

MINUTES
North Dakota High School Activities Association
Board of Directors
September 26, 2006 – Valley City, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met on September 26, 2006 at the NDHSAA office in Valley City. President Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with all members present except Schaible and Sanstead.

Following additions, President Briggs declared the agenda final.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 10, 2006 regular meeting and the August 24, 2006 special meetings. Following amendments to the August 10th minutes, motion by Lyson to approve the minutes. Second by Jordan and carried.

The Executive Secretary presented the finance report including the balance sheet, updated budget, and investment report. A list of checks written for August is available if requested for review. Motion by Volesky to approve the report. Second by Knodle and carried.

The following cooperative sponsorship dissolutions were considered:

- a. New Dist. 8 and Williston in girls' and boys' hockey for 2006-2007
Motion by Lyson to approve. Second by Jordan and carried.
- b. Starkweather and Devils Lake in football for 2007-2008
Motion by Volesky to approve. Second by Maus and carried.

The following cooperative sponsorship applications were considered:

- a. Bishop Ryan and Sawyer in wrestling, boys' and girls' track, 2006-2007 (late fee)
Motion by Lyson to approve. Second by Schatz and carried.
- b. Minot and South Prairie in junior high cross country, football, gymnastics, soccer, swimming, track, wrestling, tennis and golf, 2006-2007 (no late fee)
Motion by Jordan to approve. Second by Jungling and carried.
- c. Grafton, Minto and St. Thomas in wrestling, 7-12, 2006-2007 (no late fee)
Motion by Jordan to approve. Second by Knodle and carried.
- d. Standing Rock and Solen in football, 7-12, 2006-2007 (no late fee)
Motion by Volesky to approve. Second by Jordan and carried.
- e. Jamestown and Midkota in gymnastics, 7-12, 2006-2007 (no late fee)
Motion by Duchscherer to approve. Second by Maus and carried.
- f. New Salem and Glen Ullin in football, 9-12, 2007-2008 (no late fee)
Motion by Lyson to approve. Second by Volesky and carried.
- g. Cando, Bisbee-Egeland and Starkweather in football, 7-12, 2007-2008 (no late fee)
Motion by Schatz to approve. Second by Jungling and carried.

The Board brought discussion of State B Golf sites back to the table from the August meeting. Following a survey indicating the member school's wish to place the State Class B Boys' and Girls' Golf Tournament site in Williston, motion by Knodle to approve as the state site. Second by Jordan and carried.

Volesky reported on behalf of the Finance Committee:

- a. The committee recommends the purchase of a new Dodge Caravan from Miller Motors to replace the older of the two current association vans. The purchase after trade is \$9,980 with the option to purchase an extended warranty for \$500.

Motion by Volesky to accept the bid. Second by Duchscherer and carried.

- b. The National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) is offering the Optimum Performance Calculator program to schools for an annual fee of \$30 per school. The NWCA has requested the NDHSAA bill the individual schools that are participating in this program and send one payment to them.
- c. The committee recommends changing ticket prices for the Dakota Bowl from \$8 adults and \$5 students to \$10 adults and \$6 students. This price would enable a fan to attend all four games on that day. The 9 man game starts at 9:00 a.m. and each of the next two games begins 20 minutes after the last game ends. The AAA game begins at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Volesky to approve the increase. Second by Lyson and carried with one dissenting vote. There was no action on the NWCA request.

Jungling reported on behalf of the Football Committee.

- a. The Executive Secretary has reported on his visit to TMCHS and the future Ojibwa High School and has indicated these two high schools are scheduled to open at the beginning of the 2007 fall semester. After much discussion, there was consensus TMCHS should remain in AAA football. If a team from that division decides not to participate, this division will remain with 15 teams.
- b. Upcoming football cooperative sponsorship programs for football were reviewed. The committee will have a conference call on October 4, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. This will be followed by the final plan being made October 5, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

The Board discussed numbers indicating the need to avoid using strength of program considerations. Schatz indicated it is important to stay with the numbers for the sake of the integrity of the plan. Duchscherer expressed concern in trying to project what is going to happen from 2007 to 2009 with declining enrollments and fewer teams. Will four divisions be a problem with future coops and declining enrollments? The next football plan will study the 3-division system.

- c. The Division A football was discussed. A playoff format and region/non-region schedule was considered. Because of the concerns with the plan, it was recommended to change the number of teams from 24 to 32 in Division 11A.

Motion by Maus to change Division A from 24 to 32 teams. Second by Jungling and carried with one dissenting vote. Maus indicated it should be emphasized in forming the next two-year plan, a three-class system would be studied.

The Board held audience with Mike McCall of Wahpeton concerning a request to waive the age rule for a student who will turn 20 the first part of December, 2006. Volesky indicated there is merit of the 20 year-old rule and has not been waived for any other student. Motion by Volesky to deny. Second by Jordan and carried.

Supt. Norm Fries of Gackle-Streeter and Supt. James Dunnigan of Medina appeared before the Board to allow Central Prairie volleyball to be moved from District 6 to District 5. Medina will be the host school for all cooperative sponsorship programs to be used for placement of districts. Currently, there are 7 teams in both districts and there was a concern this movement would cause an unequal number of teams in these two districts. A note from Prin. Tom Six of Tappen has indicated a willingness to move from District 5 to District 6 if the Gackle-Streeter/Medina request was approved. Due to past practice, motion by Maus to refer this request to the Class B Redistricting committee for review and a report to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Second by Lyson. Following extensive discussion, motion carried.

