

**MINUTES**  
**Class B District Chairperson's Meeting**  
**9:00 A.M. – November 18, 2011**  
**Fargo Radisson Inn**

The Class B District Chair meeting was held on November 18, 2011 at the Fargo Radisson Inn. Chairman Moe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all districts represented.

Chairman Moe welcomed the district chairpersons and thanked them for representing their district. Each representative introduced themselves and identified their district.

The Executive Secretary thanked the member schools for their past service. Sheets were passed around to allow each member to complete information on the 2012 Volleyball District chairperson and each district's recommendation for region site and manager.

Each district was given the opportunity to present their district's recommendations which are listed as submitted.

**District 1-----Chris Swenson, Supt. Wyndmere HS**

1. In 2013, the State Wrestling tournament will conflict with BB District Tournaments. Why? With change of schedules, state wrestling and district basketball conflict. The Executive Secretary explained State Wrestling was not changed as it would conflict with state hockey. District 7 Michaelson indicated this causes problems with schools
2. District 1 was divided on Coaching Certification but would like the NDHSAA Board of Directors to keep us in the loop during discussion of this "hot" topic. They were in favor to have the varsity coaches have some type of certification but would be difficult to mandate for junior high coaches.

**District 2-----Tom Milbrandt, AD Maple Valley HS**

1. Baseball (make the following change) – Pitchers will get full complement of innings prior to start of regional tournament. A roll call vote was taken: Yes votes - Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 16. No votes – Districts 10, 12, 14, 15. Vote carried, 11-4 (District 11 had stepped out of the room).
2. Fall golf instead of spring golf. A roll call vote was taken: Yes votes – Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12. No votes – Districts 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16. Recommendation defeated, 6-10.

**District 3-----Patti Aanenson, AD Larimore HS**

1. Can bats be placed on a state-wide bid. Staff member Fetsch indicated with the huge number of types, specifics would have to be made which would narrow the choices.
2. Double elimination for state baseball. The Executive Secretary indicated the association would not be able to conduct the tournament as is. It would require a minimum of 2 fields and a three-day tournament. No vote was taken.
3. The group expressed concern for lodging availability and price in Dickinson for State Cross Country. The Executive Secretary informed the group the Combined Tournament Committee

will meet December 7<sup>th</sup> to review state tournament sites. A Roll call vote was taken: Yes – Districts 3, 4, 10, 16. No – Districts 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. Defeated, 4-12.

**District 4-----Sandy Laxdal, Prin/AD, Cavalier HS**

**District 5-----Michael Smith, Montpelier, HS**

**District 6-----Robert Dietchman, Prin/AD, Napoleon HS**

1. The district asked how districts become aligned. Football alignment was questioned for awareness purposes.
2. Inclusion of a “dead period” during summer vacation. Identify a week during the summer in July in which no sporting activities could take place that would include summer leagues, camps, etc. The Executive Secretary shared many conflicts that would be created such as the Rumble on the Red. Although Montana has a dead period, wrestlers are entering as independent unattached individuals during dead period. This could cause problems for current North Dakota athletes if there was a dead period. Suggested would be around July 4<sup>th</sup>. Suggested support for continued study. It was clarified a dead period could be scheduled in July. A roll call vote was taken. Yes – Districts 2, 6, 10, 12, 13, 15. No – Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 16. Vote defeated, 6-10.
3. Consideration for an alternate date for regional track meets in case of inclement weather. Consider alternative dates and/or places for regional meets. Brandt asked why the region track meet could not be delayed until Monday. It was shared a time element would make this difficult. Karla asked for clarification as to how the current policy works. Michaelson also indicated during regular season schools host during the week, why not regions? Brandt stated this could conflict with graduation or final exams. Also, there is a conflict with the Fargo marathon on that Saturday.
4. Open gyms need to be designated “sport specific”. This is asked to be considered for safety and effectiveness of having more than one sport at a time operating during open gym hours. It was asked to have it up for discussion. It was stated open gym is meant to be for open recreation, not specifically designed for out of season practice for particular teams. A roll call vote was taken: Yes – Districts 1, 6, 10, 11, 13. No – Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16. Vote defeated, 5-11.

**District 7-----Karla Michaelson, AD Carrington HS**

1. Discussion on three divisions in football. Rationale: The last 10 years have seen a decline in the number of football programs due to more football coops. Less travel for students, coaches, and fans. Is the Football Committee talking. Chairman Moe informed the group a survey will be sent out next week asking a number of questions.
2. Move region track to Friday with a make-up date on Saturday. No further discussion.

**District 8-----Randy Loing, Prin. AD Rolla HS**

1. Concerns with district placement if the Lakota/AE coop application for volleyball is approved. This will be added to the realignment committee recommendations. Will there be any realignment to allow District 8 to remain at 6 teams?
2. Discussion was held concerning the Dakota bowl 9:00 a.m. start.

3. There was concern for the cost of webcasting. It was suggested to go to pay per view. The Executive Secretary asked if anyone is charging for regular season contests? District 15 Enget stated BEK refused to webcast if charged so they are not charging after much discussion by their board. District 14 Lunde asked to consider prices in the event a football playoff game is across the state. The Executive Secretary informed the group the various charges for webcasting, and televising as listed in the NDHSAA Policy Manual.

