



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 2015

President Terry Burgess called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 3, 2015, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Mark Broderson, Sundance; Terry Burgess, Sheridan County School District #2; Kevin Christopherson (WSBA), Casper; Ty Flock, Greybull; Glenn Freeburg, Guernsey-Sunrise; Chris Gray, Glenrock; Jeremy Hill, Riverton; Shon Hocker, Big Horn County School District #1; Tony Hult, Cody; Dan Mitchelson, Farson-Eden; Todd Quigley, Newcastle; Bubba O'Neill, Evanston; Dustin Rees, Mountain View; Susan Rodabaugh, Midwest; Kendra Roeder, Pine Bluffs; Dicky Shanor, State Department of Education; Owen St. Clair, Fremont County School District #14; Chad Whitworth, Cheyenne Central and Jim Williams (WSBA), Glenrock. Trevor Wilson and Ron Laird from the WHSAA office were also present.

AGENDA

President Burgess 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. Freeburg moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Hocker moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2015, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Bob Despain, WHSAA Board Attorney; Kevin Koile from WyoPreps and Scott Buckingham from Lenhart-Mason in Casper.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

SCOTT BUCKINGHAM – FINANCIAL REVIEW

Scott Buckingham from Lenhart-Mason and Associates provided the Board with the 2014-15 Financial Review Report and Graph Report. Mr. Buckingham explained the graphs and summarized the findings of the review.

COMMITTEES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Dan Mitchelson, Jeremy Hill, Tony Hult, Bubba O’Neill, Dustin Rees and Jim Williams.

Ad Hoc Members: Mike Hanson, Cliff Hill, Mike Lashley, Bruce Miller, Jim O’Connor, Shane Schaffner, Bruce Schmidt and Ann Wille.

The Reclassification Committee did not meet.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chairman Shon Hocker, Mark Broderson, Chris Gray, Tony Hult, Dan Mitchelson and Chad Whitworth

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FIRST QUARTER REPORT 2015-16

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Mitchelson seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and first quarter report for 2015-16 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

MOTION: Mr. Broderson moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to approve the checks written since the September 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: **

2014-15 FINANCIAL REVIEW

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Broderson seconded the motion to approve the 2014-15 Financial Review as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

WHSAA INVESTMENT POLICY

MOTION: Mr. Mitchelson moved and Mr. Broderson seconded the motion to approve the proposed changes to the WHSAA Investment Policy as per recommendation from the Association's financial reviewer.

MOTION PASSED: **

2015-16 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Chairman Kendra Roeder, Glenn Freeburg, Jeremy Hill, Dicky Shanor, Owen St. Clair and Jim Williams.

RULE 7.10.73 – ALPINE SKIING PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 7.10.73 as follows:

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HANDBOOK COMMITTEE (continued)

- b. *In the second run of each race the **ten** fastest varsity finishers from the first run will start in reverse order of finish with the remainder of the varsity fields starting in order of their finish.*

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 8.0.54 – DANCE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. St. Clair seconded the motion to drop the Wyoming dance rules from Rule 8.0.54 and adhere to the NFHS dance rules only, effective for the 2016 State Spirit competition.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

2015-16 COMMITTEE GOAL

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

CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE

Chairman Todd Quigley, Kevin Christopherson, Ty Flock, Bubba O'Neill, Dustin Rees and Susan Rodabaugh

RULE 7.11.25 – SOCCER SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Rees seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 7.11.25 to move the start date for soccer back to week 36 and the state tournament back to week 46, beginning in the 2017 soccer season.

MOTION PASSED: **FINAL READING

RULE 7.8.76 – SPECTATORS ON THE COURSE DURING TOURNAMENT PLAY PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Flock moved and Mr. Christopherson seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 7.8.76 addressing spectators on the golf course during tournament play as follows:

