

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
April 22, 2014, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on April 22, 2014 in Valley City. President Olson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Members absent: Auch, Baesler

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

The Board was previously supplied minutes of the March 21, 2014 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 March 28, 2014 meeting for review. Motion by Roaldson to approve minutes as read. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was previously supplied minutes of the April 2, 2014 meeting for review. Motion by Brannan to approve minutes as read. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was previously supplied minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting for review. Motion by Brannan to approve minutes as read. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship dissolution requests:

- a. Ray and Stanley, wrestling, 7-12, 2014-15
Motion by Hall to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Tioga and Stanley, wrestling, 7-12, 2014-15
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Devils Lake and Minnewaukan, girls' soccer, 7-12, 2014-15
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Devils Lake and Minnewaukan, girls' golf, 7-12, 2014-15
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Devils Lake and Minnewaukan, boys' golf, 7-12, 2014-15
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship applications:

- a. Tioga and Ray, wrestling, 7-12, 2014-15, late fee
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. West Fargo HS and West Fargo Sheyenne HS, boys' golf, 9-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Ham to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. West Fargo HS and West Fargo Sheyenne HS, girls' soccer, 9-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Ham to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Northern Cass and Central Cass, wrestling, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.

Todd Olson, Executive Board Chair reported on committee actions.

- a. Bismarck Century High School self-reported two on-staff coaches who coached an AAU team in Omaha which included two students on the Bismarck Century High School boys' basketball team.

- a. Penalty: Require Century High School to submit an action plan to NDHSAA outlining an education plan for all Century coaches on NDHSAA out of season coaching rules by June 15, 2014 with plan completed by September 15, 2014.
- b. Hettinger High School's use of an ineligible student in a region music contest.
 - a. Penalty: Disqualification of the student and group from event and no advancement of ensemble to state.

Motion by Roaldson to approve Executive Board report. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

Tournament Committee chair, Steve Hall reported on the Combined Tournament Committee recommendations.

Recommended changes in ticket prices as follows:

- a. Increase adult daily prices to \$8.00
- b. Increase student daily prices to \$5.00
- c. Tennis and golf student daily ticket remain at \$4.00
- d. Establish a reserved ticket for state swimming at \$26.00
- e. Remove tournament ticket for region volleyball

Complete Ticket Prices approved appear below. Note changes are in red.

BASEBALL

<u>STATE</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Student</u>
Daily	8.00	5.00
2-Day Season	16.00	8.00
3-Day Season	20.00	10.00

BASKETBALL - B Boys' & Girls'

<u>STATE</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Student</u>
	<u>Unreserved</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	<u>Unreserved</u>
Tournament Ticket (*When reserved tickets are not sold)	*30.00	38.00	15.00
Each Individual Session - (2 or More Games)	8.00	10.00	5.00

BASKETBALL - A Boys' & Girls'

<u>STATE</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Student</u>
	<u>Unreserved</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	<u>Unreserved</u>
Tournament Ticket	30.00		15.00
Daily	12.00		6.00
<u>West Region</u>	<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
Play-in (1 Game)	7.00		5.00
Tournament Ticket	26.00		13.00
Daily	10.00		5.00
2 games same site	8.00		5.00
<u>East Region</u>	<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
Play-in (1 Game)	7.00		5.00
Tournament Ticket	26.00		13.00
Daily	10.00		5.00
2 games same site	8.00		5.00
<u>B Regions</u>	<u>Adult</u>		<u>Student</u>
Daily - One Game	7.00		4.00
2 or more games	8.00		5.00

CROSS COUNTRY

<u>STATE</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Student</u>
	8.00	5.00

FOOTBALL

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Student</u>
Pre-Quarter, Quarter & Semi- Final Games	8.00	5.00
Finals - Dakota Bowl - 1 game	8.00	5.00
Finals -Dakota Bowl - 2 or 3 games	10.00	6.00
One Day Finals - 4 games	12.00	6.00

GOLF - Boys & Girls

<u>STATE</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Student</u>
	7.00	4.00
<u>REGIONS</u>	7.00	4.00

