



WYOMING HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

President Terry Burgess called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 29, 2015, in the WHSAA Board Room.

The following members were present: Mark Broderson, Sundance; Terry Burgess, Sheridan County School District #2; 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; 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. Gray moved and Mr. Hocker seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Freeburg moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2015, regular meeting.

MOTION PASSED: **

REPORTS AND AUDIENCE

Commissioner Laird introduced Becky Waters, Dusty Petz and Charlie Williams from Moorcroft; Boyd Brown, Cliff Hill and Alex Ayers from Campbell County; Shane Schaffner from Riverside; Bruce Miller from Worland; Mike Hansen from Jackson; Mike Lashley from Lingle-Ft. Laramie; Jim O'Connor from Sundance; Byron Oedekoven and Rhea Parson from the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police; Jack Nowlin from the *Casper Star-Tribune* and Kevin Koile from WyoPreps.

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REPORTS AND AUDIENCE (continued)

WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF SHERIFFS AND CHIEFS OF POLICE

Byron Oedekoven, Executive Director and Rhea Parsons, Marijuana Coordinator of the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police spoke to the Board about their educational campaign on the harmful health effects and negative social consequences of marijuana. The Association asked the WHSAA to sign a Statement of Support that would allow them to provide education materials to schools.

CAMPBELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Boyd Brown, Superintendent for Campbell County School District #1, updated the Board on the progress of their second high school in Gillette. The building is expected to open in the fall of 2017 and plans to offer 4A athletic and activities programs. Mr. Brown requested that the WHSAA allow Campbell County High School to have additional sophomore and/or junior varsity teams in 2016-17 to prepare for two varsity programs when the new school opens.

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.

RECLASSIFICATION NUMBERS – CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee supported the conference recommendations proposed by the WHSAA for 2016-17 and 2017-18. The committee asked the WHSAA to communicate with Tongue River to see if they will move from the East to the West, in all sports except football, to even out the conferences.

JACKSON REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Hult moved and Mr. O'Neill seconded the motion to approve Jackson's request to stay in the 3A Classification for the next reclass cycle.

MOTION FAILED: **

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RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE (continued)

MOORCROFT REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Rees moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to approve Moorcroft's request to participate in 1A 11-Man football and be eligible for post season play for the next reclass cycle.

MOTION FAILED: **

LINGLE-FT. LARAMIE REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. Hill moved and Mr. Williams seconded the motion to approve Lingle-Ft. Laramie's request to opt down to 6-Man football and be eligible for post season play for the next reclass cycle.

MOTION FAILED: **

RIVERSIDE REQUEST

MOTION: Mr. O'Neill moved and Mr. Rees seconded the motion to approve Riverside's request to opt down to 6-Man football and be eligible for post season play for the next reclass cycle.

MOTION FAILED: **

BIG HORN AND PINE BLUFFS CONCERN

Big Horn and Pine Bluffs submitted letters of concern regarding 2A schools Upton and Sundance combining to play football in the 1A classification. Commissioner Laird explained that the combination does comply with WHSAA rules, but invites schools with a concern to submit a proposal for a rule change addressing this matter.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (continued)

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ANALYSIS AND FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2014-15

MOTION: Mr. Gray moved and Mr. Whitworth seconded the motion to approve the budget analysis and fourth quarter report for 2014-15 as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF CHECKS WRITTEN

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

MOTION PASSED: **

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MOTION PASSED: **

CULMINATING EVENT PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM

MOTION: Mr. Broderson moved and Mr. Gray seconded the motion to approve the Culminating Event Proposal Request Form as presented.

MOTION PASSED: **

INVESTMENT REPORT

Michael Merback of RBC Wealth Management reported to the committee on the WHSAA's financial investments. Due to the volatility of the market, Mr. Merback will attend the February meeting to discuss whether investments should be adjusted.

2015-16 COMMITTEE GOAL

To continue to stay in the black.

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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: Ms. Roeder moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 7.10.73 as follows:

- 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: **FIRST READING

RULE 8.0.54 – DANCE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Ms. Roeder moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to drop the Wyoming dance rules from Rule 8.0.54 and adhere to the NFHS dance rules only.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.5.41 – BASKETBALL 20 GAME LIMIT PROPOSAL

MOTION: Ms. Roeder moved and Mr. Freeburg seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 7.5.41 and allow no more than 20 basketball contests per season.

MOTION FAILED: **(4-11)

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

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CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS COMMITTEE (continued)

RULE 8.0.52 – SPIRIT SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Flock seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording of Rule 8.0.52 that would create a fall and winter season for spirit groups to control practice time.

MOTION FAILED: **

RULE 7.5.15 – BASKETBALL START DATE PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Flock moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to approve the proposed wording change to Rule 7.5.15 that would allow practice to start on the Monday of Calendar Week 21 (Thanksgiving week) with Thursday – Saturday being a mandatory no contact period.

