

MINUTES
North Dakota High School Activities Association
Board of Directors
November 17, 2006 – Minot, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met on November 17, 2006 at the Minot Holiday Inn. President Briggs called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members present.

Following several additions, President Briggs stated the agenda is approved.

A copy of the minutes from the October 18, 2006 Board meeting and the October 19, 2006 General Assembly meeting and the resumed Board meeting were provided to the Board. Motion by Lyson to approve as written. Second by Knodle and carried.

The Executive Secretary presented the financial report. The balance sheet, savings and investment reports were reviewed. The board was informed one of the items not included in the report was a check from School Pride for \$1000 which was the contracted percentage from the picture contract. Motion by Schaible to approve the report. Second by Duchscherer and carried.

The Board reviewed a request for dissolution of a cooperative sponsorship program from Minnewaukan and Four Winds in girls' volleyball, 7-12. Motion by Lyson to approve. Second by Maus and carried.

The Board reviewed applications for approval of cooperative sponsorship programs.

- a. Minnewaukan and Leeds in girls' volleyball, 7-12, 2007-08, no fee.

Motion by Jordan to approve. Second by Schatz and carried. Duchscherer asked if there is a district placement at this time. Lyson amended the motion to include the assignment to district 8. The amendment was second by Schatz and carried. The amended motion carried.

- b. Grafton and Park River in boys' and girls' cross country, 7-12, 2007-08, no fee

Motion by Knodle to approve. Second by Jungling and carried.

- c. Minot and Bell (K-8) in gymnastics, 2006-07, no fee

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

The Executive Board has met and addressed the following situations:

- a. Killdeer was found to be running an ineligible student in cross country. Following the initial ruling by the Executive Secretary, it was appealed to the Executive Board. The Committee found there is a violation and is placing the school on probation for the 2007 cross country season. Any further penalty will cause immediate suspension from post-season competition.
- b. Dickinson Trinity was reported to exceed the number of players allowed to dress for the Dakota Bowl. A letter was received from Trinity indicating it was an oversight and was not intended. The Executive Committee will be imposing a strong letter of reprimand to the school and requiring the administrator to insure coaches read the regulations.

The Executive Secretary referred to State Statute and how it relates to the Constitution & By-Laws which rules there shall be no contests on the Thursday and Friday of the NDEA convention. NDHSAA By-Laws say no interscholastic event shall be held from 12:00 noon Thursday to midnight Friday of the NDEA Instructional Conference. Practice has been allowed, but no games can be held. Schools traditionally schedule a Saturday game and have practice that Thursday and Friday. There may be cause for an adjustment in the interpretation found on page 7 of the By-Laws. No action was taken.

Brian Duchscherer who was the moderator of the District Chair meeting gave a report of the meeting held earlier that day. Four items were requested for vote:

- a. Region volleyball be held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday rather than the current Saturday, Monday, Tuesday.
- b. Purchase 3rd place plaques for Class B boys' and girls' region golf
- c. Discussed the Board take a stance on the resolution of mandated starting school after Labor Day
- d. Look at the regulation that does not allow contests to be held during the NDEA convention.

It was determined items c. and d. need to be addressed at this meeting as the next meeting would be after the legislature has resumed. It was determined that asking NDHSAA to become involved in the legislature could have repercussions in the future with other parts of the association. Maus indicated the association should keep out of the political part of this issue. Knodle said their athletic director expressed concern with how this would effect their fall activities. There will be future meetings for Class A groups in which this item will be discussed. Jungling stated if school was mandated to start after Labor Day, there may be pressure on the association to change the starting dates for seasons. Duchscherer stated if the association has not become involved in the political aspect for the life of the association, we should keep that relationship with the legislature. Following this discussion, no action was taken. The resolution to support local control as reported by the District Chairpersons was discussed. Motion by Schatz as per request of the Class B District Chairpersons, to issue the following position: "Being a membership driven organization, the NDHSAA Board of Directors goes on record to support local schools in their endeavor to maintain local decision making power in the issue of setting school starting time." Rationale for this position is the individual schools have the right to testify on their own behalf. Second by Jordan and carried.

Also, the allowing games on the NDEA conference dates were discussed. The Board determined it may be wise to stay out of this aspect. No action was taken. A call for vote on the District Chair recommendation was defeated unanimously. The Board's position was this action would have been in violation of state statute.

Three concerns were brought up at the District chair meeting without votes:

- a. Payment plan and the various expenses from different tournament sites. This may effect how schools look at the assignment of tournament sites.
- b. Website discussion
- c. If the school starting date does get pushed back, does the Association have a plan to address this issue? Starting and ending dates have historically come from the membership through advisory committees, etc. If there is a need for action, the membership will be asked what would be their wishes.

