

**Meeting Notes**  
**District Volleyball Chairperson**  
**9:00 am - November 16, 2012**  
**Minot Riverside Holiday Inn - Minot, ND**

The Class B District Chair meeting was held on November 16, 2012 at the Minot Holiday Inn Express. Chairman Olson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all districts represented.

The Executive Secretary thanked the member schools for their past service. Sheets were passed around to allow each member to complete information on the 2013 Volleyball District chairperson and each district's recommendation for district and region sites, dates and managers.

Chairman Olson welcomed the district chairpersons and thanked them for representing their district. Each representative introduced themselves as district items were presented.

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. Voiced a concern for football team pairings in the state tournament. Suggested using a weighted system like MN. Not on agenda therefore discussion only.

**District 2-----Kal Triplett, AD Richland HS**

No Agenda Items

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

1. Reported district 3 & 4 are looking at the idea of moving toward a super regional.

**District 4-----Andrew Currie, Prin/AD Valley-Edinburg HS**

1. Questioned the future of District Chairs. If districts go to a super region, what will happen to district chairs? Sylling informed the group that district committees are required by NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws. Even if districts do not function in a traditional way, the voice for districts would still be through the district chairs.

**District 5-----Matt Herman, AD Ellendale HS**

No items on agenda: Discussion items only:

1. Their district is unanimously opposed to the super regional format. They are planning on presenting a different plan at the November 16, 2012 NDHSAA Board meeting.
2. In their experience, the Baden volleyball did not seem to hold up as well as volleyballs in the past. The supplier has been very good at replacing balls that did not hold air. Other districts did not experience any issues with the Baden volleyball.

**District 6-----Monty Mayer, AD Kidder County**

1. Districts 5 & 6 are presenting a recommendation to hold team regional tournaments for volleyball and basketball at the NDHSAA Board meeting later today. Discussion only, no vote requested.
  - a. Discussion included:
    - i. District 14 believes the 6 team regional option costs the association and all member schools all regions money. This will take money out of the overall pocket of the association and affect the finances of the association and team payments.
    - ii. District 1 is concerned districts would lose district concessions.
    - iii. District 6 is concerned when the time comes a super-regional would be mandated by the Board. They would like to have another choice. Regions 1 and 6 like their current system.
    - iv. Region 3 is concerned about being dictated by the board. The region tournaments belong to the association. They do not see the super regional as the best answer. Their request is for something different to compare to the super region idea. A comparison would allow the Board to make a better decision.
    - v. District 15 raised the question if this is something that could be done only in volleyball and not in basketball. Their region is supportive of a change in Volleyball but not in basketball.
2. Requested a discussion on a 2-week dead period the last week in June and first week in July. Rationale is to give everybody some time off. Right now, coaches feel like they have to be doing something and would like to have a 2 week dead period. Vote failed: (2-14)
  - a. Discussion included:
    - i. A concern for who would enforce the dead period. Should be a local control issue.

- ii. District 15 felt if there was a dead period they would like it closer to the end of July. The end of June, beginning of July is prime camp time.
  - iii. Rationale behind end of June beginning of July would be to go around July 4<sup>th</sup> for a break for all.
  - iv. District 5 felt if you are having issues at home, take care of it at home. It should be local control issue.
3. AD passes from NDHSAA for all regular season contests. Discussion included that this is already being done by the NDHSCA. Members just need to be made aware. Vote failed: (1-15)

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

1. Requested a move of region track to Friday with a make-up date on Saturday. Current system sets the date for region track on Saturday with the option of moving to Friday if weather deems necessary. Move must be done by Wednesday preceding the region meet and be based on weather predictions with the approval of NDHSAA. Rationale: It is tough to move a track meet from Saturday to Friday on the Wednesday preceding as it is now. Vote failed: (8-8)
  - a. Discussion:
    - i. Participants have plenty of opportunity to qualify during the regular season.
    - ii. Bulk of workers come out of schools.
    - iii. Administrators are concerned with loss of school time.
2. Reduce the number of basketball officials from three to two for post-season tournaments. Rationale: Comments officials have made such as "Wasn't my area so I'm not going to make that call." Vote failed: (2-14)
  - a. Discussion:
    - i. Going from 2 to 3 officials has improved the game.
    - ii. Cop out from officials if they say is not my area. Feels we are going backwards if we go from 3 to 2. Three officials helps bring officials into the realm of officiating.
    - iii. Using 3 officials makes it easier to bring in new officials. Overall officiating has improved since it first started. Officials needed time to adjust to 3 person crews.
    - iv. Coaches need more education on who to chew out. If the official comments it wasn't his call, it probably wasn't. The officials are instructed what to watch in each position using a 3 person crew.
3. Concerns on Minot hosting state volleyball tournament. Discussion centered around a perceived problem with Minot hotels and restaurants. No actual complaints of anything real. Discussion only, no vote requested.

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

1. Concern about BEK Sports coming into our facilities and completely taking over. There have been instances where at a volleyball match, the JV match was tied at 1-1 and they weren't allowed to finish the match because BEK Sports needed to get on the air by a certain time. Is this an issue for any other schools? Discussion included the school allows BEK to come in and BEK should not be calling the shots. Local districts have control of their regular season games. Discussion only, no vote requested.
2. Recommendation the volleyball center-line violation needs to be more in-line with college rules. In college you can go across the line as long as you don't impede another player. An informal poll of coaches indicated they would like it to stay the same as it is now. Discussion only, no vote requested.
3. Districts 7 & 8 are looking at putting a proposal together for a Super Regional in volleyball. Discussion only, no vote requested.