MOTION FAILED: **(7-8)

RULE 7.11.25 – SOCCER SEASON PROPOSAL

MOTION: Ms. Rodabaugh moved and Mr. Flock 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.

MOTION PASSED: **FIRST READING

RULE 7.14.82 – INDOOR TRACK WEIGHT THROW PROPOSAL

MOTION: Mr. Flock moved and Ms. Rodabaugh seconded the motion to approve adding the weight throw to the events contested at the State Indoor Track and Field Meet.

MOTION FAILED: **(6-9)

2015-16 COMMITTEE GOAL

To evaluate Indoor Track and look at breaking into 3A and 4A divisions for the state meet.

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ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

SPORTSMANSHIP / EJECTION REPORT

Good sportsmanship numbers are comparable to those from last year and the WHSAA will continue to remind officials and administrators to submit acts of good sportsmanship for recognition. There have been nine player ejections so far this year, with the majority coming from freshman football players.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

STATE GOLF

The State Golf Tournaments went well at all three locations. The weather was great and the individual and team contests were very competitive.

2A STATE GOLF

Moorcroft is scheduled to host the 2016 2A State Golf Tournament and planned to play the tournament at the Pine Haven Golf Course. The 2A golf coaches and the WHSAA feel the course is not an appropriate venue. The WHSAA will send a letter to Moorcroft giving them the option to move the tournament to a different location if they still wish to host.

STATE VOLLEYBALL

The State Volleyball sport court floor is scheduled to be placed over the ice at the Casper Events Center. The same set up was used at the recent Casper Invitational Volleyball Tournament and concerns were raised on safety and overall conditions for participants and fans. The WHSAA will meet with the Casper Events Center to see if the ice can be removed or adjustments made for the State Tournament.

REGION IX BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AND STATE 1A/2A BASKETBALL

The Region IX Basketball Tournament and the WHSAA State 1A/2A Basketball Tournament will be at the same time in 2016. If Casper College earns the right to host, Thunderbird Gym at Casper College will not be available. Should this be the case, Douglas High School will replace Casper College for the 1A/2A State Tournament.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

BYRON OEDEKOVEN'S REQUEST

The Board approved the Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police request to sign the Statement of Support and receive educational information on marijuana.

CAMPBELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST

The Board approved Campbell County School District's request to allow the high school at which a sophomore, junior or senior attends at the start of the 2017-18 school year to establish their WHSAA eligibility and to have additional sophomore and junior varsity teams during the 2016-17 school year to prepare for the opening of the new high school in 2017.

ANYONE CAN SAVE A LIFE

"Anyone Can Save a Life" program materials were delivered to schools at the district meetings. Commissioner Laird urged schools to develop and implement emergency action plans. The WHSAA will follow up with schools at the next round of district meetings.

FINE DESIGNS

Fine Designs is the new memorabilia provider for the WHSAA. They did very well at their first event, state golf, and have established an online store accessible through the WHSAA website.

NFHS NETWORK

The NFHS Network will be cutting back on some coverage of events due to lack of revenue. Commissioner Laird encouraged schools to take advantage of the School Broadcast Program offered by the network.

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES MONTH

The NFHS has designated the month of October as National High School Activities Month to help schools throughout the nation promote the values inherent in high school athletic and performing arts activities and recognize all the people who provide these opportunities for kids.

STATE MARCHING BAND

The State Marching Band Festival will be held on Saturday, October 18th at the Casper Events Center. The festival will begin at 3:00 p.m. with 19 bands expected to perform.

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FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

As per the agreement with the University of Wyoming, the first round of football playoffs and the semi-final games will be played on Fridays (October 30th and November 6th). The state championships will be held in Laramie on November 13-14, 2015. The 2A championship will be at 12:00 p.m. on Friday the 13th, followed by the 3A championship at 3:00 p.m. The 1A 6-man championship will be played at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 14th, followed by the 1A 11-man championship at 1:00 p.m. and the 4A championship at 4:00 p.m.

STATE SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT – NOVEMBER 23, 2015 @ 10:00 A.M.

Members of the Student Advisory Council will host a statewide sportsmanship summit on November 23, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at the Parkway Plaza in Casper. Further information will be sent to schools in the near future.

FOTO-SPORT AND SHIRTS-N-MORE

Year-end financial reports for Foto-Sport and Shirts-N-More were presented.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

It is no longer cost effective to have an official WHSAA photographer at state events. The WHSAA may look into contracting with a photographer at the State Track Meet to alleviate congestion on the field.

STATEWIDE SCHEDULING MEETING

The Statewide Scheduling Meeting will be held November 17-18, 2015, in Casper at the Ramada Plaza Riverside. The time schedule will be sent to schools soon.

BOARD PICTURE

The group Board picture will be taken at the next meeting on November 3rd.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT (Continued)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Burgess adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. on September 29, 2015.

Respectfully submitted:

President _____
TERRY BURGESS

Commissioner _____
RON LAIRD