

MINUTES

North Dakota High School Activities Association

Board of Directors

January 27, 2007, Bismarck, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met on January 27, 2007 at the Bismarck Ramkota Inn. President Briggs called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members present.

Following several additions the agenda was approved.

The minutes from the previous two meetings were provided in the Board packets. Motion by Schaible to approve the November 17, 2006 meeting. Second by Sanstead and carried. Motion by Knodle to approve the December 5, 2006 meeting. Second by Volesky and carried.

The Executive Secretary presented the financial report. The balance sheet, and savings and investment reports were reviewed. The financial statements from the fall activities were reviewed. The Board was reminded the bottom line of these activities will be different from previous reports because there has yet to be any team payments made which will take place at the end of the school year. Also, the figures from the sale of t-shirts was taken out to make the tournament financial report more accurate. Motion by Sanstead to approve the report. Second by Maus and carried.

The Board reviewed a request for a cooperative sponsorship dissolution for Cavalier and Drayton in wrestling (06-07). Motion by Lyson to approve. Second by Jungling and carried.

Cooperative Sponsorship applications were reviewed:

- a. Cavalier and Edinburg for wrestling (06-07), no fee.
Motion by Maus to approve. Second by Jordan and carried.
- b. Wahpeton and Breckenridge in girls swimming and diving 7-12 (07-08) no fee.
Motion by Lyson to approve. Second by Jungling and carried.
- c. Dickinson Trinity and New England in speech (06-07) no fee.
Motion by Knodle to approve. Second by Lyson and carried.
- d. Bismarck and Shiloh Christian in boys' golf (06-07) no fee.
Motion by Jordan to approve. Second by Sanstead and carried with one dissenting vote.
- e. Parshall and White Shield in football (07-08) no fee.
Motion by Volesky to approve. Second by Lyson and carried.

Briggs reported on behalf of the Executive Board with the following action:

- a. The Executive Board has determined Minot High School violated the open gym regulation on two counts. A date was scheduled for girls' basketball open gym and required girls to be present. Penalty: A strong letter of reprimand will be sent and any further violation could result in loss of eligibility for post-season competition.

- b. Bismarck High School used an ineligible home based education student during the 2005-2006 hockey season. The student had originally declared his eligibility at Shiloh Christian School. Bismarck was not aware of this and placed him as an eligible student on the team as a home school student in the Bismarck High School attendance area. The Executive Board recognized this would be an understandable mistake. A letter of reprimand was issued with the recommendation that in the future, schools ask all students if they have ever played for any other high school.
- c. Determined Tappen High School used unregistered officials. Tappen High School will receive a strong letter of reprimand indicating any further violations could result in probation or suspension.

Schatz reported on the recommendations as brought forward by the Fine Arts Committee.

At their January 29 meeting, the NDHSAA Board approved the Fine Arts Season Committee recommendations as listed below. Upon approval, these recommendations will go into effect as of July 1, 2007.

	Max # of Regular Season Tournaments	1st Competition Date	State Contest Date
Congress	6	September 1st	1st weekend of Nov.
Debate	12	2nd weekend of Nov	1st weekend of Feb.
Speech	12	1st weekend of Jan.	4th weekend of April (State A 3rd weekend and State B 4th weekend)
*Music	0	There are no regular season contests	Ends with state festival
*Plays	0	There are no regular season contests	Ends with state contest

***Music and one-act plays were not limited as those activities have only a regional and state contest with no regular season.**

Special Notes:

- No 2007-08 Speech Competition will be allowed in December.
- Debate or speech student workshops may be held prior to the listed "1st competition date" but no competition shall be allowed at workshops.
- The 2008 Class A East and West Speech Regions shall be changed to the 1st Saturday of April (April 5)
- The deadline date for 2008 Class A Regional Vocal/Strings Music Festivals shall be April 12 (no change).
- The 2008 Class A Play Festival shall be Thursday evening, April 17 and Friday April 18.
- The 2008 State A Speech Tournament shall be changed to April 19

Motion by Schatz to accept the recommendations from the Fine Arts Committee. Second by Lyson and carried with one dissenting vote.

President Briggs reported on the Athletic Review Committee meeting which was held earlier in the day. The recording of the votes from this meeting will be posted on the website. Board action on these recommendations will be on the March Board agenda.

Schaible reported the following on behalf of the Promotions Committee:

a. The centennial logo selected was submitted by Catherine Miller of Fargo North High School.

Motion by Schaible to approve the selection. Second by Jordan and carried.

b. Reviewed the items chosen for gifts during the centennial year.

c. Billboards and other budget items will be addressed after meeting with US Bank and Farmers Union Insurance

d. The Governor's proclamation arrangements are complete

e. Centennial articles will be requested from various writers. These articles will be accessible for managers to use in state tournament programs.

f. The Centennial Bulletin containing the centennial history will be compiled

Lyson asked if during the Centennial year, recognition be given to coaches with a certain amount of wins at the various tournaments. The group agreed, as a selection criterion, longevity should be recognized rather than wins.