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

7.8.76 SPECTATORS ON THE COURSE DURING TOURNAMENT PLAY

1. *As spectators enter the tournament venue they will be given a list of Wyoming High School golf “spectator guidelines” and be required to sign-in (indicating they understand the rules and risk). **Lanyards will be made available with policy so spectators can visibly display that they have agreed to the guidelines.** This will be done on all tournament days. Coaches are expected to share these guidelines with spectators and fans from their school.*
2. *No spectator carts are allowed on the course with the following exception: If a spectator has a disabling condition they may rent a cart from the pro shop but will not be allowed to carry another spectator in that cart. Questions of disabling conditions and carts will be handled by the tournament director.*
3. *Spectators **MUST** remain in designated viewing areas, on the cart paths or at least 25 yards from all contestants at all times. Spectators are not allowed on the tee, ~~fairway~~ or greens at any time. **Tournament directors reserve the right to not allow spectators on their course at any time.***
4. *Spectators are specifically instructed not to give any advice or rulings ~~or have any contact~~ with players. Any verbal and non-verbal contact could be construed as giving advice. Therefore, conversations with players in any form are not permitted. A two (2) stroke penalty may be assessed by the Rules Committee for violation. **Spectators may assist in searching for golf balls to help speed up pace of play.***
5. *Spectators must understand there is a risk of injury and assume that risk while they are on or near the golf course.*
6. *Cell phones must be set on silent and cannot be used to communicate with any player.*
7. *Coaches will be available to monitor and enforce spectator rules ~~on assigned holes~~, as part of the tournament staff, determined by the meet director.*

*~~If a spectator is in violation of these WHSAA Guidelines, tournament staff will escort the spectator back to the clubhouse.~~ **Enforcement of this policy will be implemented as follows: 1st offense – verbal warning; 2nd offense – the spectator will be asked to leave the golf course.***

For a serious breach of the spectator policy, decisions on future suspensions will be left to the discretion of WHSAA staff.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

2015-16 COMMITTEE GOAL

To begin to explore using the new facilities in Natrona County School District #1 for culminating events.

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DISTRICTS

GOLD CARD REQUESTS

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to award a Lifetime Gold Pass to Barb Schutt of Wheatland.

MOTION PASSED: **

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Good sportsmanship numbers are up considerably from last year and the WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition. Ejections are up slightly from last year but there have been very few ejections in the last month.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

FALL SEASON WRAP-UP

Commissioner Laird commended the host sites for state tennis, state cross country and state girls swimming and diving. The events were very competitive. State volleyball and football will conclude in the coming weeks.

STATE MARCHING BAND

Results from the State Marching Band Festival, held October 17th at the Casper Event Center, were presented. Nineteen bands performed this year with nine bands receiving a Superior rating, eight bands receiving an Excellent rating and two bands receiving a Good rating.

ILLINOIS CONCUSSION LAW SUIT

The Illinois Concussion Law Suit was recently dismissed with prejudice, which is a victory for all state associations.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

2A STATE GOLF – MOORCROFT

Moorcroft will host the 2016 2A State Golf Tournament at the Gillette Country Club.

RIVERTON'S HARDSHIP REQUEST

Commissioner Laird approved Riverton's hardship request to grandfather the current Combination School Agreements Riverton has with Shoshoni and will allow them to remain in the 3A Classification for 2016-17. Riverton has opted up to the 4A classification in boys golf for 2016-17 and 2017-18.

STATE GOLF ROTATION

Because Riverton is opting up in golf for 2016-17 and 2017-18, the 3A state golf rotation was adjusted. Powell will host in 2016, Douglas will host in 2017 and Riverton will host in 2018.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP – NO 4A SCHOOLS IN THE NORTHWEST

With Riverton moving to 3A for the next reclass cycle, there will not be a 4A representative in the Northwest District. Jackson has agreed to move to the Northwest District and be the 4A representative.

FINE DESIGNS

Sales reports from Fine Designs for state golf and state tennis were presented. Sales have been great at all the culminating events so far this fall and the new company has been very good to work with.

LINGLE AND MOORCROFT'S RESPONSE LETTERS

Letters of concern from Lingle-Ft. Laramie and Moorcroft regarding the reclass decisions from the last Board meeting were presented.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting will be held November 17-18, 2015, in Casper at the Ramada Plaza.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

NEW ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING

A follow-up for new administrators is planned for November 17th in conjunction with the Statewide Scheduling Meeting. New administrators met with the WHSAA in August to go over policies and procedures.

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT

The Student Advisory Council is hosting the 5th Annual State Sportsmanship Summit on November 23, 2015, at the Parkway Plaza in Casper.

WYOMING SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION CONVENTION – NOVEMBER 18, 2015 - RESOLUTION

The WHSAA will have a booth at the Wyoming School Board Association Expo on November 18, 2015. The expo provides a forum for the WHSAA to remind school board members about the importance of high school activities.

Commissioner Laird will send a letter to Superintendents and the Secondary Principals Association stating the WHSAA's position on the proposed Resolution Supporting Prioritization of Classroom Instructional Time prior to the convention.

NATIONAL AD CONFERENCE – DECEMBER 11-15, 2015

The National Athletic Directors Conference will be in Orlando, FL, December 11-16, 2015.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Burgess adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m. on November 3, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
TERRY BURGESS

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD