 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Glodt moved and Mr. Espeland seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORT FROM MIKE MERBACK – INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Mike Merback from RBC Wealth Management reviewed the WHSAA's investment portfolio with the committee. Investments are fairly conservative and recent losses are close to being recouped.

LICENSING RESOURCE GROUP RECOMMENDATION

MOTION: Mr. Espeland moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to approve the contract with Licensing Resource Group, LLC to allow licensing high school merchandise to be sold in national chains.

MOTION PASSED: **

2009-2010 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to ensure the Association stays fiscally sound.

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COMMITTEES (Continued)

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Christy Wright, Jim English, Jim Levine, Jim Malkowski, Stuart Nelson and Owen St. Clair.

RULE 7.4.1 – CULMINATING EVENTS

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Levine seconded the motion to approve new WHSAA Rule 7.4.1 – Culminating Events as follows:

WHSAA RULE 7.4.1 – CULMINATING EVENTS

The WHSAA has full authority and responsibility for all culminating events. The WHSAA may delegate the administration of said events to other parties but reserves the right to determine the time, site, and other conditions which will be required to conduct the culminating events.

Culminating Event administration shall be subject to the direction of the WHSAA but will generally be delegated to Meet Directors. Issues may develop during the course of the Culminating Events which require actions to be taken to ensure the Mission, Values and Culminating Event Philosophy of the WHSAA is achieved. The WHSAA shall have the authority to take such action as it deems necessary to accomplish its objectives including discipline or ejection of participants, coaches, officials, schools and/or guests.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 3.5.2 – UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

MOTION: Mr. Nelson moved and Mr. English seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 3.5.2 – Unsportsmanlike Conduct as follows:

*Any player who has been disqualified from a contest for committing an unsportsmanlike act shall be disqualified for the remainder of that contest, activity, or tournament. In addition, for football, soccer, gymnastics, indoor track, track, cross country, tennis, golf, skiing, and swimming, the player shall be disqualified from the next contest at the level of play from which the player was ejected. The basketball, volleyball, or wrestling contestant shall be disqualified from the next two contests. In all sports, this disqualification shall include all contests at any level until the contestant has served the suspension at the level of play from which the player was ejected and successfully completed the WHSAA Good Standing Buyback Program (See 3.5.25 below). Unsportsmanlike acts either prior to or following a contest will result in similar penalties. A contest shall be defined by the criteria developed by the national governing body whose rules are utilized for **the sport in which the disqualification shall be enforced**. **If the disqualification occurs in the last contest of the season, the player will be required to serve their suspension in the next sport in which they participate.***

MOTION PASSED: ** FIRST READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.7.14 – SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS

MOTION: Mr. Malkowski moved and Mr. Espeland seconded the motion to approve the amended wording of Rule 7.7.14 – Summer Football Camps as follows:

7.7.14 Summer football camps may be conducted at member school facilities and with member school equipment providing all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1. The camp must be held at a time during the WHSAA calendar weeks of 47 through week 3 for 4A schools and week 4 for 1A, 2A and 3A schools.*
- 2. The camp must be staffed by high school football coaches certified by the Professional Teaching Standards Board. Guest clinicians are allowed but must work under the supervision of the camp director.*
- 3. Medical and liability insurance coverage must be in place either by school, coach or parent or all of the aforementioned.*
- 4. Any student who attends a **contact team** football camp must have completed three days of full practice during the immediate five days preceding the camp. **The first two days, players may wear helmets, mouth guards, football shoes, shorts or sweat suits and no contact allowed. The third day, players may wear previously mentioned items as well as shoulder pads and jerseys and contact football dummies and sleds, but no student to student contact is allowed.** Weight room attendance does not meet this requirement. This requirement must be documented in writing by a high school coach certified by the Professional Teaching Standards Board.*
- 5. The camp may only be held for a maximum of three days (excluding the conditioning requirement).*
- 6. The local school district administration must give their approval.*
- 7. A current physical examination form is required to be on file at the school of each student taking part in the camp as a participant. The form must be signed by the appropriate medical personnel and must include a signed parent and student waiver that recognizes the inherent dangers of participating in football.*
- 8. An emergency medical release form must be on file with the camp directors for each participant.*

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2009-10 COMMITTEE GOAL

To stay current on legal issues and how they may pertain to WHSAA policies and to investigate implementing the “Conduct Counts” behavior flyer into the WHSAA handbook.

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COMMITTEES (Continued)

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Shon Hocker, Mike Lashley, Jerry Schlabs, Mark Walker, Russ Wiggam and Tom Wilson.

TRACK ENTRY PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Wiggam moved and Mr. Walker seconded the motion to allow 1A, 2A and 3A teams to increase the number of allowed participants per event at regional track from 3 to 4.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2009-10 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to look at all events in an effort to decrease lost school time.

