

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
November 22, 2013, Minot, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on November 22, 2013 in Minot. President Olson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Gary Thune, NDHSAA legal counsel, Tom Eberle, St. Mary's High School Principal, Teresa Kellington, legal counsel

Upon additions to the agenda, motion by Wiberg to approve the agenda. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was previously supplied minutes of the October 16, 2013 meeting for review. Motion by Hall to approve minutes as read. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was previously supplied minutes of the October 23, 2013 meeting for review. Motion by Bertsch to approve minutes as read. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship dissolution requests:

1. Glenburn and Westhope/Newburg in boys' track, 2013-14
Motion by Auch to approve dissolution. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Glenburn and Westhope/Newburg in girls' track, 2013-14
Motion by Auch to approve dissolution. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Grenora and Williston in wrestling 2013-14
Motion by Roaldson to approve dissolution. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.
Recommendation to place Grenora in region 3. Motion by Brannan to place Grenora in region 3. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Carrington and Kensal in baseball, 2013-14
Motion by Hall to approve dissolution. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Minnewaukan and Devils Lake in volleyball, 2014-15
Motion by Wiberg to approve dissolution. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship applications:

1. Medina, Pingree-Buchanan, Kidder County Steele and Kidder County Tappen HS in boys' cross-country, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Medina, Pingree-Buchanan, Kidder County Steele and Kidder County Tappen HS in girls' cross-country, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Dickinson and Killdeer in softball, 9-12, 2013-14, no fee
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Griggs County Central, Barnes County North, Pingree-Buchanan, Midkota, Kensal Public Schools, football, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
Motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Griggs County Central, Barnes County North, Pingree-Buchanan, Midkota, Kensal Public Schools, football, 7-12, 2014-15, late fee
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Minnewaukan, Four Winds, Tate Topa volleyball, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee

Motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.
Recommendation to place Minnewaukan/Four Winds in district 7, region 4. Motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.

Todd Olson, Executive Board Chair reported penalties assessed to:

1. Trenton and Trinity Christian High Schools for a By-Law violation. The schools played a volleyball match on Thursday of NDEA. Fined \$1,000 per school for violation of the By-Law. Letter of reprimand and schools placed on probation for 1 year.
2. Fargo Davies High School for using an ineligible athlete. An ineligible diver was used in some swim meets. Diver was entered as an exhibition diver but scores were recorded. Letter of reprimand to Fargo Davies High School and Fargo Davies High School girls' swimming & diving program placed on probation for one year.

St. Mary's High School appeared before the Board to appeal the denial of a hardship waiver of the transfer rule. Tom Eberle, St. Mary's principal, thanked the Board for allowing their appeal to be heard. Board members were given the hardship information. Board and audience members were informed rules of evidence will not apply as per past practice. When a member school files a hardship they are indicating the student is in attendance at their school and there is a reason for the transfer.

Sylling read the summation report to the Board and audience.

Attorney for the student Theresa Kellington, interviewed the student. Upon completion of the interview, Board members asked questions of the student.

Motion by Ham to uphold the hardship denial. Second by Martin.

Roll call vote: Olson - yes, Roaldson - yes, Martin - yes, Ham - yes, Brannan - yes, Hall - yes, Wiberg - yes, Rinas - yes, Bertsch - yes, Baesler - yes, Auch- yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Hall, Constitution & By-Laws Committee chair, provided an update to the Board regarding committee progress in the review of academic eligibility. A conference call meeting was held October 30th with a follow up meeting on November 22, 2013. The committee will survey member schools to obtain baseline data on current practice. The committee is attempting to pare down a very large portion of the By-Laws to the items we want to focus on. Committee work will continue with a survey to be sent out in January to collect information and continue to work on this in the spring. Information will be shared with the ND Principals Association in March.

The Board acted on the following requests made by the NDOA Board:

1. Hire three (3) additional state basketball tournament officials for the four state tournaments. The 3 additional officials would come in for the first 2 days. This would result in an increase of approximately \$1,000 per tournament for mileage and hotel.
Motion by Baesler to approve beginning 2013/14. Second by Auch.
Discussion included using 3 more officials from the local area of the tournament.
Motion carried (8-3). Roll Call vote: Olson – yes, Auch – yes, Baesler – yes, Bertsch – yes, Brannan – yes, Hall – yes, Ham – yes, Martin – No, Rinas – No, Roaldson – Yes, Wiberg - No
2. Waive the registration fee for new officials.
Motion by Bertsch to deny. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Create a region/state tournament pass for registered officials, available for \$20 beginning in 2014-15
Motion by Wiberg to deny. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Raise the registration fee from \$45.00 to \$50.00 in 2014-15 to offset on-line payment expenses.
Motion by Wiberg to approve beginning 2014/15. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendation to place selection of officials on a future agenda.

President Olson presented a timeline and process for filling the Executive Secretary position.

December 16, 2013	Post Opening
January 22, 2014	Closing Date for Applications
January 26, 2014	Screening Committee Meeting in Bismarck (Brannan, Ham, Hall, Auch, Olson)
February 4-5, 2014	Interview in Valley City

In representative reports:

- Roaldson shared article with Board concerning Dakota Bowl concept including North Dakota and South Dakota.
- Auch indicated the School Boards Association is opposing current clean water and Labor Day start date referendums.
- Brannan expressed his appreciation of the job staff does. He recognizes and appreciate the effort and professionalism of the Staff and the Executive Secretary.
- Baesler reported the ND Department of Public Instruction is still waiting for the Attorney General's opinion on open enrolled, home school students.

Sylling stated currently students are eligible in the district of residence or private school as per ND Century Code. NDHSAA will continue to abide by this until a change is directed by state law or the ND Attorney General.

Sylling provided the Executive Secretary's report.

- The NFHS Network is operational. The state volleyball tournament was web-streamed with staff receiving some negative emails from people who do not want to pay. No action has been taken on these complaints. On October 31st, November 1st & 2nd, the NFHS Network website had 192,000 visitors with an average of 7% of users that went to the site purchasing passes. \$20,530 was generated in those 3 days.

Sylling noted policy changes in the Board packets should be placed in policy manuals. Brenda will send updated policy manuals to Board members.

The next NDHSAA Board meeting will be held January 25, 2014 in Bismarck. The NDHSAA Annual Membership Meeting will be held January 27, 2014 at the Ramkota in Bismarck.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 3:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant to the Executive Secretary

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____