The Executive Secretary reported on a discussion concerning officials' registration resulting in receiving checks with insufficient funds. It is suggested there be a fee charged as well as a deadline date as to when the check is made good or the official is not eligible. Motion by Jordan to add a \$25 charge to officials for a NSF check and this official will not be eligible until that fine and registration is paid. Second by Knodle and carried.

Motion by Jungling to bring the TMCHS request to be moved down a division in football back which was tabled from the August meeting. Second by Duchscherer and carried.

The Executive Secretary reported on his visit with TMCHS to find out the progress of the new high school that is currently being built. Motion by Lyson to deny the request from TMCHS to be moved down one division for football. Second by Schatz and carried.

The Board reviewed the Edgeley HS Communiqué stating their complaint of Shiloh Christian not honoring their football contract. As a follow-up, Briggs reported on the Executive Board action concerning Shiloh Christian School not honoring contracts. The following was determined by the committee:

- a. Shiloh Christian School will be placed on probation for 1 calendar year.
- b. Shiloh Christian's 2007 football schedule will play an all away schedule to compensate teams for lost gate and concessions from games not played this year.
- c. Shiloh Christian will honor the monetary obligations for the 2006 season as stated in the contracts.

The Board reviewed winter regulations for basketball, hockey, gymnastics and wrestling. Duchscherer indicated the winter regulations should include the shirt regulation (such as page 4 of the basketball regulations which includes sportsmanship). Motion by Knodle to amend the regulations to add the statement concerning appropriate shirt must be worn.

Second by Schatz and carried. Motion by Jordan to approve the regulations as reviewed. Second by Jungling and carried.

The Executive Secretary indicated the East Region Boys' Golf site had not been approved. Recommended is to place the tournament in Fargo with Dale Hammerschmidt, Shanley as manager. Motion by Volesky to approve. Second by Schatz and carried.

The Executive Secretary reported a number of schools had fulfilled most of the requirements for placement of fall sport information on the website by putting in their picture, roster and schedule missed the cut line. The Board indicated it would be permissible to give an extension for the cut line and fine the other schools that had not entered the other three required parts.

Hetler reported on the 2006-2007 Policy Debate Survey as to how many teams and students will be involved in this event and should it be proposed to sponsor this portion of State Debate for this season. It is recommended the NDHSAA continue to sponsor policy debate as one of the 3 categories at the 2007 State Debate Tournament to be held February 2, 3. Motion by Volesky to offer Policy Debate for one more year and review at the end of the year. Second by Jordan and carried.

Hetler also reported on a survey on the possible change in the format of Class B Plays. This format could be:

Two plays automatically qualify from each of the 10 regions.

- a. Conduct state preliminary round at 2 sites on Monday of Thanksgiving week. There would be 10 plays at each of 2 sites. Superior Performers chosen from preliminary round
- b. The top 4 plays from each preliminary site advance to the finals on Tuesday of Thanksgiving week.

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

Jordan reported on the Officials Committee:

- a. Approve the use of the gray with black pinstripe shirt as an alternative for officiating basketball and wrestling. The black and white striped shirt is still the primary shirt and is to be worn if all don't have the gray.
- b. Approve electronic testing for our officials and coaches through the NFHS in sports where offered.

Motion by Jordan to approve these two recommendations. Second by Maus. Motion denied, 2-7

Motion by Volesky to approve the electronic testing recommendation. Second by Schatz and carried.

NDOA recommendations to be considered at the November meeting are:

- a. Increase the football tournament fees by \$5 for 07-08.
- b. Increase NDHSAA regular season and tournament fee schedules by 4% "across the board" for 07-08.

These recommendations will be placed on the November agenda.

Representative Reports were heard:

Lorell Jungling attended the Section 5 and Section 8 meetings.

- a. The Oregon Association is being sued for reclassifying their schools because it is causing an increase in travel.
- b. The Seventh Day Adventists are asking for special consideration to not schedule tournaments between sundown Friday until late Saturday.

Knodle reported the approval of tennis officials for region and state was having positive results.

Lyson reported superintendents are talking more about a three-division system for football.

Jungling reported the NDIAAA would like to suggest to the Board there be assistance to the staff with a full-time technology person.

The Executive Secretary gave his report:

- a. The Dakota Bowl is scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. Friday, November 10th for the first three games each following 20 minutes after the completion of the previous game. The AAA championship game is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. that evening.
- b. At the NDIAAA and regional meetings, the topic of the all-star rule was discussed. A meeting with NDHSAA attorney, Gary Thune is scheduled to discuss this rule and the ramifications of the current wording.
- c. Three hardships have been heard with two approved and one denied. At this point there has been no appeal. Also, one request for additional semesters of eligibility has been approved.
- d. The schools in designated areas will be contacted for nominations for the upcoming vacancies on the NDHSAA Board of Directors.
- e. Financial and Personnel committee will be asked to start discussion on a possible addition to staff.

The next meeting will be October 18 in Bismarck. Committee meetings will be Finance and Personnel, Programs and Promotions, Constitution & By-Laws, Football, and Class B Redistricting Committee.

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

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