

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
June 16, 2015, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on June 16, 2015 in Valley City. President Hall called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Hall welcomed members and guests.

Members present: Hall, Brannan, Rinas, Manley, Roaldson, Wiberg, Dahlen, Baesler, Bertsch, Martin, Stedman

Others present: Mark Vollmer, Minot Public Schools Superintendent; Farmers Union Insurance, Mark Anderson and Kevin Ressler.

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

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

Consent agenda items:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. April 21, 2015
 - b. May 14, 2015
2. Financial Reports
 - a. Balance sheet
 - i. March 2015
 - ii. April 2015
 - iii. May 2015
 - b. Budget
 - c. Savings/investments
 - i. March 2015
 - ii. April 2015
 - iii. May 2015
 - d. Winter Sports Financial
 - e. Fine Arts Financial
3. Coop Dissolutions
 - a. Hebron and Williston, boys' swimming & diving, 9-12, 2015-16
 - b. Fargo North and Grace Lutheran, boys' cross country, 7-12, 2015-16
 - c. Fargo North and Grace Lutheran, girls' cross country, 7-12, 2015-16
 - d. West Fargo and Oak Grove, girls' hockey, 9-12, 2015-16
 - e. West Fargo and West Fargo Sheyenne, wrestling, 7-12, 2015-16
 - f. West Fargo and West Fargo Sheyenne, boys' golf, 7-12, 2015-16
 - g. West Fargo and West Fargo Sheyenne, baseball, 7-12, 2015-16
 - h. Grand Forks Valley Middle School and Riverside Christian (MN), volleyball, 7-8, 2015-16
 - i. Nedrose and Surrey, football, 7-8, 2015-16
4. Coop Applications
 - a. GF Red River and Thompson, girls' swimming & diving, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
 - b. GF Central and EGF Sacred Heart (MN), boys' cross country, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
 - c. GF Central and EGF Sacred Heart (MN), girls' cross country, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
 - d. Griggs County Central and Finley-Sharon, boys' golf, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
 - e. Griggs County Central and Finley-Sharon, girls' golf, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
 - f. Bismarck Public Schools and Martin Luther, boys' golf, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee

President Hall reported on Executive Board Committee actions. Penalties are based on prior Board action and prescribed penalties.

1. School violations – all self reported.
 - a. Enderlin High School
 - i. Use of 6th graders in junior high track meet.
 1. Letter of reprimand and return any awards.
 - b. Shanley High School
 - i. Use of an ineligible girls' soccer player who participated on a club team during season.
 1. Forfeit of match ineligible player participated and letter of reprimand.
 - c. Kindred High School
 - i. Violation of the 5,600 meter in one-day track distance limitation.
 1. Letter of reprimand.
 - d. Milnor High School
 - i. Violation of the 5,600 meter in one-day track distance limitation.
 1. Letter of reprimand.
2. Emergency Coop application request
 - a. Bismarck Public Schools and Martin Luther, girls' golf, 7-12, 2015-16, no fee
 - i. Executive committee will not advance to Board. Coop application received after deadline.

Motion by Manley to approve executive committee report. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Hall, Executive Board Chair, reported on Committee discussion regarding penalty for schools not submitting Coaches Education Permit forms by April 1st deadline.

The Executive Committee recommends schools not submitting a Coach Education Permit Submission form by April 1st each year receive a penalty of \$300 and are ineligible to participate in all post-season activities until their information is submitted and their fine is paid.

Discussion included the date the form is due, what time of year the form is due or should be due, what the penalties should be and how schools are notified of requirements.

Motion by Rinas: Beginning in 2015/16 NDHSAA will impose a \$300 fine to schools not submitting a Coach Education Permit Submission Form by April 1st. Schools will be ineligible for participation in post season indefinitely until form is submitted and fine is paid. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

Farmers Union Insurance representatives Mark Anderson, general manager and Kevin Ressler, state sales and marketing manager, appeared to thank the Board for the opportunity to work with the NDHSAA. President Hall thanked Farmers Union Insurance for their support as the NDHSAA Premier Sponsor. Executive Director Fetsch indicated NDHSAA is very appreciative of the working relationship with Farmers Union Insurance. Anderson provided an overall view of all Farmers Union Insurance agents and managers throughout the state.

The Board acted on District Chair, Class A Review and Advisory recommendations. Results appear below.

2014-15 Advisory Recommendations for NDHSAA Board Consideration

The following are recommendations with actions posted.

NDHSAA Board of Directors will Y: approve or N: deny (y-n)	Com	Review	Board
		6/10/15	6/16/15
District Chair Recommendations--March 20, 2015--Bismarck			

1. NDHSAA Staff conduct a study of football coop enrollment calculations using a formula where 10% of the non-host schools' enrollment are calculated per participant, up to 100%.	13-3(y)	-	0-11(n)
2. Add restricted area arc for Class B Basketball	13-2(y)	-	0-11(n)
Class A Review Recommendations--May 20, 2015--Conference Call			
1. Move the Girls' Tennis season one week later		-	0-11(n)
2. Amend region/state tournament roster regulation for all team sports to list only a maximum number of players that can be dressed during a contest.		-	11-0 (y)
Wrestling			
Class A and B			
1. All sub-varsity tournaments/events shall be placed into Track Wrestling (Weigh-in's only. Results are preferred, but not required.)		10-0 (y)	11-0 (y)
2. Require Track Wrestling weigh-in sheets at all events.		10-0 (y)	11-0 (y)
3. Increase regular season event limit from 16 to 17.		1-9 (n)	0-11(n)
4. Weight classes shall be declared at the seeding meeting prior to the region tournament. If an athlete does not make the declared weight, he/she will not be allowed to compete in the region tournament.		10-0 (y)	11-0 (y)
Hockey			
1. Add two games to regular season limitations		0-10(n)	0-11(n)
2. Use only rule book reference for playoff roster limit		10-0 (y)	11-0 (y)
3. Move state hockey permanently to Fargo, beginning in 2016		1-9 (n)	0-11(n)
Basketball			
Class A			
1. Junior High games shall have 14 minute halves.		10-0 (y)	11-0 (y)
Class B			
1. Add restricted area arc beginning in 2016-17		0-10(n)	0-11(n)
2. Use Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) if a coach does not submit state tournament rankings.		10-0(y)	10-0(y)
3. Allow experimental use of 18-minute halves for non-district (non-region in Regions 1, 2, and 7) games with prior mutual agreement.		7-3(y)	10-1(y)
Gymnastics			
1. On individual day, the first rotation order shall go from bottom ranking to top ranking.		10-0(y)	10-0(y)
Swimming & Diving			
1. Separate the program and heat lane assignments into two different entities and move the heat sheet deadline to 8:00 am on Tuesday. A \$25 late fee would apply to any entries added or changed between 8:00 and 9:00 am.		3-7(n)	0-11(n)
Golf Recommendations			
B Boys & Girls			
1. Move the region meet deadline to Tuesday, one week prior to the state meet.		10-0(y)	10-0(y)
A Boys Golf			
No Recommendations		-	
Tennis Recommendations			
1. Change the number of practices required before competition from 9 to 8.		0-10(n)	0-11(n)

2. Extend the season one week from 8 weeks to 9 weeks using the current starting date and then ending one week later for both girls and boys seasons. Effective 2016/17.		1-9 (n)	6-5 (y)
Baseball Recommendations			
Class A			
No Recommendations			
Class B			
1. Add regulation clarifying in the state tournament, the higher seeded team is the home team. If two teams are unseeded, a coin flip will determine the home team.		9-0 (y)	11-0 (y)
2. Change game limit from 36 games prior to state tournament to 32 games prior to region tournament.		1-9 (n)	0-11(n)
Girls Soccer Recommendations			
1. Require all future state tournaments to be played on artificial turf fields.		1-9 (n)	0-11(n)
2. Offer face-to-face rules clinics every other year.		0-10(n)	0-11(n)
3. Extend the girls soccer season two weeks. Add one week at the beginning and one week to the end.		1-9 (n)	0-11(n)
Track & Field Recommendations			
Class A and B			
1. Schedule region track meets on Friday with Saturday as a make-up day.		2-8 (n)	0-11(n)
Class A			
1. Increase the number of state qualifiers to 8 for individual events and 6 for relays.		0-9 (n)	2-9 (n)
Softball Recommendations			
Class A and B			
No Recommendations			
Athletic Review Recommendations			
1. Add a 4' restricted area arc for Class A and Class B basketball beginning in 2016-17.		10-0 (y)	11-0 (y)
2. Schedule region track meets for Friday after 3:00 pm or Saturday.		9-1 (y)	11-0 (y)

The Board acted on Fine Arts Review and Advisory recommendations. Results appear below.

FINE ARTS GRID 2014-15							
Activity/Item	One line rules request for change	Exact Rules with revision, addition, and/or strikeout	Page #	Rationale	Adv.	Review	Board
Speech 1		All individual speech events (Class A and B Schools... <u>minimum</u> of \$10 per entry	5	The cost of judges and mileage increase has warranted the hosting school to request additional payments to region school.	5-0	5-0	9-0
Speech 2		Burden of Proof: At every tournament each student must show a hard copy burden of proof to each of his/her first round interpretation judge prior to performing. The participant and/or coach must	8	Some judges push to the side, some spend too much time causing the round to run late. Question came up did the rule do what we intended it to do, qualify the genre. This was a motion at the State A meeting and passed	5-0	6-0	10-0

		be prepared to verify that the selection is in the correct category by proving copyright and in some categories (Dramatic, Prose, Poetry) by proving genre. If the judge questions the piece, as to copyright and/or genre, the student and/or coach will provide the burden of proof.					
Speech 3	Region participation	Students who have received an exemption must be registered and paid for on the region registration form, but these entries do not count as actual participants on the day of the tournament.	p. 18 rule #15	Documents the current practice so that coaches/tournament managers know how to handle this situation.	5-0	6-0	10-0
Speech 4	Master Ballot	Revise as presented			5-0	6-0	9-0
Speech 5	Speech Tournament Qualifying Criteria	Reformat for clarity pages 17-18.			5-0	6-0	9-0
Speech 6		8. #1 & #8		Clarify burden. Split rule text for clarity.	5-0	6-0	9-0
Plays 7	Region Ratio to Qualify for State	1-5=1 play advances 6-10= 2 plays advance 11 or more=3 plays advance. Initial ties do not advance.		Equitable solution to alignment and competitive balance. Realignment of regions may not solve issue.	5-0	6-0	10-0
Plays 8	General Guidelines 2	Individual events must have four competitors on day of competition to award prizes. If less than 4, competitors will perform but no awards will be given.	7	Students work for several weeks to prepare; schools spend money for accompanists, music, scripts, etc, and then students don't perform.	5-0	0-6	0-10
Plays 9	General Guidelines	Language Change Add "Group Musical Theater"	7		5-0	6-0	10-0
Plays 10	General Guidelines 1	Allow competitors to be in Group Music + 1 other individual event.	7		5-0	6-0	10-0
Plays 11	Monologue Rules #1	Strike Regulation: Participants must present 2 contrasting selections which may be from different time periods, styles, or modes.	7	Difficult to fit into 5 minute time limit.	5-0	6-0	10-0
Plays 12	Monologue Rule #3	Change to "The maximum performance time is 5 minutes excluding the introduction."	7	Keeps it consistent with Duet Acting Rule #3.	5-0	6-0	10-0

Congress 13	Redesigned Rubric	Update language for clarity.		Update language for clarity.	5-0	6-0	10-0
Debate 14	Page 7 Rule 6	New arguments in summary and final focus speeches are forbidden will not be considered by the judge.		Update language for clarity.	5-0	6-0	10-0
Debate 15	World School Debate Experiment	Allow for a season-long experiment utilizing NSDA rules.		8 ND schools involved in NSDA debate at this time.	5-0	6-0	10-0
Music 16	Change Rating for Class B Regionals Quota to 25%	RATINGS FOR CLASS B REGIONALS: At solo/ensemble festivals, a judge shall be limited to awarding no more than one STAR per 5 (20%) 4 (24%) entries or fraction thereof. a. EXAMPLES: 1 to 5 4 entries =1 STAR b. 6-5 to 40 8 entries =2 STARS c. 44 9 to 45 12 entries = 3 STARS d. 46 13 to 20 16 entries = 4 STARS e. 24 17 to 25 20 entries = 5 STARS, etc.	12 Section VII	This change in quota will have little to no impact on smaller regions and instrumental contest. Many categories at regional instrumental contests consist of fewer than 4 entries. The effect of the quota on them will be unchanged. This will positively impact categories like Girls Vocal Solo and others with large numbers of entries. The current quota is too restrictive and high quality ensembles and solos which are deserving of performing at state are being left home.	4-0	0-6	0-10
Music 17	Change Class A Region Deadline for Completion	3. DATES FOR CLASS A AND B SCHOOLS a. Specific dates for various regional festivals are to be arranged by the regional committees and local managers; however, any festivals involving groups advancing to the state music festival should be completed no later than 20 days prior to the state festival.	Page 7 #3a.	Request to set Class A region timeline to 18 days prior for 2016 only.	4-0	0-6	0-10
Music 18	WW Quintet Clarification	Add clarification to Part B page 10 Ensemble rules.	Page 10 # B.e.	*Woodwind ensemble with French Horn is MIE.	4-0	6-0	10-0
Music 19	MMM	Clarify entry as vocal or instrumental.	Page 9 & Page 10	MMME-V and MMME-I	4-0	6-0	10-0
Fine Arts Review 20	Change Minimum Entries For A Plays Individual Events	There must be a minimum of four three entries per category.	Page 7	Parallel with debate registration minimum.		6-0	10-0
Fine Arts Review	Class B Music Quota			Request Advisory look at minimum trigger numbers in registration categories for quota change.			
Fine Arts Seasons		1-Investigate moving State A Plays to fall		3-Look at flip of State A & B Speech dates			

Speech Advisory:		2-Consider State A&B Speech on Fri/Sat weekend		4-Continue discussion at C STAND			
Fine Arts Seasons Music Advisory:		1-Review A Plays scheduling 2-Review music region deadline/timelines					

Steve Brannan, Fine Arts Committee chair reported on the following:
 Committee recommends increasing the State Class A Music Site Manager Stipend from \$200 to \$400.
 Motion by Wiberg to approve increase Class A music site manager stipend to \$400 as per committee recommendation. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee recommends increasing the State Class A & B Music Scheduler Stipend from \$750 for both to \$850 for both. Upon further discussion, the Board recommended a higher increase for scheduling both events.

Motion by Stedman to approve increase the State Class A & B Music Scheduler Stipend from \$750 to \$1,000. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Hall, Tournament Committee Chair, reported on the following:

	<u>2015-16 DATE</u>	<u>SITE SELECTED</u>
GOLF Boys & Girls B		
Regions		
Region 1 Girls	Deadline May 24, 2016	Lidgerwood
Region 1 Boys	Deadline May 24, 2016	Gwinner
Region 2 Girls	Deadline May 24, 2016	Carrington
Region 2 Boys	Deadline May 24, 2016	Carrington
Region 3 Girls	Deadline May 24, 2016	Langdon
Region 3 Boys	Deadline May 24, 2016	Cavalier
Region 4 Girls	Deadline May 24, 2016	Garrison
Region 4 Boys	Deadline May 24, 2016	Garrison
Region 5 Girls	Deadline May 24, 2016	Hazen
Region 5 Boys	Deadline May 24, 2016	Heart River
Region 6 Girls	Deadline May 24, 2016	Des Lacs-Burlington
Region 6 Boys	Deadline May 24, 2016	Crosby
State B Girls	May 31, June 1, 2016	Carrington
State B Boys	May 31, June 1, 2016	Jamestown

TRACK

Regions - Class A

East	May 20 or 21, 2016	West Fargo
West	May 20 or 21, 2016	Dickinson

Region - Class B

Northwest	May 20 or 21, 2016	Minot
North Central	May 20 or 21, 2016	Rugby
Northeast	May 20 or 21, 2016	Larimore
Southwest	May 20 or 21, 2016	TBD
South Central	May 20 or 21, 2016	Bismarck
Southeast	May 20 or 21, 2016	TBD
State A & B	May 27, 28, 2016	Bismarck

Motion by Manley to approve spring region tournament sites for 2016. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

The NDHSAA tournament committee referred state tournament ticket prices for baseball/softball to the Combined Tournament Committee for review.

NDHSAA staff member Brenda Schell presented the Board with the NDHSAA 2015-16 Technology Plan. Motion by Rinas to approve the NDHSAA 2015-16 Technology Plan. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance committee chair, Steve Hall presented a proposed budget for 2015-16. Fetsch described the 2015-16 budget and estimated year-end income and expenses along with estimated team payments. Fetsch made note the budget includes a vehicle replacement in 2014-15 not previously budgeted.

Motion by Martin to approve the proposed 2015-16 NDHSAA budget. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from Carolyn Bluestone, Mandaree Superintendent, requesting the Board move Mandaree from Region 7 to Region 8 in volleyball, girls' basketball and boys' basketball beginning in 2016-17. This item was tabled at the April 2015 meeting. The realignment committee's recommendation is to approve Mandaree's request to move from Region 7 to Region 8 in volleyball and girls' basketball and boys' basketball beginning in 2016-17. This realignment will coincide with Watford City's move to Class A.

Motion by Wiberg to approve Mandaree's request to move from Region 7 to Region 8 in volleyball, girls' basketball and boys' basketball beginning in 2016-17. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from Perry Piatz, Kindred Athletic Director, on behalf of Region 1 schools requesting the Board change the approved site for the 2015 Region 1 Super Region Volleyball Tournament from Enderlin to Kindred and play the first round/play-in games of the tournament at the home of the higher seeded team.

Motion by Roaldson to approve as requested. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from Terry Baesler, Hillsboro Principal, requesting the Board move their music and drama teams from Region 2 to Region 3.

Motion by Rinas to approve moving Hillsboro from Region 2 to Region 3 in music and drama beginning in 2015-16. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

2015-16 Board President and Vice President nominations were discussed. Brannan nominated Wiberg as president with a second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously. Bertsch nominated Rinas as Vice President with a second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from West Fargo Public Schools concerning cooperative sponsorships.

West Fargo Sheyenne will field varsity teams in boys' tennis, girls' golf, wrestling, boys' golf and baseball. They requested permission to field separate junior varsity teams with one varsity team in softball, boys' soccer, boys' hockey and girls' hockey while maintaining a coop between West Fargo High School and West Fargo Sheyenne for varsity teams for the 2015-16 school year. Girls' soccer varsity team status will be determined in the near future.

Motion by Roaldson to approve as requested. Second by Dahlen. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Correspondence was reviewed.

- Geiger email
- Schafer letter
- Anderson letter

Representative Reports

- Brannan reported conversations concerning out of season coaching and the need for NDHSAA to change the out of season coaching rule.

Executive Director's Report

- The NDHSAA Participation Survey was reviewed. Fetsch indicated the participation numbers are forwarded to NFHS and used in determining our Catastrophic Insurance premiums.
- A draft of the NDHSAA Student Participation Code of Conduct was shared with the Board. The Board discussed the draft at length.
- NFHS Network Agreement. Fetsch described the current contract NDHSAA has with the NFHS Network. The NFHS Network has requested a 5-year extension to the current contract with a July 31, 2015 deadline to sign the contract. Fetsch will discuss this with NFHS Network representatives at the summer conference.
- The north parking lot will be replaced in July.
- Fetsch has received several phone calls this summer concerning transgender issues.
- Fetsch explained office renovations over the past year and planned for the coming year.

President Hall thanked Brannan and Martin for their work on the Board. It has been greatly appreciated.

The next regularly scheduled NDHSAA Board meeting will be held August 18, 2015 in Valley City at the NDHSAA office.

President Hall declared the meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____ / ____ / ____