

**MINUTES****North Dakota High School Activities Association  
September 17, 2013, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on September 17, 2013 in Valley City. President Olson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

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

Others present: Matt Herman, Ellendale High School Athletic Director, Don Warren, Oakes High School Athletic Director, Tom Mix, Forum Communications, John Oistad, Valley-Edinburg Public Schools, Kevin Rogers, Hatton-Eielson Public Schools Superintendent, Jeremy Brandt, Central Valley Public Schools Superintendent, Clarke Ranum, Des-Lacs-Burlington High School Superintendent

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

The Board was previously supplied minutes of the August 7, 2013 meeting for review. Motion by Auch to approve minutes as read. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship dissolution requests:

1. Strasburg and Shiloh in baseball, 9-12, 2013-14  
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Strasburg and Linton in wrestling, 7-12, 2013-14  
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Four Winds – Warwick, boys' cross country, 7-12, 2013-14  
Motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Four Winds – Warwick, girls' cross country, 7-12, 2013-14  
Motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Four Winds – Warwick, boys' track, 7-12, 2013-14  
Motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Four Winds – Warwick, girls' track, 7-12, 2013-14  
Motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship applications:

1. West Fargo and Oak Grove in girls' hockey, 9-12, 2013-14, late fee  
Motion by Ham to approve. Second by Auch. (9-1) Motion carried.
2. Dickinson Public and Hope Christian in boys' hockey, 7-12, 2013-14, no fee  
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Dickinson Public and Hope Christian in girls' tennis, 7-12, 2013-14, no fee  
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Dickinson Public and Dickinson Trinity in speech, 9-12, 2013-14, no fee  
Motion by Hall to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Wahpeton and Campbell-Tintah (MN) in gymnastics, 7-12, 2013-14, no fee  
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Shanley/Sullivan and Oak Grove in student congress, 7-12, 2013-14, no fee  
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Turtle Mountain Community School and Ojibwa in boys' basketball, 7-12, 2013-14, late fee  
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Turtle Mountain Community School and Ojibwa in girls' basketball, 7-12, 2013-14, late fee  
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Bishop Ryan and Nedrose in wrestling, 7-12, 2013-14, no fee  
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.
10. New Town and Parshall in wrestling, 7-12, 2013-14, no fee  
Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Hankinson and Campbell-Tintah in boys' track, 7-12, 2013-14, late fee  
Motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Hankinson and Campbell-Tintah in girls track, 7-12, 2013-14, late fee  
Motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Hankinson Public Schools and Campbell-Tintah requested a waiver of the late fee for their approved coop due to the timing of Breckenridge, MN dissolution of their coop. Four days before the ND State Track meet Breckenridge, MN dissolved their track coop with Campbell-Tintah leaving Campbell-Tintah without a coop for boys' or girls' track & field.

Motion by Roaldson to deny the requested waiver of the late fees. Second by Rinas. Motion carried. (9-1)

Kirk Ham, realignment committee chair provided a committee report. District 5 voiced concern over the proposed plan. The committee felt the proposed plan was the best option at this time. As fewer teams are fielded throughout the state there will be additional travel. The committee recommended adoption of the proposed realignment plan as presented for Class B volleyball and basketball districts and regions. There is impetus in our districts to move toward super regional tournaments replacing current district and regional tournaments. Balancing districts and regions was the original goal of the realignment. Brannan suggested the Board table realignment for a year to allow for super region proposals. Hall agreed with waiting for a year to have the first super region experiment complete before realigning districts and regions. Ham indicated the committee discussed this option extensively and determined putting off realignment for another year would not allow us to get ahead of the process because it could continually be the first year or the second year of an experiment for super regions. Matt Herman, Ellendale Athletic Director spoke against the proposed realignment and balance of the plan. Once teams get to the region tournament there are only 3 other teams to beat. Ham indicated this is the same for all regions.

Motion by Martin to follow realignment as presented. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried (7-3).

John Oistad, Valley-Edinburg Superintendent, presented a Class B, region 2 super regional proposal to the Board. The plan is based on the current region 7 experiment.

Motion by Rinas to approve the region 2 super region tournament proposal as presented. Second by Auch. Discussion: Super regional tournaments seems to be a direction our schools are wanting the Board to take. A request will be made to region 7 to present a progress report of their super region experiment to the Board upon completion of year one. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Secretary Sylling provided a proposed NDHSAA Supporting Sponsorship agreement with the North Dakota Department of Transportation and the North Dakota Association of Counties for Board consideration. There were no objections from Famers Union Insurance or the North Dakota Army National Guard. The new sponsorship will be treated in a similar fashion as our current sponsors.

Motion by Wiberg to approve the ND Department of Transportation and the ND Association of Counties Supporting Sponsorship as presented. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

Clarke Ranum, Des Lacs-Burlington High School Superintendent, appealed a denial of a hardship waiver of the transfer rule. As per Board policy, all appeals are made to the NDHSAA Board of Directors. Executive Sylling explained the hardship appeal process and provided Board members the specific hardship information. Board members were given opportunity to read the hardship report. Sylling gave a report on his investigation. Ranum presented additional information to the board. The student and parents were also present and answered questions from the Board.

Motion by Ham to approve reversal of the hardship denial. Second by Auch. Discussion: What constitutes "Exceptional Reasons". Board members indicated it was in the best interest of student to approve the hardship application. Role Call Vote: Motion carried (9-1)

Steve Hall, Constitution & By-Laws committee chair, provided a report to the Board regarding academic eligibility. The committee will meet at 2:00 pm on September 17, 2013 to continue discussions. NDHSAA is on agenda for a breakout session at NDCEL for academic eligibility.

Motion by Wiberg to approve the Constitution & By-Laws committee report. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Roaldson, football committee chair reported on the football survey. The committee put together a survey for member schools concerning the next two-year cycle. There will be similar time lines to previous committees. The survey was September 5<sup>th</sup> with a completion date of September 12<sup>th</sup>. Guidelines will be presented to the membership in January 2014. There was a suggestion to share survey results at the October membership meeting.

Minimizing travel was the most important consideration for 19% of survey respondents while balanced (competitive) divisions was the most important consideration for 81%. 21% of respondents favored three divisions of play and 79% favored four divisions. 34% of respondents were in favor of an "opt down" option for teams to move down one division and be ineligible for the playoffs and 66% opposed. 28% of respondents were in favor of a plan that allows programs to select the division they compete in, understanding a full schedule could not be guaranteed with 72% opposed. 23 schools comprising 16 current teams, 14 of whom are fielding a varsity team in 2013 would consider playing 6-man football if it were an option. Football survey results will be shared at the October General Assembly. The football committee will have another meeting in December to finalize the plan.

Motion by Martin to approve football committee report. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff member Fetsch provided the Board with an NDOA Report. The NDOA Board met on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the NDHSAA office. NDOA selected this year's hall of fame with six individuals being introduced. Tom Perius, Ron Wright, Tim Garrett, Rick Majerus, Duane Rindy, and Paul Jundt will be inducted into the NDOA Hall of Fame in 2013-14.

This is the second year of a 2-year maximum fee schedule so the fee schedule was not discussed. The NDOA Board suggested raising the registration fee from \$45 to \$50 to allow for fee payment by credit card. The NDOA Board would also like to have the option of purchasing a \$20 post-season pass for officials. Also recommended is to waive the first year fee for new officials and increase the number of state basketball officials from 9 to 12. Recommendations will be presented to the NDHSAA General Assembly in October with a request for Board adoption in November.

Jason Wiberg, media committee chair gave a media committee report. Proposed changes to the NDHSAA Board policies concerning TV/Webcasting are as follows with additions to the policy in **BOLD**:

- **Declined** Events not included in the live coverage contract or in conflict with an exclusivity clause may be contracted individually and shall be subject to the following minimum acceptable fees.
- **A DVD or electronic copy of the third party produced Declined Events must be provided to the NFHS Network within 72 hours from the initial airing of the Declined Event**
- **Advertising that is in poor taste shall be subject to rejection and/or a requirement it be edited. Certain advertising categories will not be accepted, including but not limited to:**
  - A. Advocacy Advertisements. An advocacy advertisement is any advertisement that advocates a political, religious or controversial public position.**

- B. Cigarettes or Tobacco Advertisements.
- C. Betting or Gambling Advertisements.
- D. Firearms Advertisements.
- E. 900 Phone Number Advertisements.
- F. Contraceptive Advertisements.
- G. Tattoo Parlor and Body Piercing Advertisements.
- H. "NC-17" Rated Movie Advertisements.
- I. Adult Entertainment Advertisements.
- J. "R" Rated Movie Advertisements.
- K. "M" Rated Electronic (computer or video) Game Advertisements.
- L. Hard Liquor or Alcoholic Beverage Advertisements.
- M. "High Risk" Investments (e.g. commodities, options, foreign exchange) Advertisements.
- N. "High Risk" Business Opportunities (e.g., "get rich quick" schemes and business opportunities)
- O. "High Risk" Health Offerings

Events declined by the NFHS Network will be given to us by September 27, 2013 for the 2013-2014 year.

Motion by Auch to approve changes to NDHSAA Board Policies Concerning TV/Webcasting. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee requested approval of rates for new events (declined events) as per the list below:

	Internet Stream		TV Broadcast	
	LIVE	DELAYED	LIVE	DELAYED
DISTRICT BASKETBALL	\$250.00	\$150.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
REGION GOLF/TENNIS	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
STATE SOCCER	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$1,500.00	\$750.00
STATE SOFTBALL	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$1,500.00	\$750.00
REGION TRACK	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
REGION WRESTLING	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
REGION MUSIC/PLAY/SPEECH	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$500.00	\$250.00
STATE STUDENT CONGRESS/DEBATE/MUSIC/PLAY/SPEECH	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$1,500.00	\$750.00

The complete rate card will continue to be reviewed by the committee.

Motion by Auch to approve additions to the rate card. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from region 4 to implement a super regional tournament in place of their district and region tournaments for volleyball.

Motion by Ham to table region 4 request. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

In representative reports, Hall indicated some music played at events is inappropriate. Wiberg has had some requests for the addition of shooting sports, fishing and bowling to the sports/activities administrated by NDHSAA.

Sylling provided the Executive Secretary's Report. There has been an administrative change to online tests offered for same sport different season sports. Soccer testing will be offered in the fall for boys' coaches and in the spring for girls' coaches. Swimming and Diving tests will be offered in the fall for girls' coaches and will be available in the winter for boys' coaches. Coaches may complete the test in the first window having it count for both seasons.

The NFHS Network is up and running with 32 states signed up.

The NDHSAA concussion survey for 2012/13 was reviewed.

Auch and Sylling will be presenting a session on the NDHSAA Coaches Education Permit and other items at the North Dakota School Boards Association.

The next meeting will be held on October 16, 2013 at the Ramkota in Bismarck. The NDHSAA General Assembly Meeting will be held on October 17, 2013 at the Ramkota in Bismarck.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda Schell  
Assistant to the Executive Secretary

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_