Schaible reported on the Constitution & By-Laws Committee. The committee met with NDHSAA attorney, Gary Thune to discuss the all-star rule (Article XIV, Section III on page 18) and to determine if what and how to change. The committee reviewed the current rule and determined there are some areas that are not enforceable and may not be so in the future. The committee worked on the definition and intent of the rule. Three parts of the year were defined. The three parts are: (a) in school/in season, (b) in school/out of season, and (c) out of school (summer). Attorney Thune will work on the wording changes and will bring back to the committee for presentation to the Board.

Volesky reported on behalf of the Finance Committee:

a. The committee discussed the upcoming retirement plans as they relate to the assistant executive staff. The plan was shared with the Board:

- Bob Hetler – 2% increase above the 4% cost of living increase pursuant to receiving formal notice of intended retirement in 2009.
- Dave Carlsrud – For 2007-2008 a 4% cost of living increase and the following two years (2008-2009 and 2009-2010) a proposed 2% increase above the cost of living.
- Sheryl Solberg – For 2007-2008 a 4% cost of living increase, and proposed for the 2008-2009 year, a cost of living increase. For each of the following two years (2009-2010 and 2010-2011) the committee proposed 2% increase above a cost of living increase.

b. The committee gave their recommendations for the support staff:

- Sue Carlsrud - Cost of living increase of 4% (\$.65 per hour).
- Patty Bass - Cost of living increase of 4% (\$.65 per hour).
- Sharon Prosky – Increase of 6% (\$.77 per hour).
- Viv Stugelmeyer – Increase of 2% (\$.25 per hour).

Motion by Schatz to accept the plan. Second by Schaible and carried. Following further discussion by the Board, motion by Maus to offer one year contracts to Solberg and Carlsrud (2007-2008) and a two-year contract to Hetler (2007-2008 & 2008-2009) upon receipt of a letter of intended retirement in 2009 from Hetler. Second by Lyson and carried.

- c. The committee reviewed the job description for the technology position. It was recommended to seek a full-time administrative position with a maximum salary of \$40,000.

Motion by Maus to advertise this position as recommended and to start as soon as possible. Second by Jungling and carried. The Finance Committee will help to screen the applicants. It was also suggested someone with an extensive technology background to help with the interviewing of applicants. The Executive Secretary was directed to go forward with this plan.

- d. Delayed Telecasts and the pay structure for all television coverage were discussed. The committee will place this on the agenda for a future meeting.

Volesky reported on behalf of the Large Tournament Committee meeting which was held on December 20, 2006.

- a. At that meeting, Grand Forks Public School Athletic Administrator Todd Olson had presented a schedule to possibly use for the combined State Hockey Tournament. This has been previously shared with the Board.

Motion by Volesky to accept the schedule plan for the tournament. Second by Jungling and carried.

- b. The suggested tournament sites for 2010-2011 were reviewed.

Motion by Volesky to accept these sites. Second by Maus and carried.

- c. Beulah and Hazen had met with the Tournament Committee with their 3-class system which had an aggressive time-line. After their presentation, they indicated they would wait until there is further study for a final proposal.

The Board expressed a concern there is the misconception the NDHSAA Board of Directors is supporting a 3-class system which is not the case as the Board is not taking a stand on this issue.

- d. The committee discussed celebrations by certain interest groups that state tournament managers are expected to facilitate at state tournaments.
- e. The committee held discussion over concern for media interviewing and interfering with awards, etc at state events as well as interviewing players immediately after losing a contest and being put in an uncomfortable position.
- f. There was a discussion if an ambulance should be on duty at state sporting events. It was determined there is sufficient sports medicine personnel to handle issues that may arise.

Dr. Harold K. Larson, Supt. of Standing Rock and a delegation appeared before the Board with a request to reconsider a ruling on eligibility. This request was originally denied by the Executive Secretary. The delegation was present for an appeal as per the Constitution & By-Laws. Members of the delegation included Mark Clark, athletic administrator; Jeff Wetch, high school counselor; Fred Lausch, friend of family; Spiritual Leader, Kenneth Paint Sr.; and Monique Pleets, mother of the student. After various

presentations, the Board asked questions. Following extensive discussion, no action was taken, therefore, the appeal was denied.

The Executive Secretary shared information concerning the National Federation Coaches Education program. It is important that with more coaches being non-staff, there is a need for coaches' education in our state. The National Federation will cover the travel expense of the Executive Secretary attending a course which will enable him to instruct trainers for this course. Motion by Maus to approve the Executive Secretary to attend this training session at the National Federation and support coaches' education. Second by Sanstead and carried.

