

MINUTES
North Dakota High School Activities Association
Board of Directors
October 19, 2011 – Bismarck, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met on October 19, 2011 at the Bismarck Ramkota Inn. President Swiontek called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with all members present except Helvik.

Following additions and deletions, motion by Moe to approve the agenda. Second by Sanstead and carried.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 13, 2011 regular meeting. Motion by Olson to approve as read. Second by Hall and carried. The September 30 special meeting was reviewed. Motion by Sanstead to approve the minutes. Second by Auch and carried.

The Executive Secretary presented the current balance sheet, detailed budget and investment reports as provided to the Board. The Board reviewed the television, webcast and broadcast review report. Motion by Martin to approve the finance report. Second by Ham. Motion carried.

Applications for dissolutions of cooperative sponsorship programs were reviewed.

a. Jamestown and Gackle-Streeter in girls' hockey, 2011-2012.

Motion by Moe to approve. Second by Olson. Motion carried.

Applications for cooperative sponsorship agreements were reviewed:

Medina and Gackle Streeter for girls' cross country, 2012-2013, no fee

Medina and Gackle Streeter for boys' cross country, 2012-2013, no fee

Motion by Ulland to approve the application. Second by Ham. Motion carried.

Helvik joined the meeting.

Hall reported on behalf of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee regarding how transfer eligibility is interpreted in the event a student marries and moves to a different school district. The Committee cautioned the Board in establishing a means for a student to become eligible if this was placed in the by-laws. The recommendation at this time is to use the current regulations that are in place. President Swiontek asked if there is a need for legal counsel. Sanstead shared if this type of situation actually went to court it would not be upheld. He also indicated this is a proactive move by the committee and Board.

The Executive Secretary shared the emancipated student regulation has been challenged in other states and the courts have upheld the association's rule stating participation is a privilege, not a right. The married student situation could be referenced to the By-Laws portion that includes "other circumstances". Motion by Sanstead to accept the report. Second by Olson and carried.

Moe reported on behalf of the Football Committee.

1. The Committee reviewed the guidelines for a two-year plan with four divisions.
 - The fall male enrollment Grades 7-10 as of December 1st will be used. The free and reduced meals factored in. With a cooperative sponsorship program, the school with the largest enrollment will be designated as the host school. Schools can request to move up a division. The divisions are 14 AAA, 16 AA, 32 A and the remainder 9-man.
 - Coop applications must be submitted by Sept. 15.
 - Central Valley/Drayton/Valley – Edinburg will play JV in 2012.
 - Leave Region 2 as they are with two less teams playing a varsity schedule.
 - A 2012 -2013 survey will be sent to the member schools with the following included in the survey:
 - Current Division
 - Are you in a current coop?
 - Is it more important to have balanced play or less travel?
 - Should there be four divisions?
 - What should the breakdown be?
 - Should there be three divisions?
 - What should the breakdown be?
 - Suggestions.
2. Forfeit Language – The committee discussed the need to adjust wording to match the intent concerning forfeitures and how they affect the play-offs. The committee will address this in December. The intent of current language was not to include a forfeit as a result of an ineligible player causing a school to lose playoff eligibility. Motion by Brannan to approve the report. Second by Sanstead. Motion carried.

Moe reported on behalf of the Officials Committee regarding online clinics and online testing for sports having two separate seasons. Coaches that coached in the fall and did not take the fall test & clinic will be fined in the fall. If the same coach coaches in the spring and doesn't again take the online clinic or test in the second window they will be fined a second time. Officials registering after the first window may take the test and clinic in the second window. Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Hall and carried.

Ulland reported on behalf of the Fine Arts Committee

1. The committee was asked to look at standardizing fees for entry fees and judges pay for speech. Currently there is a range of fees from various parts of the state. A survey was sent out to all speech coaches with 39 schools responding with a general recommendation to leave determination for these fees to the individual regions.
2. The Association has received a verbal request about sanctioning NFL events. The NFL does not abide by NDHSAA rules and the committee is hesitant. The committee recommends not to become involved with the NFL. Hall asked if NFL is a line item at some schools. Staff member Bubach indicated some schools do have NFL as a line item in their budget of which two Board members indicated they do. Sanstead asked if NFL was not sanctioned by the NDHSAA, would there be students that are not able to participate. Ham indicated the onus should be on the NFL group to be endorsed by their local school board. Some functions on the NDHSAA calendar are not sanctioned events but placed on the calendar as a courtesy such as Special Olympics, All-State Music, etc. Motion by Moe to approve the report. Second by Auch. Motion carried.