The Executive Secretary reported on his research on a possible technology position. Also the Board heard an update about current website issues. Schatz indicated an organization of this size should have a full-time technology position. Lyson indicated there is a need to have someone in the office. Duchscherer indicated maybe it is time for the Board to advertise or have the finance committee look into what would be involved in seeking this position to be filled. Motion by Schatz to pursue this by creating a job description and establish salary, benefits, etc. and present to the Finance Committee at the January meeting. Second by Maus and carried.

Schaible reported on behalf of the Promotions & Programs Committee Report:

- The logo contest is on schedule but a question was brought up on how and when the scholarship would be paid. Committee would request that proof of attendance at a college would be required to receive the scholarship check.
- Gov. Hoven has agreed to a proclamation and staff member Hetler will work this out with the Governor's staff.
- The committee will contact the legislative leadership when sessions begin for a legislative resolution.
- Promotional gifts that will be given out have been selected
 - 750 note books with logo (hunter green color with gold lettering)
 - 1000 key chains yellow with silver label black lettering
 - Different color pens (light grey) with the centennial logo.
- Total cost of all gifts is budgeted for \$6000
- How they are to distributed needs to be fine tuned
- The committee will try to meet with current sponsors to give them an update and see how they would like to be involved with our centennial. A list of scholarship amount, billboards, reception and gifts will be shared with our sponsors in an attempt to nail down how much support for the cost of this celebration will be received.
- We will proceed with the history and timeline of each sport/activity and try to have people for each activity in place by January or February.

Dennis DeCoteau and Ike Trottier from Turtle Mountain High School appeared before the Board to discuss and appeal the decision to move them east in AAA football. They stated using the current football schedule for the 2007 season, TMCHS would travel 500 miles more than if Jamestown were to travel to these away schools. Also, there is concern for loss of school time because it will take an entire day to travel to some contests and they felt there was no cooperation in attempting to schedule on a Saturday. The delegation was thanked for coming before the Board.

The Board reviewed correspondence:

- a. Feiring letter. It was indicated there was a follow-up and shared these concerns with the administration of the schools involved. The Board felt this was unsportsmanlike conduct and would like to see a written response from Velva indicating what was done. Motion by Duchscherer to do so. Second by Schatz and carried.
- b. Stebbins communiqué

Jungling presented a report of some of the discussion items from the last National Federation Board of Directors meeting.

- a. Coaches contact with athletes in the summer.
- b. Connecticut has a 50 point rule and the coach will be disqualified if the point spread exceeds 50 points.
- c. Public vs private schools is an issue
- d. Transfer rules
- e. Video streaming
- f. Technology is an issue and how sports are affected with instant replay, etc. We may see more and more
- g. Websites and the use of websites in different states.
- h. In the October meeting, each of the sports editors will talk about rules and upcoming and changes
- i. Weight classifications in wrestling
- j. Wireless communication
- k. Safety and what equipment should be determined safe, etc.
- l. Sportsmanship in ice hockey is a big issue
- m. Baseball and the wood bat experiment. ND is commended for changing to wooden bats.
- n. Protective face and headgear is being talked about as far as baseball, etc. Also, protective eyewear
- o. Technology in scoring for swim & diving
- p. Pole Vault helmets
- q. Shot clock in basketball is getting closer to becoming a part of the NF rules. If so, the 18 minute halves may become an issue.

Lyson asked about televising football games and why is the schedule the same beginning with the 9-man game. Also, why some state tournaments, particularly golf is shortened because of weather but soccer is rescheduled. Should there be a comparison? A clarification was given that other levels of golf are handled the same way.

Jungling asked to bring up concern of officials and background checks. If the statement indicates on a registration form that the individual has been convicted of a felony, what is the procedure as follow-up on this situation? Further review of this will take place.

The Executive Secretary presented his report:

- a. Held a meeting with Thune on the all-star rule. Recommendation was to allow the attorney some time and study Minnesota, Michigan and Missouri to see how they handle this issue. Recommended is waiting until next October if there is to be any action.
- e. On Dec. 12, the ballots will be mailed out to the member schools for election for the new Board members.
- f. A letter was sent to Marvin Rhodes of Awards and Trophies concerning the quality issues and lack of timely response to additional orders of awards. The Executive Secretary indicated the association wishes to cancel the contract following the completion of the fall seasons.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2007 in Bismarck. Athletic Review will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Board meeting at 1:00 p.m. The Finance Committee and the

Constitution and By-Laws Committee and Promotions and Programs Committee will be scheduled to meet prior to the regular Board meeting.

With no further business, motion by Jordan to adjourn. Second by Jungling and carried.

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