

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
October 16, 2013, Bismarck, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on October 16, 2013 in Bismarck. President Olson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Olson, Roaldson, Martin, Ham, Brannan, Hall, Wiberg, Rinas, Bertsch, Baesler
Absent: Auch

Others present: Kim Anderson, Maddock Superintendent, Sue Lund, Sawyer Athletic Director, Larry Sandy, Velva Athletic Director, Randy Loing, Rolla High School Principal/Athletic Director, Deb Burgad, New Rockford-Sheyenne Athletic Director, Rich Rogers, Langdon Superintendent, Jeff Hagler, North Star Superintendent, Wayne Sanders, CoachesChoice Corporate and Athletic Apparel President.

Upon additions to the agenda, motion by Roaldson to approve the agenda. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was previously supplied minutes of the September 17, 2013 meeting for review. Motion by Ham to approve minutes as read. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Secretary presented the financial report including balance sheet, detailed budget and investment report for review. Motion by Rinas to approve the financial report. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

Also provided was the IRS Form 990 for review and approval. Motion by Wiberg to approve the IRS Form 990 as presented. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship dissolution requests:

1. Leeds and Maddock in girls' golf, 9-12, 2013-14
Motion by Hall to approve dissolution. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Sawyer & Bishop Ryan in football, 7-12, 2014-15
Sue Lund, Sawyer Athletic Director and Larry Sandy, Velva Athletic Director, provided information on existing Sawyer - Bishop Ryan football coop and the Sawyer – Velva football coop to be considered. This dissolution and proposed new coop would occur in year two of a two-year football plan.
Motion by Ham to deny the dissolution of football coop. Second by Rinas.
Issues with the current coop were discussed including travel on oil impacted roads, student safety, student and staff time, student supervision and traffic issues. Rinas indicated this issue is really a relationship issue within the existing coop. Ham voiced the opinion waiving the football guidelines as requested would open the door for other schools to do the same. Olson pointed out the students currently have a place to play within the existing coop. Motion to deny carried unanimously.

Baesler joined the meeting.

3. Sawyer & Bishop Ryan in boys' track and field, 7-12, 2013-14 – contingent on waiving the late fee as per Sawyer High School request.
Motion by Ham to deny dissolution. Second by Roaldson. Ham indicated the need for consistency on fees and policies. Motion to deny carried unanimously.
4. Sawyer & Bishop Ryan in girls' track, 7-12, 2013-14 – contingent on waiving the late fee as per Sawyer High School request.
Motion by Ham to deny dissolution. Second by Roaldson. Ham indicated the need for consistency on fees and policies.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship applications:

1. Lewis & Clark Berthold and Lewis & Clark North Shore, play, 7-12, 2013-14, no fee

- Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Rugby, Leeds and Maddock in girls' golf, 9-12, 2013-14, late fee
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.
 3. Des Lacs-Burlington, Lewis & Clark Berthold, Lewis & Clark North Shore, wrestling, 7-12, 2013-14, no fee
The Executive Board considered an emergency coop application for Des Lacs-Burlington, Lewis & Clark Berthold, Lewis & Clark North Shore, wrestling, 7-12, 2013-14, no fee. President Todd Olson recommended the Board consider the coop. Motion by Hall to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.
 4. West Fargo and West Fargo Sheyenne in boys' tennis, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Rinas. Brannan asked if there is an NDHSAA policy for new schools to come before the Board with their sport/activity implementation plan. Sylling indicated nothing is written; however, in past practice the Board has requested new schools come before the board to discuss their plans. Motion carried unanimously.
 5. West Fargo and West Fargo Sheyenne in girls' golf, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Rinas. Brannan asked if there is an NDHSAA policy for new schools to come before the Board with their sport/activity implementation plan. Sylling indicated nothing is written; however, in past practice the Board has requested new schools come before the board to discuss their plans. Motion carried unanimously.
 6. West Fargo and WF Sheyenne in Boys' Soccer, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Rinas. Brannan asked if there is an NDHSAA policy for new schools to come before the Board with their sport/activity implementation plan. Sylling indicated nothing is written; however, in past practice the Board has requested new schools come before the board to discuss their plans. Motion carried unanimously.
 7. Leeds and Maddock in junior high girls' golf, 7-8, 2013-14, no fee
Motion by Rinas to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.
 8. Velva & Sawyer in football, 9-12, 2014-15, late fee
Motion by Roaldson to deny. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.
 9. Velva & Sawyer in boys' track 9-12, 2013-14, late fee
Motion by Roaldson to deny. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.
 10. Velva & Sawyer in girls' track, 9-12, 2013-14, late fee
Motion by Roaldson to deny. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Board Report:

1. Recommended the Board consider an emergency coop for Des Lacs-Burlington, Lewis & Clark Berthold, Lewis & Clark North Shore, wrestling, 7-12, 2013-14, no fee.
2. Montpelier High School self reported the use of a high school junior in junior high games. A letter of reprimand will be issued. The school must notify all schools they participated against and forfeit all games in which the ineligible player participated.