GYMNASTICS

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Student</u>
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STATE			
Tournament Ticket	18.00		8.00
Daily	10.00		5.00
HOCKEY	Adult	Adult	Student
STATE	Unreserved	Reserved	Unreserved
Tournament Ticket	30.00		15.00
Daily	12.00		6.00
REGIONS	Adult		Student
Play-in	7.00		5.00
Tournament Ticket	22.00		10.00
2-Game Session	8.00		5.00
3-Game Session	9.00		5.00
SOCCER - Boys & Girls	Adult		Student
STATE			
Tournament Ticket	20.00		10.00
Daily	10.00		5.00
SOFTBALL	Adult		Student
STATE			
Daily	8.00		5.00
2-Day Season	16.00		8.00
3-Day Season	20.00		10.00
SWIMMING STATE - Boys & Girls	Adult	Adult	Student
		Reserved	Unreserved
Tournament Ticket		26.00	8.00
Daily Unreserved	10.00		5.00
TENNIS - Boys & Girls	Adult		Student
STATE	7.00		4.00
REGIONS	7.00		4.00
TRACK - Boys & Girls	Adult		Student
STATE			
Two Day	18.00		8.00
Daily	10.00		5.00
REGIONS	Adult		Student
Daily	8.00		5.00
VOLLEYBALL			
STATE	Adult		Student
Tournament Ticket	30.00		15.00
Daily	12.00		6.00
REGIONS			
A Play-In (one match)	7.00		5.00
Tournament Ticket-District Chair proposal to eliminate	18.00		10.00
Daily	8.00		5.00
WRESTLING	Adult	Adult	Student
STATE	Unreserved	Reserved	Unreserved
Tournament Ticket	30.00	38.00	15.00
Daily	12.00	14.00	6.00
REGIONS			
Daily	8.00		5.00

Motion by Brannan to approve ticket prices for 2014/15. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.

Site changes as per Combined Tournament committee were proposed. Motion by Martin to move 2014/15 state gymnastics site from Jamestown to Minot and 2019/20 state cross country from Fargo to Minot as recommended by tournament committee. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wiberg to approve tournament committee report. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff member Bubach presented fine arts state tournament proposed sites for 2017/18. State tournament dates were approved for fine arts as listed below. State tournament locations were approved as below

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>
State B Plays	<i>Nov. 20-21, 2017</i>	<i>Jamestown</i>
State Debate	<i>Feb. 2-3, 2018</i>	<i>Fargo-Metro Schools</i>
State A Plays	<i>Apr. 9-10, 2018</i>	
State A Speech	<i>Apr. 21, 2018</i>	<i>Jamestown HS</i>
State A Music	<i>Apr. 27, 2018</i>	<i>University of Jamestown</i>
State B Speech	<i>Apr. 28, 2018</i>	
State B Music	<i>May 5, 2018</i>	<i>BSC</i>

Motion by Hall to approve fine arts sites as proposed for 2017/18. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed sport and activity dates for 2018-19 were presented to the Board. The Board previously approved calendar dates through 2017-18.

"A" Girls' Golf

Season Begins **August 6**
 First Contest **August 10**
 Deadline For Regional **September 24**
 State **October 1-2**

Boys' Soccer

Season Begins **August 6**
 First Contest **August 17**
 Deadline For Regular Season **October 6**
 State **October 11-12-13**

Cross Country

Season Begins **August 13**
 First Contest **August 24**
 State **October 27**

Football

Opening Date **August 8**
 First Contest **August 21**
 End 9-Man Regular Season **October 13**
 End Div. A Regular Season **October 13**
 First Round 9-Man Playoffs **October 20**
 First Round Div. A Playoffs **October 20**
 End Div. AAA Regular Season **October 20**
 End Div. AA Regular Season **October 20**
 Quarter Final Playoffs AAA **October 26**
 Quarter Final Playoffs 9-Man-A-AA **October 27**
 Semi-Final Playoffs AAA **November 2**
 Semi-Final Playoffs 9-Man-A-AA **November 3**
 Finals--Dakota Bowl **November 9**

Girls' Swimming

Opening Date **August 13**
 First Contest **August 24**
 State **November 9-10**

Boys' Tennis

Opening Date
 First Contest
 Deadline Team Play-In
 Region Tournament
 State

August 13
 August 24
 September 24
 September 27-28-29
 October 4-5-6

Volleyball

Opening Date
 First Contest
 Deadline For "B" Districts
 "B" Regionals
 East "A" Regionals
 West "A" Regionals
 State