**District 9-----Janet Erhardt, Center HS**

No recommendations.

**District 10-----Brandt Dick, Supt. HMB HS**

1. Coaches Education was previously discussed
2. Regional track optional dates were previously discussed.
3. In response to District 13's recommendation, would the NDHSAA be willing to have local districts choose whether they want district tournaments or a super regional for one sport but not all. Example, hold a super regional for volleyball but not basketball.
4. Concern for mandatory coaches education. District 12 Krueger stated their school has all their coaches take the Fundamentals of Coaching, the concussion course and first aid although availability for this course is difficult.

**District 11-----Jeff Lind, Supt. Rugby HS**

No recommendations.

**District 12-----Lyll Krueger, AD Surrey HS**

1. Regional volleyball tournament to stay at the Minot Auditorium.
2. Would like to have the option of using the colored volleyball. Dist 1 asked to have this addressed again this year. If voted down, would like more rationale as to why it was previously voted down. Would like to have it considered again this year. The rationale shared the fundamental reason it is easier to teach spin. A straw vote was taken – 8-7-1.
3. Fall Golf (split amongst AD's). Vote was previously taken.
4. Use Friday for Regional Track Meets (jointly discussed with Dist. 11)
5. Switching of Volleyball and Girls Basketball (jointly discussed with Dist. 11)
6. Also, has there been any discussion on switching boys' & girls BB?

Would like to see the state set a fee for line judges for regional tournaments. Suggested to take back to the NDOA committee. It was mentioned not all line judges are registered officials.

**District 13-----Kevin Morast, AD Hettinger HS**

1. Allow Region VII (Districts 13 and 14) to eliminate district tournaments and host a super regional. (a) Districts 13 and 14 would give up district play and receive two additional games to be played during the trial period. (b) Each regional team would play each other for seeding of the regional tournament. (c) Teams 1-4 would receive an automatic bid to the regional tourney. (d) Teams seeded 5-12 would have a play-in game at the site of the higher seed to determine the other four regional teams. (e) Regional tournament play would consist of 8 teams, single elimination in the first round with semi-finals, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and championship games to follow on regional dates. Rationale: As district team numbers decline, it is our feeling that the district

tournament is no longer of any use. To have a three-day tournament to eliminate only two teams from play seems unproductive. Region VII would like a two-year trial to attempt to fix the issue of fewer teams and unproductive district tournaments. Brandt asked if this would be an option, could their two districts agree to advance two teams from each district and have a four-team regional tournament. Lunde shared the region format would be a little different with extra regional games for more revenue. Also, this would place more importance on regular season.

Lind stated their district may be more interested in the four-team region concept rather than a super regional to keep district tournaments in Class B towns. Brandt asked are there any regions that have more than 16 teams. There were none. Swenson indicated the districts will have to do something down the road and support this experiment. Brandt stated if this is allowed, other regions should have their option too. Lunde shared their district started with volleyball and District 13 also included basketball. A straw vote was taken resulting in a 13-3 vote.

2. There is an issue with region wrestling as there are a number of open spots. The district discussed the concept of two regions, an east and west tournament with the top 8 wrestlers from each region advancing to state. A Roll call vote was taken. Yes – Districts 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13. No – Districts 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 14, 15, 16. Vote defeated 8-8

#### **District 14-----Mitch Lunde, Beulah HS, AD**

1. Consider a Labor Day exemption to allow football to be played on Tuesday or change the six day rotation. Fetsch indicated the Football Advisory has been discussing this and will meet. Krueger stated they may be forced to play a game on Saturday because they can't get officials for Friday. This interferes with the 7-day rule. Suggested change it to a 6-day period. That may be more workable. This will be left for the Football Committee to present the wording for this proposal.

2. Additional information was shared on the concept of a Super-regional for VB/GBB/BBB (a) each team would play everyone in the regional to determine seeds, 1-12. (b) seeding would be based on regional games. (c) Top four seeds would automatically advance to regional quarterfinals. (d) 5-12, 6-11, 7-10 and 8-9----played at home site, with all revenue going to NDHSAA after expenses. (e) teams would not be re-seeded.

#### **District 15-----Lynn Enget**

1. With the concussion policy there is a need to lobby the legislators to clean up the language to identify who is considered to be an appropriate medical person.

2. Expressed concern about region officials. Spouses or parents should not be considered for contracts for regional tournaments. It was noted with the number of officials retiring in the northwest area, this becomes more difficult.

#### **District 16-----Maggie Townsend/AD**

1. Set regional volleyball tournament semi-final and championship matches to begin at 5:00 p.m. Following discussion, it was asked if each region make the starting time optional each region. A roll call vote was taken resulting in a unanimous yes from all 16 districts.

2. Concern for Stanley moving to Dist. 16. The Executive Secretary shared the realignment committee met earlier and will recommend to the Board to leave as currently stands which is District 16.

The Executive Secretary indicated the following recommendations were approved by the District Chairs and will be forwarded to the Board:

1. Pitchers will get full complement of innings prior to start of regional tournament.
2. Allow Districts 13 & 14 to experiment with a regional concept.
3. Allow districts the option to adjust the time schedule for region volleyball.

With no further business, Chairman Moe thanked the group and declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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