Steve Hall, Constitution & By-Laws Committee Chair, reported on the meeting held on September 17th. A breakout session at the NDCEL Fall Conference will be used to gather additional information from school administrators. Hall, Bertsch, and Mark Andresen will lead the session. A full committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23 @ 1:00 pm via video.

Wayne Sanders, President of CoachesChoice Corporate and Athletic Apparel addressed the Board concerning their existing and future contract. Sanders provided information on their company, apparel examples and their existing contract with NDHSAA. Sylling provided an explanation of the existing contract and relationship with CoachesChoice. Sanders provided a proposal expanding the number of tournaments covered by CoachesChoice including tee shirts for all state tournaments currently bid separately. The proposal is a three-year agreement beginning with winter 2014 and extending to spring 2017. The existing contract includes the volleyball, wrestling and track & field state tournaments. Additional state tournaments proposed are: cross country, football, Class B boys' basketball, Class B girls' basketball.

Motion by Brannan to authorize Sylling to finalize the proposed contract with CoachesChoice. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

Baesler left meeting @ 11:19 am.

Curt Jones, West Fargo High School Athletic Director requested two additional volleyball games for Class A schools beginning 2014/15. Class A schools were surveyed and 17 support this change.

Motion by Martin to approve two additional volleyball games for Class A schools beginning 2014/15. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

Randy Loing, Rolla High School Principal/Athletic Director requested Board consideration for a super regional volleyball tournament for Region IV beginning 2014-15. Letters of support from Region IV schools were included for 10 out of 11 schools. The 11th school is on board with the idea, but did not get a letter in time. Motion by Rinas to approve a super regional volleyball tournament for region IV. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Roaldson, football committee chair, provided a recommended timeline for Board approval of the 2015 and 2016 football plan. The timeline is similar to timelines previously used.

NDHSAA Football Plan for 2015 and 2016 Seasons

January 2014 Meeting	Complete guidelines and share with membership
March 2014	Send out preliminary division assignments and request feedback
June 1, 2014	All requests for football coop dissolutions due
September 15, 2014	Deadline for new football cooperative agreements
September 16, 2014	Board meets and addresses coop applications
September 17, 2014	Preliminary region assignments will be sent to schools
September 30, 2014	Deadline for requests to move up a division
First week in October 2014	Football Committee meets & finalizes recommended plan
October 2014 Meeting	Final plan presented to membership

Motion by Martin to approve football report. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Wiberg, media committee chair, discussed with the Board any recommendations to the rate card for the televising/webcasting of declined events. Committee recommends a live rate (television or webcast) and a delayed rate. This rate card would replace all rates previously approved.

RECOMMENDED TV/WEBCAST RATES

	LIVE	DELAYED
DISTRICT BASKETBALL	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
REGIONAL BASKETBALL		
Class A combined	\$6,000.00	\$750.00
Class A boys or girls	\$5,000.00	\$500.00
Class B boys or girls	\$5,000.00	\$500.00
Per game	\$750.00	\$200.00
STATE BASKETBALL		
Class A or B per game		\$500.00
STATE BASEBALL A or B	\$1,500.00	\$750.00
Per game	\$750.00	\$200.00
STATE CROSS COUNTRY	\$1,500.00	\$750.00

	LIVE	DELAYED
FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAMES		
(per game) 1st Round	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
(per game) Quarterfinals	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
(per game) Semi-finals	\$2,500.00	\$500.00
REGION GOLF/TENNIS	\$500.00	\$250.00
STATE GOLF/GYMNASTICS/ SWIMMING/TENNIS	\$1,500.00	\$750.00
REGIONAL HOCKEY		
Per game	\$700.00	\$200.00
STATE HOCKEY		
Per game		\$300.00
Finals only		\$500.00
STATE SOCCER	\$1,500.00	\$750.00
STATE SOFTBALL A or B	\$1,500.00	\$750.00
Per game	\$750.00	\$200.00
REGION TRACK	\$500.00	\$250.00
STATE TRACK	\$2,000.00	\$750.00
DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL	\$500.00	\$250.00
REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL		
Complete tournament	\$700.00	\$300.00
Per game	\$300.00	\$200.00
STATE VOLLEYBALL COMBINED		
Complete tournament	\$3,000.00	\$750.00
Per game	\$750.00	\$300.00
REGION WRESTLING	\$500.00	\$250.00
STATE WRESTLING		
Complete tournament	\$5,000.00	\$750.00
Finals only	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
REGION FINE ARTS	\$500.00	\$250.00
STATE FINE ARTS	\$1,500.00	\$750.00

Motion by Roaldson to approve the recommended television/webcasting rate card. Second by Hall. Discussion included how this rate card will affect district tournaments which were not previously under NDHSAA control. The details of working with member schools to broadcast district tournaments will be addressed as we progress. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Brannan, Fine Arts Committee Chair, reported to the Board concerning the State A & B music schedules. Committee recommendation is a 9:00 am start time for both State A and B music contests with no preferential scheduling allowed.

Motion by Martin to approve 9:00 am start time for State A & B music contests. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.

In representative reports Olson brought forth an idea discussed at NDIAAA concerning a consistent transfer form for student transfers. The movement of students around the state and in and out of the state has become difficult for schools to track. The Board discussed the possibility of offering schools a student transfer form. No action was taken.

Bertsch discussed not being able to hold activities the week of the NDEA Instructional Conference questioning if this is the time to request a change in the ability to have contests. This is currently in the NDHSAA By-Laws and the North Dakota Century Code. Participation in the NDEA Instructional Conference has shown a decrease in the past several years. If the NDEA Instructional Conference no longer is held, NDHSAA would not have to have a By-Law change in order to have activities during that Thursday and Friday.

Hall brought forward the issue of region tournaments using the Fargo Civic Center and whether the revamp will include an auditorium. The Fargo Civic Center is currently used for district and region tournaments.

Wiberg received a letter that requested a change in the By-Law addressing the separation of a married couple. No action was taken.

Sylling provided the Executive Secretary's report. Sylling invited Board members to attend the NDCEL breakout session concerning academic eligibility. The General Assembly agenda was discussed. Olson will provide the welcome to the membership, Hall will present information on the status of the academic eligibility committee, Schell will discuss the NOW website, Sylling will discuss the NFHS Network. Board members were informed weather conditions and standing water on the field in Jamestown on Saturday morning prompted the state boys' soccer tournament to be shortened. Staff member Fetsch reported the 3rd & 5th place games were cancelled and the championship game moved from Jamestown to Shiloh Christian School in Bismarck. The change in date of NDEA created a change in schedules for officials. The majority of officials work college and high school games. To assure enough officials, soccer officials were contracted 3 months in advance of the state tournament. Due to the change in venue, the earliest the tournament could start at Shiloh Christian was 3:00 pm. Some of the officials contracted for early games were also committed to college soccer games on Saturday afternoon/evening. Beginning the 5th place game at 3:00 pm and playing the 5th place and championship games upon the completion of the 5th place game would have required the same officials to do all three games. In an average soccer game an official runs 6-8 miles so having officials do all three games on Saturday would be the equivalent of officials running a marathon..

President Olson read a letter to the Board from Executive Secretary Sylling.

"Having served 44 years in the education profession, the time has come for me to step down from my current position as NDHSAA Executive Secretary. My plan is to be done June 30, 2014. This undoubtedly is one of the toughest decisions I have ever had to make.

I would like to thank this Board and all previous Boards for the privilege of working for the North Dakota High School Activities Association. I will have had 15 great years working for the Association. In my opinion, the Association is in very good shape financially and is blessed with a tremendous staff. The staff is loyal, hard working and always looks out for the best interests of the Association and its member schools.

I wish you the best as you search for a replacement. I feel confident that there will be a pool of qualified candidates seeking this position."

Motion by Roaldson to accept Sylling's letter of resignation noting the Board and member schools' deep appreciation for his years of service and the difference he has made in support of educationally based athletics and activities for North Dakota schools. Second by Hall. Motion carried with a no vote from Brannan (9-1)

Olson will discuss the replacement process with Sylling and report back to the Board. There will be a screening process done by Board representatives with interviews with the entire Board.

The NDHSAA General Assembly Meeting will be held on October 17, 2013 at the Ramkota in Bismarck. The next NDHSAA Board meeting will be held on November 22, 2013 in Minot.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 12:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant to the Executive Secretary

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____