Schatz reported on behalf of the Class A Review Committee:

Recommendations for Class A Review Committee	
Committee Members: West, Jim Roaldson and Pat McNally	
East, Gary Mailloux and Todd Olson	
NDHSAA Board, Jeff Schatz	
Meeting Dates: January 17, 2007 and May 9, 2007	NDHSAA
Committee	Board
West/East Region Recommendations: Fall 2007	Action:
basketball:	
1. Support changing to 18 minute halves. (W)	Previously done
Cross Country	
1. Adopt a roster numbering system for statewide use. (ex. Gymnastics) (E)	Table
Football	
1.Regulation high school goal posts for playoffs (W)	Table
2. AAA football participants in the Dakota Bowl receive 50 player plaques and 8 coaches plaques (E)	Y (4-0)
3. Number of personnel on the sidelines not in full uniform at the discretion of the participating school (E)	N (0-4)
4. Cheerleaders, manager, statisticians, etc...passes should be outside the limit of 64 passes (E)	Table
Hockey	
1. Rotate brackets like what is done in other sports (W)	Y (4-0) done for 06-07
Tennis Boy's	
1. Tennis officials should attend the rules clinic. (E)	N (0-4)
2. Officials should be selected and assigned by the NDHSAA office. (E)	Y (4-0)
3. Start date for boys' tennis to match the start date for football. (Aug. 8, 2007 First contest to be Aug. 17th	
with the minimum practices to be 6. (E)	N (1-3)
Volleyball	
1. Discuss changing season length (W)	No Action
Music	
1. Discussion of judges' fees and management expenses of	No Action

sponsored events. (E)	
General	
1. Look at starting times for tournaments. (W)	Refer to Tournament Committee
Committee Proposals for Spring Agenda	
1. FB #3---To review and establish limits on the number of sideline personnel throughout play-offs.	

Staff member Carlsrud reported on behalf of the NDOA. The purpose of the presentation was to give a brief overview to the NDHSAA Board of Directors on the purpose of the NDOA and how the Board operates. The NDOA meets semi-annually to bring forward recommendations to the NDHSAA Board of Directors. The Executive Secretary shared the NDOA recommendation of a 4% increase in regular season fees was given to the Board earlier. Motion by Maus to approve the 4% increase. Second by Schatz and carried.

The Board reviewed a letter of request from Leeds, because of Olympic ramifications as sanctioned by the USATF, to allow an athlete to attend the Nike Indoor High School Track and Field Championships in Washington, D.C. during the high school season. Motion by Knodle to approve the request. Second by Sanstead and carried.

The Board studied a proposal submitted by Ray Maloney to allow the sale of a book, "The Grappler" with a share of the sales submitted to the NDHSAA. Schatz indicated there are interest groups that would want to also be allowed sales. No action was taken, therefore, the solicitation policy stands as written.

The General Assembly agenda was reviewed.

The Board submitted trophy presentation assignments.

The Board was previously given spring regulations for spring activities. Motion by Schaible to accept these regulations. Second by Jordan and carried.

The Board reviewed Senate Bill No. 2348. Motion by Volesky to oppose Senate Bill No. 2348. Second by Schaible and carried.

Sanstead reported on behalf of the Canvassing Committee with the following results from the election for the two seats on the NDHSAA Board of Directors to a four-year term beginning the 2007-2008 year:

- Class B Northwest – Wayne Stanley 85 – , Clarke Ranum – 78
- Class A West Region – David Looyen – 87, John Jankowski – 74

This report will be presented to the General Assembly for approval.

The Executive Secretary informed the Board the North Dakota School Board Association representative on the NDHSAA Board of Directors will be Phil Eastgate of Beulah.

Jungling reported on the National Federation Board:

- Reported on items from the Winter Meeting
- NFHS stamps on equipment moved from .25 to .35 per item
- NFIAAAA is in the process of separating from the NFHS, but the relationship with the NFHS is very strong
- National Federation awarded the Spirit of Sport award to two coaches involved in a nationally televised game clip in which a special needs student was allowed to play
- The hottest topic is what the National Federation calls themselves with the dropping of reference to state high school associations.
- The National Federation is in excellent shape financially

The Executive Secretary presented his report:

- A trend is causing concern regarding the Sportsmanship Challenge Program. The first year, we had 142 schools participating, the second year, 113, and the current year, 97 schools involved in the program. This program is in place to provide support for administrators when dealing with problems as well as to improve sportsmanship in our state.
- Staff member Solberg was nominated to chair the National Federation Track & Field Rules Committee.
- Dakota Central is going to do a delayed telecast of the State Wrestling finals.
- Last week, the first ever Native American Advisory Committee meeting was held in Valley City. Members of the committee were Supt. Wayne Trottier, Four Winds; Supt. Mark Bluestone, New Town; Prin. Mike Talley, Standing Rock; Athletic Administrator Dennis DeCoteau, Turtle Mountain; and Gary dickens, Board member of White Shield. The committee will be meeting again February 21st.
- The Combined Class A State Basketball Tournament schedule is available for the Board.
- Billie Ann Caya, spirit advisory from the Bismarck Public Schools has an article published in the National Federation Coaches Quarterly.
- Reported on the response received from Steve Dick, Velva superintendent concerning a football game between Velva and Stanley.

The next regular Board meeting will be in Fargo, March 9, 2007 beginning at 8:00 a.m. to allow attendance at the Class A basketball semi-finals which start at 1:00. The Board will meet again on March 16 in Bismarck.

The Board was thanked for their diligent attention to all matters. With no further business, President Briggs declared the meeting adjourned.

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