



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 23, 2024

President Beau Garcia called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Keith Bauder, Wyoming Indian; Matt Davidson, Big Horn County School District #1; Robert Erickson, Star Valley; Beau Garcia, Upton; Will Gray, Pine Bluffs; Mike Hamel, Carbon County School District #1; Loren Heth (WSBA), Lusk; Terry Hooker, Casper; Dustin Hunt, Hot Springs County School District #1; Madison Lacey, State Department of Education; Mike Lashley, Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Ryan Mackey, Douglas; Ryan Mader, Buffalo; Carl Manning (WSBA), Riverton; Reggie Miller, Riverton; Max Mills, Shoshoni; Barry Ward, Cheyenne and Larry Yeradi, Wright.

Trevor Wilson and Chad Whitworth from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Garcia 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. Yeradi moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Mills seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Wilson introduced Serol Stauffenberg of Lander, Ron Wagner of Laramie and Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney.

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COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chair Ryan Mackey, Robert Erickson, Mike Hamel, Ryan Mader, Max Mills and Damien Smith

Ad Hoc Members: Brandon Deromedi, Kasey Garnhart, Mark Gillies, Pat Neely, Dustin Rees, Jerry Schlabs, Nolan Tracy and Tim Williams

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair Reggie Miller, Matt Davidson, Madison Lacey, Ryan Mackey, Damien Smith and Barry Ward

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND THIRD QUARTER REPORT 2023-24

MOTION: Mr. Davidson moved and Mr. Ward seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and third quarter report for 2023-24.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Ms. Lacey moved and Mr. Davidson seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the February Board Meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Mr. Mackey moved and Ms. Lacey seconded the motion to approve the financial reports as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF 2024-25 BUDGET

MOTION: Mr. Davidson moved and Mr. Mackey seconded the motion to approve the 2024-25 budget as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF TICKET PRICES FOR 2024-25

MOTION: Mr. Ward moved and Ms. Lacey seconded the motion to eliminate session fees at culminating events and only offer a daily pass or a tournament pass, with no increase in ticket prices, beginning in 2024-25.

MOTION PASSED: **

COMMISSIONER'S CONTRACT EXTENSION

MOTION: Mr. Mackey moved and Mr. Ward seconded the motion to approve the Commissioner's salary of \$145,000 for 2024-25 and extend his contract through 2026-27.

MOTION PASSED: **

2023-24 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black and to work with Mr. Wilson, Mr. Bennick and Mr. Christensen on monitoring the WHSAA's investments.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chair Terry Hooker, Mike Hamel, Loren Heth, Dustin Hunt, Max Mills and Larry Yeradi

RULE 2.4.7 – EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Heth moved and Mr. Hunt seconded the motion to approve new Rule 2.4.7 that would require schools to share Emergency Action Plans for all practice and competition venues / locations.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 7.8.9 – GOLF COACHING CERTIFICATION PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Mills moved and Mr. Hamel seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording to Rule 7.8.9 as follows:

Up to 3 coaches per team can coach and must be recognized by their school district as coaches.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

2023-24 COMMITTEE GOAL

Continually evaluate fair play and equity throughout all WHSAA events.

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chair Will Gray, Keith Bauder, Robert Erickson, Mike Lashley, Ryan Mader and Carl Manning

1A/2A SHOT CLOCK PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Manning moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to approve implementing a shot clock in all girls and boys 1A and 2A basketball contests beginning with the 2026-27 season.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 7.8.63 – 2A STATE GOLF PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Erickson moved and Mr. Mader seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 7.8.63 recommending that 2A state golf be hosted at an 18 hole course.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENT COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF 2024-25 CALENDAR

MOTION: Mr. Mader moved and Mr. Bauder seconded the motion to approve the 2024-25 calendar as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

2023-24 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue work on the event calendars to help the needs of students involved in activities while keeping budgets, time out of the classroom, travel, and the health and safety of all involved in the decision-making process.

DISTRICT REPORT

MOTION: Mr. Hunt moved and Mr. Miller seconded the motion to approve a Lifetime Gold Pass to Robyn Heth of Niobrara County.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Erickson moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve a Lifetime Gold Pass to Mike Erickson of Encampment.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Hooker moved and Mr. Erickson seconded the motion to approve a Lifetime Gold Pass to Merle Lester of Evanston.

MOTION PASSED: **

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Max Mills was elected as the 2024-25 President-Elect.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Sportsmanship recognition numbers are up and ejections are comparable to this time last year. To date, there have been no coach ejections. The WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition.

STATE TRACK AND FIELD

Mr. Whitworth has been working with the Natrona County School District Athletics / Activities office to assign workers for the upcoming State Track Meet. Mr. Whitworth commended Terry Hooker and his staff for all their hard work securing volunteers for the culminating events held in Casper each year.

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

New Student Advisory Council members will be announced soon. Current and newly selected members will meet on May 21, 2024.

NFHS NETWORK

The NFHS Network has launched a new Phone Support channel that should provide schools with a quicker and more efficient response time for resolving issues.

OFFICIALS RECRUITMENT NUMBERS

Mr. Whitworth presented a spreadsheet of officiating inquiries received throughout the year. From the 69 inquiries received, 10 started the process and 18 completed registration.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

WINTER SEASON REPORT

Commissioner Wilson reported that the winter culminating events went well and gates were very good.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

CULMINATING EVENT AWARDS

Discussion was heard on whether culminating event medals should be upgraded. The Board felt the medals should remain the same.

STATE INDOOR TRACK

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Mader seconded the motion to approve going to a 3-day event for State Indoor Track, with a format similar to state swimming, beginning with the 2025 meet.

MOTION PASSED: **

WRESTLING UPDATE

MOTION: Mr. Hamel moved and Mr. Hunt seconded the motion to suspend the rules and approve a rule proposal on first reading.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Hunt seconded the motion to remove Rules 7.17.5 and 7.17.92 from the WHSAA handbook

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

CONCUSSION INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR 2024-25

MOTION: Mr. Mills moved and Mr. Hooker seconded the motion to renew the Concussion Insurance Program offered to all schools for 2024-25.

MOTION PASSED: **

GUERNSEY-SUNRISE GOLF REQUEST FOR 2024-25

MOTION: Mr. Ward moved and Mr. Hamel seconded the motion to approve Guernsey-Sunrise's request to add golf beginning in 2024-25.

MOTION PASSED: **

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS – FRIDAY, FRIDAY

In cooperation with the UW football schedule, the 2024 WHSAA football playoff games will be played on Friday, November 1, 2024 and Friday, November 8, 2024. The state championships will be played Friday and Saturday, November 15-16, 2024.

SUMMER MEETING DATES:

- NFHS Summer Meeting: June 28 – July 2 in Boston, MA
- WHSAA Executive Council Meeting: July 8 – Golf; July 9 – Meeting
- WCA Coaches Clinic: July 15-20 in Casper
- New Administrator Training: August 14 at the WHSAA Office

SOFTBALL UPDATE

Activities Directors from softball schools met on April 22, 2024 and voted on a North / South conference alignment with 8 schools in each conference. A modified double elimination regional tournament will be held on May 16-17, 2025.

RBC FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Association is in good financial standing with a \$90,000 investment profit since September.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Mackey seconded the motion to go into Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Manning seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session.

MOTION PASSED: **

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MOTION: Mr. Yeradi moved and Mr. Heth seconded the motion to waive the 15-day rule, as outlined in Article XII, and allow an appeal hearing on May 1, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

MOTION PASSED: **

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Garia adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m. on April 23, 2024.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
BEAU GARCIA

Commissioner _____
TREVOR WILSON