

**MINUTES**  
**North Dakota High School Activities Association**  
**Board of Directors**  
**March 16, 2007, Bismarck, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met on March 16, 2007 at the Bismarck Ramkota Inn. President Briggs called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members present.

Upon additions, President Briggs declared the agenda final.

The minutes were reviewed. Upon a correction, motion by Knodle to approve the minutes. Second by Schaible and carried.

There was no financial report as it was heard at the March 9 meeting.

The Board reviewed the cooperative sponsorship applications:

- a. Underwood and Turtle Lake-Mercer in JH Girls BB, 07-08, no fee. Motion by Volesky to approve. Second by Sanstead and carried.
- b. Steele-Dawson and Tappen in JH Boys BB, 07-08, no fee. Motion by Lyson to approve. Second by Jordan and carried.

The Executive Secretary indicated that because of the timeline for the Bismarck and Bismarck St. Mary's cooperative sponsorship application, they have requested a conference call for review. This will be in order to meet the date that the Board can act on the application. The conference call date and time will be set by the Executive Secretary.

Staff member Hetler reported on the bids received for the 2007-2008 calendar:

- a. Sheyenne Printing of Valley City – (12 X 17 calendar) - \$3,954.92
- b. School Pride Group of Moorhead - (12 X 17 calendar) -\$3,455.81
- c. Go Zone of Fargo (Formerly 3D Printing) - (12 X 17 calendar) -\$3,520.00

Motion by Sanstead to accept the bid from School Pride Group of Moorhead and to seek bids for the large wall calendar in addition to the current size for the 2008-2009 year. Second by Jungling and carried.

Maus reported on behalf of the Class B Redistricting Committee. With the declining number of teams in each district there is a need to review the current district assignments. It was decided to wait until after the possible vote on a three-class system at the October General Assembly meeting in the event the vote would require a total revamping of district assignments.

Maus also reported on the District Chair meeting held earlier in the day. The recommendations approved to be forwarded will be posted on the website for review. The final action will take place by the Board at the June meeting.

The Board reviewed a request from Four Winds High School to be placed in a football region the second year of the new two-year plan. The request was tabled from the last meeting to provide the Football Committee an opportunity for review. The committee recommended placing Four Winds on a waiting list and allow them to be inserted into the plan early only if there is another team that drops and leaves a vacancy. If this does not occur, they will wait until the next two-year planning. Motion by Jungling to approve the recommendation. Second by Maus and carried. Jungling shared if Four Winds were to be placed early, they would be placed in the A 11-man division. The Board was reminded they were originally in the plan in 2006, but withdrew.

The Executive Secretary reported on a request from West Fargo High School to sanction the sport of girls' softball. This request was tabled from the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to allow all interested schools an opportunity to officially respond to the question of sponsoring a team. Received were yes responses from West Fargo, Valley City, Fargo Shanley, Grand Forks Red River, Grand Forks Central, Fargo North, Fargo South, Devils Lake and Enderlin. There was no response from Minot Bishop Ryan and Minot High School indicated they were not prepared to begin sanctioning a team at this time. Motion by Schatz to sanction girls' softball and provide a state tournament including team payments. Second by Knodle. Duchscherer asked if this had a time frame? Motion by Lyson to amend the motion to include for the spring of 2009. Second by Knodle. Motion to amend to spring of 2009 carried with one dissenting vote. Motion by Maus to amend the amended motion to specify there must be 12 teams to sanction for the spring of 2009. Second by Schaible. Motion on the amendment to the amended motion carried. Vote on the original motion as amended to read approval to sanction girls' fast pitch softball and provide a state tournament including team payments to be for the spring of 2009, only if there is a minimum of 12 teams. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the proposed calendar. There was a correction to the first allowable contest for Class A Girls' Golf to August 10 for the 2007 season. Motion by Jordan to approve the calendar for 2007-2008 as corrected and the proposed 2008-2009 year. Second by Schaible and carried.

Maus asked to place on the agenda for discussion the situation of some districts soliciting by selling raffle tickets, t-shirts, etc. at post-season tournaments. Some district tournament managers would like to be able to fund raise at those tournaments. It is suggested there are some schools that are illegally selling t-shirts, raffle tickets, etc. Duchscherer suggested there is a need to be clearer with this as the policy. Maus agreed this needs to be sent out to the tournament managers. It was agreed the policy stands as is. Violations will be dealt by the Executive Board as it would be a violation of a regulation.

Staff member Solberg shared the information she received concerning the Steele-Dawson vs. Wing girls' basketball game in which the final score was very lopsided. Staff member Carlsrud brought the Board up to date on this issue that has surfaced concerning an official's responsibility when another school appears to be running up the score. An official, Perry Smith has written several letters making an issue out of this because of the

girls' basketball score differential between Steele-Dawson and Wing High Schools. There is not a definite rule that addresses this, but there are rule references that vaguely cover when an official may call a forfeit. The Board indicated administrators of member schools rather than officials are capable of and should be monitoring this and preventing the intentional running up of the score.

At the previous meeting, the Board approved the recommendation to provide three plaques for state golf. The recommendation was erroneously stated as state plaques, but was actually meant to be regional plaques as there are three teams that advance to state. Motion by Lyson to approve the recommendation. Second by Sanstead and carried.

Executive Secretary Reported Senate Bill # 2348 was defeated, 82-8 in the House.

Date and Time for Next Meeting will be April 18<sup>th</sup> with the Tournament Committee meeting April 17<sup>th</sup>, both meetings taking place in Valley City. Site selections will be on the agenda.

President Briggs declared the meeting adjourned.

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