

MINUTES
Annual Meeting
North Dakota High School Activities Association
October 23, 2008 - Bismarck, ND

The General Assembly of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met at the Bismarck Ramkota Inn on October 23, 2008. President Lyson called the meeting to order at 4:30 and declared a quorum. Dr. Wayne Sanstead was introduced as the parliamentarian.

President Lyson began with some opening remarks and introduced the NDHSAA Board of Directors and staff.

The Executive Secretary presented the 2008-2009 NDHSAA Distinguished Student, Stephanie Barnhart, a senior from Kenmare High School to address the assembly.

The minutes of the October, 2007 and January, 2008 General Assembly meetings were addressed. Motion by Supt. Kurt Eddy, New Rockford to approve the minutes. Second by Supt. Robert Thom, Westhope and carried.

Nominating Committees for the upcoming vacancies for the Board of Directors were asked for a report:

1. Supt. Martin Schock, Grant County reported the nominations for the Southwest position on the NDHSAA Board of Directors:
 - a. Supt. Larry Helvik, Beach
 - b. Supt. Gary Wilz, Killdeer

There were no other nominations from the floor.

2. Supt. Robert Thom reported the nominations for the Northwest position on the NDHSAA Board of Directors:
 - a. Supt. Clarke Ranum, Des Lacs-Burlington
 - b. Supt. Dan Stutlein, Harvey

There were no other nominations from the floor.

3. Prin. Kevin Hoherz, Stanley reported the nominations from the Secondary School Principals' Association:
 - a. Prin. Tim Michaelson, Enderlin
 - b. Prin. Scott Ulland, May-Port CG

There were no other nominations from the floor.

The Executive Secretary informed the assembly of the new premier partner, Farmers Union Insurance. Representing Farmers Union Insurance was Odean Olson, who shared a few words with the membership.

Athletic Administrator Kelly Pierce of Scranton introduced the following amendment to the Constitution & By-Laws:

Amend **Part Two, Article X-Amendments, Section I.** The existing language is struck and the proposed language change will be bold.

Section I: Amendments to the Constitution may be made by a majority vote of the member schools in a mail ballot, and amendments to the By-Laws and regulations of the Association may be made by a majority ~~vote of those present~~ **of the votes by those present or by those who cast their votes electronically five days prior to the regular or special meetings. Fifty or more members must be in attendance for an amendment to be considered and those electronic votes submitted will be noted and added to the final tally of votes.** ~~at any regular or special meeting if fifty or more Representatives are in attendance, provided in both instances that~~ **Proper** notice of the proposed amendment with its substance ~~being has been~~ served at a previous meeting or by letter from the Secretary at the request of a Representative, and provided further, that there shall have been a lapse of thirty days between the time of presentment and the final vote thereon.

This amendment will require a mail ballot which will be sent out immediately upon presentation.

NDHSAA technology coordinator, Brenda Schell gave an update to the membership on the new web design. An information sheet was made available to the group which contains information on how to post pictures, information, etc.

The Executive Secretary presented lifetime passes to four athletic administrators who have served as tournament managers. The recipients are Lorell Jungling, Mandan; Curt Jones, West Fargo; Todd Olson, Grand Forks Public Schools and Pat McNally, Minot Public Schools. Also a special presentation was given to Supt. Doug Jacobson of Barnes County North.

The Executive Secretary gave his report:

1. The NF has introduced a program called "Spirit of Sport" which is recognition of a coach, athletic administrator, student, etc. who has gone beyond the normal to contribute to their school and community.
2. The National Federation Coaches' Education course has been successful. To date, 204 North Dakota coaches have completed the course. Some schools are dedicated to having all their coaches take this class. A number of modules are being introduced which are sports specific as well as other issues that confront coaches.
3. Region 5 boys' basketball tournament site has been determined with Monday and Tuesday at the Bismarck Civic Center and Thursday at University of Mary.
4. A reminder was given to schools that all fines and late fees must be paid prior to a school being allowed to compete in post season.
5. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee has been reviewing the re-transfer rule for a possible adjustment. The NDHSAA attorney, Gary Thune presented to the Board the law and interpretation of the open meeting law. Board materials will be made available to the public on the NDHSAA website. Also, the re-transfer rule will continue to be studied.
6. The football plan has been approved and is available
7. Coop application forms are being redesigned
8. The Football Committee has requested the Tournament Committee to study the possibility of a one-day format for the Dakota Bowl

9. The Class B Ad Hoc Redistricting plan which was tabled the previous day was shared for input:
 - a. Volleyball season will remain 14 weeks
 - b. Beginning 2010-11, district tournaments will be single elimination
 - c. Top 4 from each district advance to region
 - d. Region tournaments will continue to have 3rd place match
 - e. 2010-2011 Girls' and Boys' basketball seasons will be switched

The floor was opened to comments from the assembly members:

- Prin. Brent Engebretson, Velva asked about the 40-80 plan and is this being considered. The Executive Secretary indicated this plan along with several others are part of future study along with the Super B which would combine the two B basketball tournaments. The third plan considered is three divisions of basketball and volleyball.
- Supt. Doug Jacobson, Barnes County North suggested there needs to be more time considering plans to allow for an informed decision.
- Supt. Steve Brannan, Garrison recognized the challenges presented to the Board. First suggested was the distance traveled for football. Also the districts in volleyball and basketball currently have their longest trip at 50 miles and supports option 1.
- Prin. Lee Lampert, Divide County asked if anyone is giving the consideration of 9-man football eliminating the Tuesday night game and somehow getting all play-offs on Saturday. Staff member Carlsrud responded there would be a need for fewer teams advancing to the playoffs or end the regular season one week earlier.
- Supt. Mitch Carlson, LaMoure agreed with Supt. Jacobson in taking more time before decisions and make all decisions at once. Also, has there been consideration for assignment for music and speech?
- Ath. Dir. Brian Midthun asked why the loss of control of the districts to plan their own tournaments. The Executive Secretary shared the assignment to the Ad Hoc Committee was to eliminate the number of post-season basketball tournaments. Midthun also mentioned being on the committee indicating support for a three-day district tournament rather than the single elimination tournament. The Executive Secretary shared some districts play their first round on two evenings to prevent loss of classroom time.
- Prin. Matt Herman, Ellendale spoke in opposition to dictating the format of the district tournament. Single elimination tournaments will cut into the district schools' income.
- Supt. Tom Nitschke, Kulm shared their success in fine arts and shared concern for competition against Valley City with the new division.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
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