August 13
 August 24
 Nov 3
 November 5-6-8
 November 6-9-10
 November 8-9-10
 November 15-16-17

Hockey

Opening Date (Boys And Girls)
 First Contest (Boys And Girls)
 Deadline For East Boys Regional Play-In Game
 Deadline For West Boys Regional Play-In Game
 East Region Tournament Boys'
 West Region Tournament Boys'
 State (Boys And Girls)

November 5
 November 19
 February 9
 February 12
 February 12-15-16
 February 14-15-16
 February 21-22-23

Wrestling

Opening Date
 First Contest
 Regionals "A" & "B"
 State

November 5
 November 16
 February 9
 February 14-15-16

Gymnastics

Opening Date
 First Contest
 State

November 12
 November 26
 February 22-23

"B" Girls' Basketball

Opening Date
 First Contest
 Deadline For District Tournaments
 Regional Tournament
 State

November 12
 December 23
 February 12
 February 18-19-21
 Feb 28, March 1-2

"A" Boys' & Girls' Basketball

Opening Date
 First Contest
 Deadline For Play-Ins
 West Regional Tournament
 East Regional Tournament
 State

November 19
 November 30
 February 23
 February 28, Mar 1-2
 February 26, Mar 1-2
 March 7-8-9

"B" Boys' Basketball

Opening Date
 First Contest
 Deadline For District Tournaments
 Regional Tournament
 State

November 26
 December 7
 February 26
 March 4-5-7
 March 14-15-16

Boys' Swimming

Opening Date
 First Contest

November 26
 December 7

State	March 1-2
Track	
Opening Date	February 25
"A" & "B" Regionals	May 18
State	May 24-25
Girls' Soccer	
Opening Date	March 25
First Contest	April 5
Deadline For Regular Season	May 25
State	May 30-31, June 1
"A" Baseball	
Opening Date	March 18
First Contest	March 29
Deadline For Regionals	May 25
State	May 30-31, June 1
"B" Baseball	
Opening Date	March 18
First Contest	March 29
Deadline For Regionals	May 25
State	May 30-31, June 1
Girls' Softball	
Opening Date	March 18
First Contest	March 29
Deadline For Regionals	May 25
State	May 30-31, June 1
Girls' Tennis	
Opening Date	April 1
First Contest	April 12
Deadline Team Play-In	May 13
Region Tournament	May 16-17-18
State	May 23-24-25
"B" Boys' And "B" Girls' Golf	
Opening Date	March 25
First Contest	March 29
Deadline For Regional	May 18
State	May 28-29
"A" Boys' Golf	
Opening Date	April 8
First Contest	April 12
Deadline For Regional	May 29
State	June 4-5

Motion by Roaldson to approve the 2018/19 five-year calendar dates as presented. Second by Rinas.

Discussion included the potential of legislation regarding school year start dates and how that may affect NDHSAA sport and activity calendars. Motion carried unanimously.

The North Dakota Cheer Coaches Association (NDCCA) requested NDHSAA hire a spirit person for each state tournament that has cheerleaders, with the exception of wrestling, as well as designate and compensate Billie Ann Caya cheer liaison for North Dakota. Sylling presented the Board with a background on the relationship between cheerleading and NDHSAA noting NDHSAA does not

administrative cheerleading. NDHSAA works with NDCCA to facilitate certifying cheer coaches at the request of the NDCCA and member schools. Another issue NDCCA brought forward was the use of artificial noisemakers at the Dakota Bowl. NDHSAA has determined football to be an outdoor sport thus allowing artificial noisemakers even when the event is held inside. Some of the issues brought forward in the NDCCA's letter may be addressed through tournament managers. Board members discussed the decline of the number of schools offering cheerleading. The two Class B basketball tournaments are the only NDHSAA tournaments that present a spirit award. Staff member Fletschock brought forward if we are to continue with our present relationship with cheerleading and the NDCCA, we need to clarify only stunt cheerleaders need to be certified.