President Swiontek produced a handout introducing the possibility of forming a Strategic plan for NDHSAA. Requested of the Board is to take action supporting the development of a strategic plan for the North Dakota High School Activities Association. Olson shared his experience with their school district's strategic planning process. Auch indicated this may be a vehicle in which a plan for a foundation could be included. Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Olson and carried. The Executive Secretary was directed to research costs of bringing in a party and possible date for a preliminary meeting.

Auch reported on behalf of the Promotions and Programs Committee to not change the design of the logo but to use various designs on clothing. Also to promote the association, making the NDHSAA logo available for such purposes as placing on podium and other places to make the logo more visible. Motion by Helvik to accept the report. Second by Ham and carried.

The Board discussed the agenda for the General Assembly meeting which will take place the following day. The Executive Secretary reviewed the voting process for the four by-law amendments that have been proposed. There are approximately 30 electronic votes that will not change unless there is an amendment from the floor.

The Executive Secretary informed the Board with the approval of the Class A East Region format for volleyball and basketball playing the quarterfinal rounds at the site of the upper-seeded teams, a question was raised on how the admission prices would be set. Recommended is the daily ticket needs to be \$7 for adults and \$5 for students for East Region Volleyball. Motion by Ulland to approve recommendation. Second by Moe. A roll call vote was taken. Ulland – yes, Sanstead – no, Hall – yes, Helvik – yes, Olson – yes, Ham – yes, Brannan – no, Martin – yes, Moe – yes, Auch – yes, Swiontek – no. Motion carried, 8-3.

The Board held audience with a delegation representing track & field. Appearing were Bismarck Athletic Director Jim Haussler, Randy Johnson, Hazen representing Class B and Nick Walker and Tim Jacobson both from Bismarck representing Class A track & field. The delegation appealed to the Board to reconsider the recommendation of allowing region track and field competition to be allowed on Friday rather than Saturday. The previous three years region meets were conducted in very inclement weather causing safety concerns, particularly in the hurdles and pole vault events. Several various options were reviewed. Motion by Helvik to approve scheduling the region meet on Saturday with the option to reschedule for Friday beginning no earlier than 3:00 p.m. if weather reports make Friday a better day for competition. The rescheduling of the region track & field meet to Friday must be made no later than Wednesday of that week by 3:30 p.m. This change will be contingent on approval from the NDHSAA office. Second by Martin. A roll call vote was taken. Ulland – no, Sanstead – yes, Hall – yes, Helvik – yes, Olson – no, Ham – yes, Brannan – yes, Martin – yes, Moe – yes, Auch – yes, Swiontek – yes. Motion carried, 9-2.

Haussler gave an update on the plans to renovate the Bismarck Bowl improving many areas of the facility.

Athletic Administrator Lenny Ohlhauser of Davies High School appeared before the Board to appeal a recent hardship denial. Mr. Ohlhauser, as well as the student's mother, gave a

background to the circumstances of the transfer situation. The Executive Secretary explained the process in which he investigated and concluded with his decision to deny hardship eligibility. Motion by Ulland to deny the appeal. Second by Olson. A roll call vote was taken. Ulland – yes, Sanstead – yes, Hall – yes, Helvik – yes, Olson – yes, Ham – yes, Brannan – yes, Martin – yes, Moe – yes, Auch – yes, Swiontek – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Secretary informed the Board on the update of acquiring a vendor for selected events in which they would sell NDHSAA apparel. Proposals from Fine Designs and Coaches Choice organizations were received. Discussion concerning the terms of the agreement was held. Upon review of the proposal of Coaches Choice, motion by Ham to accept the proposal. Second by Martin and carried.

The rooming list for state volleyball will be sent via email.

Auch shared the possibility of forming a foundation fund for specific programs. The Executive Secretary shared some of the requirements in forming a foundation. This could be a topic for the Strategic Planning process.

Ham expressed concern for rooming availability and cost at the 2012 State Cross Country which will be held in Dickinson. Room rates have increased causing concern for schools and fans. The Executive Secretary informed the Board the tournament sites will be reviewed at the next Tournament Committee meeting in December.

The Executive Report

1. Currently in the process of replacing the van which was previously approved by the Board.
2. The timeline for replacement of the upcoming staff vacancy is to advertise in January, accept application until the end of Feb for screening and selection at a March meeting.

Ulland asked if the concern regarding the site of the State Boys Swimming & Diving has been brought to the attention of the Board via letters from concerned parents and fans. The Executive Secretary indicated this is on the agenda for the Large Tournament Committee meeting in December.

With no further business, President Swiontek declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheryl Solberg
Asst. to the Exec. Sec.

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____