**District 9-----Brian Nieuwsma, AD Flasher HS**

1. In agreement they liked the switch to the colored volleyballs. Discussion only, no vote requested.
2. Would like to host the Region 5 tournament this upcoming season (2013) at Shiloh Christian HS, District 10 hosted consecutive Region 5 tournaments in 2010 & 2011 at Washburn. Discussion only, no vote requested.
3. At this time, District 9 is not interested in moving to a super regional. Would like to see how it works out in Region 7. They are in favor of modifying the district/regional tournaments a bit. They would like each district to advance 3 teams to the regional tournament instead of the current format with 4 teams advancing. The #1 teams from each district would get a bye in the regional tourney and the others would be seeded accordingly. There would only be two games on each day of the regional tourney, which would also solve the out of school time on the first day. Discussion only, no vote requested.
4. District 9 would like to continue to have 6th grade students still be able to participate in junior high activities with the rule change for the Rule of 50. This would be a huge concern for our small schools to continue junior high programs. Discussion only, no vote requested as this will be discussed later in the meeting.

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

1. Would like to keep district tournaments and propose to send top 2 teams from districts to regionals for volleyball and basketball. Wanted a straw poll - Would other districts chairs be in favor of allowing a district to have a 4 team region? (5-11 - Opposed- straw poll)
2. Want to have the capability of having 6th graders to compete at the junior high level, if needed, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be covered by the school districts catastrophic insurance. No matter what happens to the 50 Rule, they want this kept no matter how many students are in the school. Vote requested. Vote failed: (8-8)

**District 11-----Bob Beaudrie, Prin/AD Newburg HS**

No Agenda Items

**District 12-----Robert Thom, Prin/AD Kenmare HS**

1. Golf in the fall – discussion -

**District 13-----Tyler Senn, AD Bowman County HS**

1. Suggested two regions of Class B Wrestling. Either East and West or North and South with 16 individuals qualifying to the state tournament, 8 from each region. The top four teams from each region would qualify to the state dual tournament. Rationale: It provides a better representation of our top athletes at the state tournament. The region meets have become very small. Vote failed: (3-13)
  - a. Discussion:
    - i. District 1 voiced concerns in district. They would like North and South regions, not East and West.
    - ii. There were concerns about travel for duals.
    - iii. Whether this would be a one day event or two day tournament? A 2 day event would have to go to a larger facility.
2. District 13 supports a by law change to the JH regulations Discussion only, no vote requested.

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

No agenda items

1. Discussion:
  - a. Appreciate the HS Activities Association working to keep the kids back from the basket at state basketball tournaments. Sportsmanship should be a focus of the HS Activities Association. Any derogatory signs should be removed along with the people that brought them.
  - b. Would like everyone to think about seeding of state tournaments. Go back to districts and ask about opinions on seeding for Volleyball, Girls' Basketball and Boys' Basketball.

**District 15-----Randy Cranston, AD Watford City HS**

1. Cross Country athletes should have to qualify for state with the top 3 teams and top 40 runners. Request to study, no vote requested.
2. One team should be moved back to District 15 in boys' basketball and girls' basketball to even out teams to 7 and 7. No vote needed as this is a board re-districting issue

**District 16-----Michael Bergstrom, Ray HS**

No agenda items

1. Discussed junior high rules.
2. Discussed super region concept.

**Other items:**

Executive Secretary Sylling led a discussion on the 50 rule. The Constitution & By-Laws Committee is looking at this on terms of equity. 50 and above, less than 50, more than 50. The 50 Rule also brings in the issue of 6<sup>th</sup> graders being able to play in junior high.

Discussion:

1. District 16: Overall participation is down. There is an increase in students coming into districts but participation is not increasing. Would be in favor of eliminating 50 Rule but keeping 6<sup>th</sup> graders eligible to move to junior high.
2. District 12 questioned if there was any talk of raising the number from 50 to 100.
3. District 10 commented coops change the 50 Rule. Some schools do not want to coop because it will raise the coop student number over 50 and they don't want the students to compete.
4. Sylling asked:
  - a. Would it help eliminate some junior high coops if 6<sup>th</sup> graders were allowed to participate no matter the number?
  - b. How many are in favor of getting rid of the 50 Rule? (8-8)
  - c. If you allow 6<sup>th</sup> graders to move up, then there may be some 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders that do not participate.

5. District 14: Recommended to keep the 50 Rule as is for everything. This allows schools a reason to not move students up. Also allows smaller schools the ability to field teams with the students they have.

Sylling noted that any changes to By-Laws regarding the 50 Rule or 6<sup>th</sup> graders playing on junior high teams would be presented to the membership as amendments. The Board may make changes to interpretations/regulations but not to the By-Laws.

Olson thanked the committee for their communications conveying items of interest from their districts and informed the group there are no items in which the vote indicated they are to be forwarded to the NDHSAA Board for consideration.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
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