

**MINUTES**  
**North Dakota High School Activities Association**  
**Board of Directors**  
**October 18, 2006, Bismarck, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities met on October 18, 2006 at the Ramkota Inn in Bismarck, North Dakota. President Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present.

Following additions, motion by Knodle to approve the agenda. Second by Jordan and carried.

The minutes from the September 26, 2006, October 4, 2006 and October 9, 2006 meeting were previously provided to the Board in their packets. Motion by Duchscherer to approve the minutes. Second by Schaible and carried.

The Executive Secretary presented the financial report. The balance sheet, YTD budget, savings and investment reports were available for review. The list of checks written is available to the Board for review upon request. Motion by Schaible to approve the report. Second by Jungling and carried.

The following cooperative sponsorship program dissolutions were reviewed:

a. Sweet Briar School and Mandan in girls' track & field and volleyball (2006-2007)  
Motion by Jungling to approve the request for dissolution of the coops in all activities as requested. Second by Lyson and carried.

b. Tappen and Medina for boys' and girls' cross country (2006-2007).  
Motion by Volesky to approve. Second by Maus and carried.

The following cooperative sponsorship program applications were reviewed:

a. Grafton, Park River, Minto, Drayton, Cavalier and Langdon for boys' hockey, 9-12 (no late fee)  
Motion by Jordan to approve. Second by Sanstead and carried.

b. Standing Rock and Selfridge for boys' and girls' basketball for 2006-2007 (late fee for two)  
Motion by Volesky to approve. Second by Jordan and carried.

c. Dickinson and Dickinson Trinity in girls' hockey for 2006-2007 (no late fee)  
Motion by Sanstead to approve. Second by Jordan and carried.

The Board discussed a concern that has been voiced by member schools about internet blogging and the placement of pictures anonymously of students consuming alcohol. Administrators are concerned about the absence of dates and how to treat information that is anonymously brought to their attention. Schools will deal with this issue as their individual policy dictates.

The Board held audience with a delegation from Jamestown concerning the assignment of their programs to the West Region and the proposed movement to the East Region with the 2007 football plan. Athletic Director Jim Roaldson addressed the Board of this issue requesting to reconsider moving their football program to the east and would like to be placed in the east or west with all programs. Principal Robert Toso indicated understanding the need for balance and wondered if that was more important than the issue of movement of programs. The acceptance of the assignment to the west in all programs makes their movement to the east in football a hard sell to the community. Discussion took place on whether or not it is important to have a balanced number or would scheduling be workable leaving Jamestown in the West Region. The Jamestown delegation thanked the Board for their attention to this matter.

The Executive Secretary reported to the Board on how the Team Scholar Program has been handled for music and instrumental programs. Staff member Hetler explained the process as was currently being practiced. No action was taken.

Jungling reported on the progress of the Football Committee. Three plans were shared with the Board:

- a. Four-division plan with 32 AA and 42 nine-man teams
- b. Four-division plan with 24 AA and 50 nine-man teams
- c. Three-division plan with 40 AA and the remainder as 9-man teams

Concern was expressed about changing the plan at the final hour causing schools to adjust with coops and scheduling plans. There are some indications there should be three divisions rather than four. Schatz indicated because of the length of the planning process, it is important to honor the integrity of the process. Jungling asked the Board, if the membership indicates they wish for a four-division plan, which plan would go forward. Currently, the 32-team Division A plan is in place by Board action at the September meeting. Motion by Jordan to rescind the previous motion of accepting the four divisions with the A Division containing 32 teams. Second by Schatz and carried.

Motion by Jungling to present the four-division plan to the membership which will consist of 16 teams in AAA and AA, 24 teams in the A division with four regions of six teams and the remainder in the 9-man division. Second by Jordan. After further discussion, motion carried with one dissenting vote.

Further discussion followed. Motion by Lyson to move Jamestown back to the west for the AAA Division football proposal for the 2007 & 2008 plan. Second by Schaible. Discussion emphasized with the changes taking place in school enrollments, etc. there could be a need for a future move of an east team back to the west. Motion and second were withdrawn.

The Board recommended the athletic administrators of the AAA schools possibly meet to study a plan for region assignments and play-off plan. Motion by Sanstead to request these athletic administrators address this issue. Second by Volesky and carried.

The Board held audience with Billie Ann Caya, Executive Director of the North Dakota Cheer Coaches Association. Presented was the National Federation Coaches Education Program. Along with the current requirement of North Dakota cheer coaches of safety certification to be allowed to stunt according to the National Federation Spirit Rules, it is proposed that one additional course be required every 5 years. Motion by Schatz to approve this recommendation. Second by Sanstead and carried.

The NDCCA has recommended the elimination of the Spirit Award. The rationale was the inconsistency of the program as well as the qualifications of some of the judges that are secured to do this judging. Duchscherer commented a preference to attempt to correct the problem rather than eliminate the award. Knodle indicated this is similar to the discussion the Board held earlier concerning the sportsmanship award. Motion by Schatz to support the recommendation of the North Dakota Cheer Coaches Association to eliminate the spirit award. Second by Knodle. A roll call vote indicated:

Maus – no    Lyson – no    Schaible – yes    Duchscherer – no  
Knodle – yes    Schatz – yes    Jordan – no    Volesky - yes  
Jungling - no    Briggs – no

Motion defeated.

Motion by Schatz to eliminate the Spirit Award for State Wrestling. Second by Knodle and carried with one dissenting vote. Guidelines for the selection of members of the judging panel for the remaining tournaments that will have the Spirit Award will be formed.