Motion by Rinas to deny the NDCCA requests and refer other NDCCA concerns to the tournament committee for further discussion. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

Cal Fleischer, FMS Financial Planning, presented a change in the NDHSAA pension plan at the request of NDHSAA staff. The current NDHSAA plan is a 403B Pension plan permitting employer dollar contributions and employee salary reduction dollars on a pretax basis. Changes suggested include: changing the pension plan provider to Great West Retirement Services (accessed through FMS Financial Planning, Inc.) as the sole provider of funds and services and add an after tax employee contribution option known as a 403B Roth. The expenses for the plan for each employee would be reduced from approximately 1% to .60%. The surrender fee from VALIC of \$22,000, which is 5% of deposits, unless exception of age 59 ½ or older and 5 years criteria is met, for conversion of the current plan to Great West would be paid by Great West. The Executive Secretary is the plan administrator for the NDHSAA pension plan. The only NDHSAA cost would be if NDHSAA chose to terminate the contract with Great West Retirement Services and FMS Financial Planning within the first three years of the contract. The first year would incur a 2% charge to NDHSAA, the second year a 1% charge and the third year a .5% charge. After the initial 3-year commitment, no charges would be incurred for changing plans.

Motion by Ham to change, effective as soon as possible but no later than June 30, 2014, the sole provider of funds and services for the NDHSAA 403B Retirement Plan from VALIC to Great West Retirement Services (accessed through FMS Financial Planning, Inc.). Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed out of season coaching and summer rules. Specifically Part III, page 1 of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws. The Board questioned whether NDHSAA summer coaching rules are necessary. Because team camps are allowed, the door is already open to summer coaching. A straw poll taken at the NDIAAA spring conference showed support of summer rules at approximately 50% of the members present. Other states have been surveyed with results showing a wide variance of summer coaching rules. Board members indicated they did not want to see athletes pressured by coaches to attend practice during the summer. Schools are providing an invaluable service to North Dakota students by providing a place for students to play. Open gyms have changed from having a place for students to play to a coaching environment. Ham indicated he felt there is a need for summer coaching guidelines for schools and coaches. The Board discussed creation of a definition for team camps with our verbiage stating specifically what is allowed. If open gyms are allowed, schools should be informed open gyms are not for skill, nor instruction. Discussion will be continued in the future.

Randy Johnson, Hazen High School Athletic Director, requested the Board consider allowing flexible start times for Class B basketball and volleyball regional tournaments. Motion by Ham to allow flexible start times for Class B basketball and volleyball regional tournaments. Second by Wiberg. 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. The committee recommended NDHSAA staff look at alternative language in comparison to traditional language and provide a recommendation to the Board at the June Board meeting. The committee will meet on June 18, 2014 in Minot at 1:00 pm at Erik Ramstad School. Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

Patti Aanenson, Larimore High School athletic administrator, requested the Board waive By-Law, Article XIV, Section III, allowing a student to participate in a similar athletic contest during the high school season of that sport. Motion by Ham to approve. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Realignment Committee chair Kirk Ham provided a recommendation realigning New Town High School from Region III to Region IV in wrestling. Staff member Fetsch explained the request originated from the Wrestling Advisory Committee. There has been an increase in the number of schools in Region III. New Town does not have a problem with this move but would like the move to take place in 2015/16 as scheduling is complete for 2014/15. Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

Board meeting dates for 2014-15 were proposed as follows:

August	13	Valley City
September	16	Valley City
October	15	Bismarck
October	16	General Assembly Meeting, Bismarck
November	21	Minot (Dist. Chr. and Board meeting)
January	14	Class A Review and Athletic Review - Valley City
January	26	Bismarck – 4:00 pm
January	27	Membership Meeting, Bismarck – 8:00 am
March	20	Bismarck (Dist. Chr. and Board meeting)
April	21	Valley City
June	10	Athletic Review Valley City
June	16-17	Valley City
June 28 - July 2		NFHS Summer Meeting—New Orleans

Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from WDAY detailing the completion of the first year of the television contract. WDAY and NDHSAA Staff were in agreement the first year went well. Communications have begun for enhancing coverage for the 2014/15 year.

Sylling provided the Executive Secretary's report. The NFHS Summer Conference was discussed.

NDHSAA received a refund from the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund. The refund is based on the past year's activities. This year NDHSAA received a refund of \$2,017.

Wayne Stanley, Superintendent of South Prairie school district has indicated he will be coming to the June meeting to request NDHSAA allow immediate eligibility for students when their new high school opens.

The next NDHSAA Board meeting will be held June 23, 2014 in Valley City.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant to the Executive Secretary

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____