

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
March 18, 2016, Minot, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on March 18, 2016 in Minot. President Wiberg called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Members present: Vollmer, Wiberg, Hall, Schafer, Rinas, Manley, Roaldson, Baesler, Dahlen

Members absent: Bertsch, Stedman

Others present: Kelly Koppinger, New England Superintendent, Darryl Jung, New England Athletic Director and a group of parents from New England

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

Motion by Vollmer to approve the consent agenda. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent agenda items:

a) Approval of Consent Agenda

- 1) Approval of Minutes - January 25, 2016
- 2) Financial Report
 - i) Balance sheet - January 2016
 - ii) Budget
 - iii) Savings/investments - January 2016
- 3) Coop Dissolutions
 - i) Drake-Anamoose and Goodrich, football, 9-12, 2017-18
 - ii) Dickinson Trinity and New England, boys and girls track and field, 7-12, 2015-16
 - iii) Dickinson Trinity and New England, football, 7-12, 2017-18
- 4) Coop Applications
 - i) Fairmount, Campbell-Tintah (MN), and Rosholt (SD), volleyball, 7-12, 2016-17, late fee
 - ii) Fairmount, Campbell-Tintah (MN), and Rosholt (SD), boys basketball, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - iii) Fairmount, Campbell-Tintah (MN), and Rosholt (SD), girls basketball, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - iv) Mott-Regent and New England, football, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee

Jason Wiberg, Executive Committee chair, reported Executive Committee action. There were three schools with self-reported violations and one late coop dissolution request.

Self violations included:

1. South Heart High School reported an athlete exceeded the daily quarter limit in girls basketball. Prescribed penalty was applied. Forfeiture of game in which the violation occurred and student sat out next game. A letter of reprimand will be sent to South Heart High School.
2. Fargo North High School reported violation of an individual's wrestling decent plan. Prescribed penalty was applied. Forfeiture of match in which the violation occurred and student sat out next match. A letter of reprimand will be sent to Fargo North High School.
3. By-Law violation
 - a. White Shield High School reported White Shield and Alexander held a girls basketball contest consisting of a junior high team containing 6th graders vs. a high school team. White Shield High School and Alexander High School were placed on probation through 2016/17.

Late coop dissolution request from Dickinson Trinity to dissolve the grade 7-12 football coop between Dickinson Trinity and New England beginning in 2016-17. The request for dissolution was denied.

Motion by Wiberg to approve Executive Committee report. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.

Wiberg, provided a Media Committee report on post season streaming violations. Four Winds High School streamed the District 7 girls basketball tournament without NDHSAA approval. The media committee recommends a \$1,000 penalty with any subsequent violations double that amount and a letter of reprimand to the offending school. The committee also discussed Class A region broadcast fees. No change was recommended to the broadcast fees at this time.

Motion by Wiberg to approve Media Committee report. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

New England Superintendent, Kelly Koppinger, appealed the Executive Board's decision to deny a football coop dissolution for the 2016-17 school year. New England requested dissolution of the current football coop with Dickinson Trinity for the 2016-17 school year, and if approved requested consideration of an emergency football coop with Mott-Regent for the 2016-17 school year. Darryl Jung, New England Athletic Director indicated he was contacted three times by the Dickinson Trinity administration indicating the desire to dissolve the current football coop immediately. Area schools were surveyed with New Salem/Glen Ullin and Grant County indicating they are not in favor of allowing the dissolution in the second year of a 2-year football plan. Dickinson Trinity indicated they did want to appeal the Executive Board's prior decision. New England's request was three part:

1. Dissolution of FB coop with Dickinson Trinity for 2016/17
2. Emergency coop with Mott-Regent for 2016/17
3. Change the football guidelines to allow all students to participate at the varsity level.

The Board indicated exclusions in the past have been based on the opportunity for kids to participate. This is different than issues in the past as the New England students have the opportunity to play regardless if this appeal is approved. Rinas indicated if this were approved it would open the door to additional coops and coop dissolutions in the middle of a football plan. NDHSAA staff indicated precedent indicated denial of dissolution in similar cases. Motion by Roaldson to deny New England's appeal of the coop dissolution. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Dahlen, Football Committee Chair, provided a report on the two committee meetings that have been held since the last Board meeting. The committee reviewed the emergency coop guidelines and recommended no change to these guidelines. Stanley & Powers Lake appeared before the Football Committee on March 17th to address concerns. The committee took these concerns into consideration. Preliminary division placement recommendations for the 2017 and 2018 plan were distributed to the Board. The preliminary divisions will be placed on the NDHSAA website. The preliminary divisions will be updated as coops are approved and dissolved.

Motion by Dahlen to approve Football Committee report. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Hall provided a Constitution & By-Laws Committee report with potential language changes to Part II, Article IX: Awards By-Law. A draft of proposed By-Law changes was distributed to the Board for review. The committee would like feedback from Board members on the proposed changes. Potential changes are as follows:

Current By-Law with edits, additions and strike through.

Article IX: Awards

~~SECTION I: The giving and receiving of awards and medals shall:~~

- ~~a. Be kept within reasonable bounds~~
- ~~b. Have symbolic value only, and~~
- ~~c. Be done by and with the consent and under the supervision of the superintendent and/or principal concerned.~~

~~SECTION II: Awards such as unattached letter, trophy, metal football, metal basketball, metal track shoe or similar article of symbolic value only may be given, provided that the cost of the awards shall not exceed the amount set by the NDHSAA Board of Directors (\$300.00).~~

~~SECTION III: Conferences or schools conducting invitational tourneys and meets under Association rules may make awards to the winning schools or contestants, provided that the awards are within the bounds of Sections I and II.~~

~~SECTION IV: Suitable awards of symbolic value only may be given by such organizations as service clubs, patriot organizations, civic groups, Dads' and Mothers' Club, and the sports department of a newspaper, radio or television station. No awards shall be accepted which in any way advertises any firm or individual so far as commercial or business interests are concerned "with the exception of NDHSAA approved corporate sponsors for NDHSAA awards".~~

SECTION VI: The Board shall have authority to designate, give and control medals and trophies to be awarded to schools or individuals on championship teams in any sport or activity, provided that these awards are kept within the bounds of Sections I and II III.

~~SECTION VI: Awards, medals, recognitions, gifts, trips and honors shall not be accepted by individuals or schools from colleges, universities and higher institutions of learning and their alumni. High school athletes or performers should be permitted to complete their high school careers without being exploited by outside sources.~~

SECTION VII: Penalties for violations of the above rules may be suspension of the school and ineligibility of the individual who accepts the award.

Proposed Draft

Article IX: Awards

SECTION I: A student activities participant may not accept monetary compensation in recognition of activities ability, participation and/or achievement.

SECTION II: A student may accept non-monetary compensation or items of value solely in recognition of activities ability, participation and/or achievement if the total monetary compensation or items of value, including the actual value of any gift certificates (so long as they are not convertible to cash), discounts, coupons, etc., does not exceed the amount set by the NDHSAA Board of Directors during the Association year (July 1-June 30).

SECTION III: Non-monetary compensation or items of value does not include customary awards of symbolic nature without resale value such as the school's athletic letter, medals, ribbons, certificates, plaques, trophies and other emblems, provided the cost of the award does not exceed the amount set by the NDHSAA Board of Directors.

NOTE: This rule does not regulate or prohibit compensation received by a student for ability, participation and/or achievement in a non-NDHSAA sponsored sport or activity, nor does this rule prohibit the acceptance of college scholarships by students.

SECTION IV: A coach or director is responsible for reporting to the school's athletic/activities director all compensation or items of value received by the students on that coach/director's team within one month of the receipt of the compensation or items of value. School administration is responsible for verifying that the total sum of compensation or items of value received by each student participant at that school does not exceed the retail value amount set in SECTION II.

SECTION V: The NDHSAA Board of Directors shall have authority to designate, give and control medals and trophies to be awarded to schools or individuals on championship teams in any sport or activity, provided that these awards are kept within the bounds of Section III.

SECTION VI: Penalties for violations of the above rules may be suspension of the school and ineligibility of the individual who accepts the award.

Motion by Hall to approve Constitution & By-Laws Committee report. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Manley, Realignment Committee Chair, reported on the Super-Region Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting. Each committee member reported on the situation in their district. There is a mix of super-region and conventional district/region formats throughout the state. Overall, the regions are happy with the models they have chosen. There is a different fit for each region and they appreciate having the option to do what seems to be the best for each area. It is working now with each region doing different things and they would like to keep it that way. The committee indicated there is not a need to meet again until there is a change directed from the Board or a change in demographics throughout the state.

The committee recommended region placements as follows:

- South Prairie boys and girls golf – Region 4
- Drake-Anamoose boys golf – Region 4
- New England boys and girls track & field – SW Region

Motion by Manley to approve Realignment Committee report. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.

NFHS Summer Meeting was discussed. Conference books will be mailed to Board members when they are received. Fetsch asked Board members to indicate their attendance plans to him.

Meeting dates for 2016-17 were discussed. Changes include moving the September meeting from Tuesday to Thursday due to the Midwest Officials Summit which will be held in North Dakota. Fetsch also indicated the November meeting was moved to the first week in December and will include the Combined Tournament Committee meeting the day before. The April meeting has been moved to May in Valley City and will align with Distinguished Student interviews.

2016/17 NDHSAA Meeting Dates

August 16, 2016	Board of Directors Meeting, Valley City
September 22, 2016	Board of Directors Meeting, Valley City
October 19, 2016	Board of Directors Meeting, Bismarck
October 20, 2016	General Assembly Meeting, Bismarck
December 1, 2016	Board of Directors Meeting, Valley City
January 18, 2017	Athletic Review Committee Meeting, Valley City
January 30, 2017	Board of Directors Meeting, Bismarck
January 31, 2017	Annual Membership Meeting
March 17, 2017	Board of Directors Meeting, Minot
May 4, 2017	Board of Directors Meeting, Valley City
June 7, 2017	Athletic Review, Valley City
June 12, 2017	Board of Directors Meeting, Valley City

Motion by Vollmer to approve 2016/17 Board meeting dates. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Correspondence was reviewed. There were seven letters addressing the Bismarck girls hockey coop including letters or emails from McCowan, Black, Barendt, Abrahamson, Klemetsrud, Longtin, and Wold.

The Board discussed coops in general and coops between Class A schools. The Board has not traditionally stepped in to determine criteria for coops, they have allowed schools to apply for coops based on their local criteria. Board members indicated this may be the time to have large coops give a plan to the NDHSAA Board concerning their Class A coops. The Board felt school districts need to address this issue at the local level. The letters received were concerning girls hockey, however, hockey is not the only sport where there is an issue. Roaldson indicated the top 6 girls hockey schools have a full

roster of 20 girls consistently. Where smaller teams struggle to have 10-16 girls on a roster. Roaldson researched past years' final standings for girls hockey from 2007-08 through current year. His research showed the same larger schools consistently in the top 6 teams with the smaller schools at the bottom of the standings. Smaller schools are considering playing in the 19U league rather than through NDHSAA. Roaldson indicated we entrust our member schools to do the right thing through trust and integrity. The Board talked about having the Executive Director meet with the Bismarck Public Schools Athletic Directors to address a plan. The Board indicated this is not about the success of the program, it is based on the number of schools participating in a single team.

Motion by Vollmer to direct Executive Director Fetsch to visit with Bismarck administration on their future plans for their girls' hockey program. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously. Executive Director Fetsch will report back to the Board in April on the discussion with Bismarck administration.

The Board reviewed a letter from Loren Scherr, Beulah Superintendent and Carl Blackhurst, Beulah Activities Director concerning placement of the Region 7 volleyball and basketball tournaments.

A letter from Richardton-Taylor High School in support of the New England appeal was addressed during the appeal process.

Representative Reports

- Andy Dahlen indicated one of his coaches talked to him about out-of-season coaching regulations. Dahlen has a coach that would like to coach his son in travel ball. The out-of season coaching was discussed. There is a difference between working with your son and coaching a team. Past practice allows a parent to work one on one with their son/daughter.
- Steve Hall was questioned by schools in his area about venue surcharges. Hall questioned the customary acceptable venue charge for regions. Fetsch indicated over half the region sites have a venue surcharge on tickets.

Executive Director's Report included:

NFHS Foundation grant for \$2000 was approved. The grant will be used to send the students to the Student Leadership Conference in Indianapolis in July.

Fetsch reported all 2016-17 staff contracts have been accepted.

Fetsch provided an update on the Media Specialist position. There are 11 applications to date with several more indicating they will apply. A recommendation will be presented at the April Board meeting.

The next NDHSAA Board meeting will be held April 19, 2016 at the NDHSAA office in Valley City.

President Wiberg declared the meeting adjourned at 3:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____ / ____ / ____