The Board held audience with Dennis Fogelson, administrator of the North Dakota School for the Deaf. Requested Their basketball program has been mainly 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams. Currently, there is a high school student that is capable of playing high school basketball and the request is to allow this person to play on the Devils Lake High School basketball team. The forming of a cooperative sponsorship program with Devils Lake High School would not solve the situation as the remaining high school students would remain a team under the NDSO flag. No action was taken.

Briggs reported on behalf of the Fine Arts Committee. Trying to figure out what all happens in fine arts and the length of seasons in the different activities. No conclusion at this point, but there is a resolution that has been previously established that emphasizes not to hold contests that are in direct conflict with state fine arts activities. It was suggested schools work out their conflict resolutions on when a student is to go to a track meet and a state fine arts at the same time. The Committee will continue study with a meeting in December.

Volesky reported on behalf of the Finance Committee with the following:

- a. Talked about a concern that will be brought about with upcoming retirements of the current staff. No conclusions were made and discussions will continue.
- b. Possibility of a technology position on the staff. Discussed half-time or full-time as well as what would be their duties. Could this person be shared with another

state association? It is determined there is a need and the Executive Secretary will continue to study the possibilities and will report to the committee in November.

The Executive Secretary reported to the Board the National Federation will be conducting a Student Leadership Conference. With T-Mobile involved with sponsorship, there is the opportunity to sponsor students to attend this conference and T Mobile will provide all expenses for the students and are requiring the associations to send one adult for each four students with a limit of six students. Motion by Lyson to send six students to the leadership conference. Second by Sanstead and carried.

Schaible reported on behalf of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee with the following:

- a. The presentation of the amendments to the constitution was discussed. The Board will prepare for motion and second for each of the presented amendments.
- b. Part Two, INTERPRETATION:-Section X shall read: "Seventh and eighth grade students attending a parochial school in a city in which there is no parochial high school **or existing coop with another member school in said activity(s)** are eligible to compete with the **parochial** high school which they will be attending."

Motion by Schaible to change the wording as suggested changes. Second by Maus and carried.

- c. All-Star Rule: The rule and the intent of the rule was discussed extensively. The Committee will meet with NDHSAA attorney, Thune prior to November meeting. A report will be presented at that time.

The Board held audience with Shiloh Christian School to respond to the ruling and penalty for not fulfilling football contracts. They are appealing the decision asking for consideration to item #2. Supt. Reinhiller and AD Connie Knell addressed the Board asking to reconsider the part of the penalty which was to not host any of their games for the 2007 season. Their wish was to be allowed to play some home games. Not being allowed to host would cause a setback in the development of their program. Volesky indicated this penalty will not fulfill the original intent because Shiloh Christian School is being moved to a different region and the penalty no longer fits. Dr. Reinhiller explained they played a junior varsity schedule but there were times when the teams they played were varsity. Also, it was emphasized that if Shiloh is required to play all away games, it would interrupt the rotation in the schedule. Motion by Jordan to lift the penalty of the stipulation that Shiloh must play all away games for the fall of 2007. Second by Knodle and carried with one dissenting vote.

The Executive Secretary reviewed the agenda of the Representative Assembly Meeting with the Board.

The Board reviewed the problems with the company with whom the association has contracted for individual plaques. The Executive Secretary listed the problems that have occurred throughout the year with flawed materials and late fulfillment of orders. Motion by Schatz to send a letter that the association will not continue with the contract and report back to the Board. Second by Maus and carried.

Schaible indicated the Promotions Committee is studying the possibility of adding a centennial logo on the plaques for the 2007-2008 year.

The Board studied the recommendation of the Athletic Administrations to no longer have east and west regions for girls' hockey, but qualify the top eight teams statewide to the state tournament. Motion by Schatz to approve the recommendation. Second by Jordan and carried.

Maus reported on behalf of the Class B Re-Districting Committee

- a. Recommend moving Central Prairie from Dist. 6 to Dist. 5 and Tappen from Dist. 5 to Dist. 6 for volleyball.

Motion by Maus to approve. Second by Lyson and carried.

- b. A discussion was held concerning district alignments with some districts having only 5 or 6 teams and the issue of all the post-season games with girls' and boys' tournaments being held in a short amount of time. The committee will study the issue and report in March.

Schaible reported on behalf of the Promotions and Programs with the following:

- a. The Centennial logo contest was updated with requests going out in mailings and in the Bulletin with a deadline of Dec. 31, 2006.
- b. The projected budget was discussed with ideas to fund
 

i. Logo scholarship prize	\$1000
ii. Billboards (6)	\$4500
iii. Receptions	\$3000
iv. Gifts (600 @ \$10)	\$6000
v. Trophies updated with centennial logo	\$4000
vi. Miscellaneous	\$1500
TOTAL	\$20,000

The committee will pursue sponsorships that will help with this amount. The decision will be which projects will the committee take to sponsorships for consideration.

Motion by Sanstead to approve a \$20,000 budget for the purpose of the centennial celebration with the sponsorship to share in half of the cost. Second by Jungling and carried.

Jungling reported on the National Federation Coaches Education and was not certain the on-line education process is provided to North Dakota because we do not require coaches to be certified. Also indicated although we do not sanction cheerleading, we require coaches education, but with the activities that we do sponsor, we do not require coaches education. The Executive Secretary indicated North Dakota will have access but there is a question as to whether the regular fee will apply to those states that do not require coaches education. More discussion will be held at future meetings.

There were no representative reports at this time.

Supt. Gene Kotaska of Wing had contacted the Executive Secretary indicating they do not have a coach for either their boys' or girls' basketball programs. This indicates the possibility of an emergency coop application.

The next meeting will be held November 17, 2006 in Minot. The District Chair meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. with Duchscherer chairing the meeting. The Board meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m.

With no further business, motion by Jungling to adjourn. Second by Sanstead and carried. President Briggs declared the meeting adjourned.

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