DISTRICTS

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Levine moved and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to John Crosson of Farson.

MOTION PASSED: **

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

INSURANCE FOR OFFICIALS – WHO IS COVERED?

Associate Commissioner Wilson reported that the NFHS insurance coverage for officials is secondary coverage that applies to all registered officials. Schools may opt to register members of football chain gangs as officials to help cover medical expenses incurred if they are injured while performing their duties.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Sportsmanship numbers are down compared to 2008-09. Mr. Wilson sent out a reminder to all officials to report acts of good sportsmanship. Fewer ejections have been reported compared to this time last year.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULING

Scheduling football games between schools in southeast Wyoming and Nebraska has been difficult due to the states being on different reclass cycles. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Laird will meet with Activities Directors from Nebraska next week to try and work out a solution.

COACHING AT STATE GOLF

Very few coaches participated in coaching their players during the recent State Golf tournaments.

6-MAN FOOTBALL

MOTION: Mr. Lashley moved and Mr. Wiggam seconded the motion to allow the WHSAA to pursue 6-man football conference discussions prior to scheduling for 2010.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

TCT WEBSITE

TCT West's website, www.mywyoming.org, will be used to video stream WHSAA state events.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

CORPORATE SPONSOR UPDATE

Commissioner Laird reported that State Farm will continue to sponsor WHSAA awards and trophies. Other corporate sponsors include Pepsi, Foss Motors and the Wyoming Army National Guard.

TEACHING AND MODELING BEHAVIOR

The WHSAA is looking to replace the current buy back program for coaches ejected from a contest with a program on teaching and modeling behavior, provided by the NFHS. The course costs \$20 and takes approximately 1 hour to complete. Coaches would need to submit a certificate of completion before being allowed to coach.

DOUGLAS SOCCER REQUEST

MOTION: Mrs. Wright moved and Mr. English seconded the motion to allow Douglas to participate in 3A soccer at the junior varsity level for 2009-10 and at the varsity level in 2010-11.

MOTION PASSED: **

H1N1 FLU (SWINE FLU)

Commissioner Laird reported that the WHSAA will take a proactive stance on H1N1 flu and implement WHSAA Rule 2.6.0 – Teams/Individuals Unable to Arrive for Scheduled Competition at a Culminating Event, for any school that is not able to compete in a culminating event due to the illness.

NFHS STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Commissioner Laird and 5 members of the Student Advisory Council attended the National Leadership Conference this summer in Indianapolis. Council members learned skills that will be used to conduct statewide sportsmanship summits.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

CHIROPRACTORS ADDED TO SPORT PHYSICAL LIST

Through correspondence between the WHSAA and the State Board of Medicine and the State Chiropractic Board, it was determined that chiropractors are trained to give sports physicals.

PHOTOGRAPHERS AT STATE WRESTLING

Mr. Laird, Mr. Wilson and several Board Members met with Jim Angell of the Wyoming Press Association over the summer to address concerns about photographers at state wrestling. A compromise was reached that will allow Mr. Angell to check out 4 media passes at a time to be used by photographers.

VIRTUAL SCHOOLS

Wyoming has two new schools allowing students to take virtual classes. If a student wants to participate in activities in a home district that has not signed a "Memorandum of Understanding", the student would be given the option to join the WHSAA as an affiliate member using the same process as home school students.

JOIN THE RIDE UPDATE

Student Advisory Council members developed a Conduct Counts flyer and Sportsmanship Warning Card to be used by schools to promote good sportsmanship. District sportsmanship summits will be held throughout the state in November.

SECTION 7 & 8

Commissioner Laird recently attended the Section 7&8 meetings, which brings together the executive directors of the 11 westernmost states. The meetings provide a good forum for sharing ideas.

STATE MARCHING BAND

The State Marching Band Festival will be held at the Casper Events Center on Saturday, October 17, 2009.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (continued)

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS – VIDEO BOARD PHOTOS

The University of Wyoming has requested individual player photos to display on their video board during the state football championships. All teams are encouraged to send a CD of photos to Scott McCash at the WHSAA office as soon as possible.

FOTO-SPORT AND SHIRTS & MORE

The financial reports from Foto-Sport and Shirts & More were presented. Both will continue to offer photos and memorabilia at WHSAA culminating events.

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WEEK – NATIONAL OPEN DOOR DAY

National Open Door Day is scheduled for Friday, October 16th, in conjunction with National High School Activities Week. Schools that are not in session on the 16th may promote this activity on the 15th.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The statewide scheduling meeting will be November 10-11, 2009, at the Ramada Plaza Riverside. A new scheduling format will be used this year.

WYOMING SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION EXPO BOOTH – NOV. 19

The WHSAA will have a booth at the Wyoming School Board Association Expo on November 18, 2009. 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.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Winland adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m. on September 30, 2009.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
TIM WINLAND

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD