

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
September 22, 2015, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on September 22, 2015 in Valley City. President Wiberg called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Members present: Wiberg, Bertsch, Dahlen, Hall, Roaldson, Schafer, Rinas, Manley, Stedman

Members absent: Baesler, Vollmer

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

Motion by Roaldson to approve the consent agenda. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent agenda items:

- a) Approval of Minutes - August 18, 2015
- b) Financial Reports
 - 1) Balance sheet - July 2015
 - 2) Budget
 - 3) Savings/investments
 - i) July 2015
 - ii) August 2015
- c) Coop Dissolutions
 - 1) Mandan and Christ the King, boys basketball, 7-8, 2015-16
 - 2) Mandan and Christ the King, boys cross country, 7-8, 2015-16
 - 3) Mandan and Christ the King, boys golf, 7-8, 2015-16
 - 4) Mandan and Christ the King, boys swimming & diving, 7-8, 2015-16
 - 5) Mandan and Christ the King, boys tennis, 7-8, 2015-16
 - 6) Mandan and Christ the King, boys track and field, 7-8, 2015-16
 - 7) Mandan and Christ the King, football, 7-8, 2015-16
 - 8) Mandan and Christ the King, girls basketball, 7-8, 2015-16
 - 9) Mandan and Christ the King, girls cross country, 7-8, 2015-16
 - 10) Mandan and Christ the King, girls golf, 7-8, 2015-16
 - 11) Mandan and Christ the King, girls swimming & diving, 7-8, 2015-16
 - 12) Mandan and Christ the King, girls tennis, 7-8, 2015-16
 - 13) Mandan and Christ the King, girls track and field, 7-8, 2015-16
 - 14) Mandan and Christ the King, volleyball, 7-8, 2015-16
 - 15) Mandan and Christ the King, wrestling, 7-8, 2015-16
- d) Coop Applications
 - 1) Shanley and St. Joseph's (MN), girls swimming & diving, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - 2) Larimore and Emerado, boys basketball, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - 3) Larimore and Emerado, girls basketball, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - 4) Larimore and Emerado, junior high football, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee

Jason Wiberg, Executive Committee chair, reported Executive Committee actions.

- a) There were four school violations.
 - 1) New Town – Use of 6th grader in junior high cross country.
 - i) NDHSAA will issue a letter of reprimand to New Town High School. New Town High School forfeited all points for meets in which the ineligible player participated.
 - 2) Kenmare – use of academically ineligible participant in football
 - i) NDHSAA will issue a letter of reprimand to Kenmare High School. Kenmare High School forfeited all games in which the ineligible player participated.
 - 3) Valley City – Use of academically ineligible participant in football.

- i) NDHSAA will issue a letter of reprimand to Valley City High School. Valley City High School forfeited all games in which the ineligible player participated.
- 4) Parshall High School – Use of ineligible player in junior high volleyball.
 - i) NDHSAA will issue a letter of reprimand to Parshall High School. Parshall High School forfeited all games in which the ineligible player participated.
- b) Review of Vinje Law Firm letter
 - 1) Shiloh Christian School hired an attorney to investigate whether undue influence was used to bring a student to Shiloh Christian School. Upon completion of the investigation by Vinje Law Firm no undue influence was found.

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

Andy Dahlen, Football Committee Chair, provided an update on the development of a member school survey regarding the 2017 and 2018 football plan. Fetsch and Fletschock shared football plan information they presented at the NDIAAA conference. Using a ratio 2.5:1 based on enrollments, the current football plan would include 14 AAA teams, 7 AA teams, 53 A teams and 27 9-Man teams. Also discussed was applying schools free & reduced rate to the male population to determine adjusted enrollment. Currently only free and reduced rates are used to adjust male population only if the rate is at 60% and above. A survey will be developed and sent out in the next 2 weeks. The survey will include a ranking system for answers to questions. A copy of the survey will be sent to the Football Committee for review before being sent to member schools. Feedback will be reviewed at the the October Football Committee meeting.

Motion by Rinas to approve the Football Committee report. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Manley, Realignment Committee Chair, provided the Board with a recommendation for the placement of South Prairie High School boys and girls track teams in Class B Northwest Region beginning in the 2015-16 season.

Motion by Schafer to approve the Realignment Committee report. Second by Dahlen. Motion carried unanimously.

Todd Bertsch, Media Committee Chair provided the Board with a report. September 11th the Media Committee met via conference call with Robert Rothberg, President of Playon Sports. The purpose was to discuss a 5-year extension to the NDHSAA - NFHS Network contract.

A week after the conference call, NDHSAA received a list of NFHS Network declined events for the 2015/16 year. Declined events are post season events the NFHS Network is not planning to broadcast. NDHSAA has the ability to sell declined events to third party entities. The committee reviewed the list of declined events. The committee recommended continued research by NDHSAA staff before signing the extension. The committee also discussed the penalty for streaming NDHSAA post season events without NDHSAA permission. The penalty recommended by the Media Committee is double each tournament's broadcast/streaming rate as listed in the NDHSAA policy manual. This information will be distributed to statewide media, main school contacts, tournament managers, and via the BULLETIN. The full Board discussed the extension of the NFHS Network contract.

Motion by Hall to approve the media committee report. Second by Rinas. Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Rinas, Finance/Personnel Committee Chair, provided the Board a report regarding the creation of a media relations position in the NDHSAA office. The committee provided a summary and a list of job responsibilities for an NDHSAA Media Specialist for Board review. The committee recommended a compensation base of \$50,000 salary plus benefits and retirement.

If approved, the committee recommended the following timeline for the process of hiring a media relations position.

Application window opens February 1, 2016
Applications received until April 1, 2016
Applications screened April 6, 2016
Interviews conducted April 13, 2016 in Valley City
Board approval April 19, 2016

The committee will receive feedback from the Board on the recommended job summary, recommendations and timeline at the October meeting. Motion by Roaldson to approve the Finance/Personnel Committee report. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board received a handout from staff member Morast with an update on the development of a Student Leadership Advisory Committee. Action was tabled. The Board would like to continue discussion at the October Board meeting.

The Board reviewed a letter from Tom Milbrandt, Maple Valley Athletic Director, on behalf of Region 1 schools requesting the Board change the approved number of volleyball and basketball contests and region tournament structure for the 2016-17 school year.

Region I request:

1. Beginning the 2016-17 season, allow volleyball teams an extra match allowing the NDHSAA to handle the entire Region I VB tournament, profit/loss included. New restrictions would be (matches-tourney) 18-2, 16-3, 14-4.
2. Beginning the 2016-17 season, allow girls and boys basketball teams an extra game allowing the NDHSAA to handle the entire Region I girls basketball/boys basketball Tournaments, profit/loss included bringing the allowable games from 20 to 21 regular season games. They would like to keep the sites the same as the original Region I Super Regional proposal approved by the NDHSAA board.
3. Keep home sites for play-in games for volleyball. Also keep the Region I tournament location for boys and girls basketball. Region I schools will discuss the possibility of changing site locations at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 season.

Motion by Schafer to allow volleyball teams an additional match beginning the 2016-2017 season allowing the NDHSAA to handle the entire Region I Volleyball Tournament, profit/loss included. New restrictions would be (matches-tourney) 18-2, 16-3, 14-4. Second by Dahlen. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schafer to deny allowing an additional game as proposed for girls and boys basketball. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed ticket prices for state soccer. State soccer ticket prices were not adjusted when 2015/16 tournament ticket prices were previously approved. Motion by Rinas to approve the adjustment to the tournament ticket prices. Adult tournament ticket increase from \$20 to \$24 and student tournament ticket increase from \$10 to \$12. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Representative Reports

- Schafer entertained a plan to allow transient students the opportunity to play at varsity level if they have not participated in a sport/activity in their previous state/location. Students are encouraged to become involved and then are not allowed to participate in varsity sport/activity once they are involved.
- Wiberg brought up the Board regulation concerning sport specific out of season open gyms. There is currently a Board regulation stating schools can not have sport specific open gyms. Wiberg would like the Board to investigate changing the summer sport specific open gym regulation. He feels there is a liability when volleyball standards are set up and students are playing basketball. This was referred to NDHSAA staff for recommendation.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Devils Lake Superintendent, Scott Privratsky concerning the development of the 2017 and 2018 football plan.

Executive Director's Report

- a) Sports Medicine Advisory Committee will meet in the Valley City office at 10:00 am on September 23, 2015. Members of the committee are: Dr. Dawn Mattern, Minot; Dr. Robert Schulte, Mandan; Jon Darling, Fargo; Dr. Brad Braunagel, Valley City.
- b) Public Service Announcements
 - 1) Distinguished Student PSAs were distributed to media.
 - 2) Officials PSAs are being created.
 - i) Rob Kueneman, Fargo, a Big 10 basketball official and Thor Nelson, Minot, an NHL Lineman are creating NDHSAA PSAs.
- c) Emerging activities information.
 - 1) Reviewed prior policy. There is a prescribed process for adding sports or activities to NDHSAA sponsorship. In part - 12 teams are needed in any activity before the Board will entertain sponsorship. There are specific plans detailed in policy to guide member schools in their request. There have not been any official requests for additional sport/activity sponsorships to date.
- d) Local Officials Program Update
 - 1) Presented update at NDIAAA
- e) NDHSAA NOW Update
 - 1) Standings tabs have been added to the NDHSAA NOW site.

The next NDHSAA Board meeting will be held October 21, 2015 and the annual NDHSAA General Assembly meeting will be held on October 22, 2015. Both meetings will be held at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck.

President Wiberg declared the meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____