

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
December 1, 2016, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on December 1, 2016 in Valley City. President Rinas called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Members present: Rinas, Dahlen, Bertsch, Manley, Privratsky, Vollmer, Sorlie, Schafer, Carlson, Stedman, Baesler

Others present: Jeff Brandt, Principal and Steve Folmer, Athletic Director, Solen High School, Mother and Father of Solen High School student and a Solen High School student.

Upon additions to the agenda, motion by Vollmer to approve the agenda. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon additions to the consent agenda, motion by Carlson to approve. Second by Privratsky. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent agenda items:

1. Approval of Minutes - October 19, 2016
2. Financial Report
 - a. Balance sheet - October 2016
 - b. Budget
 - c. Savings/investments - October 2016
3. Coop Dissolutions
 - a. Dickinson and Dickinson Trinity, speech, 9-12, 2016-17
 - b. Dickinson and New England, speech, 9-12, 2016-17
 - c. Fargo North and Kindred, boys cross country, 7-12, 2017-18
 - d. Fargo North and Kindred, girls cross country, 7-12, 2017-18
4. Coop Applications
 - a. Max, Garrison, and South Prairie, boys cross country, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - b. Max, Garrison, and South Prairie, girls cross country, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - c. North Star and Starkweather, boys cross country, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - d. North Star and Starkweather, girls cross country, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - e. Velva, Drake-Anamoose, and Sawyer, softball, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - f. Dakota Prairie and Midkota, softball, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - g. Dakota Prairie and Lakota, baseball, 7-12, 2016-17, late fee
 - h. Bismarck St. Mary's and Martin Luther, speech, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - i. Dickinson Trinity and New England, speech, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee

Brad Rinas, Executive Committee Chair, reported on committee actions. The committee recommended altering the Athletic Review and the Fine Arts Review processes. The new process would have the Athletic Review Committee review coach advisory recommendations, District Chair and Class A Review recommendations and forward only recommendations passed by Athletic Review to the NDHSAA Board for action. Fine Arts Review would also forward only recommendations that passed the review.

Motion by Privratsky to direct the Athletic Review and Fine Arts Review process to include reviewing and voting on all coaches advisory, Class A Review and district chair recommendations and only those approved by a simple majority at Athletic Review and Fine Arts Review would continue to the NDHSAA Board for action. Second by Dahlen. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee forwarded a late coop application for Board approval.

1. Midway and Minto, boys basketball, 7-8, 2016-17, with a late fee
- Motion by Vollmer to approve the coop. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

Mitch Carlson, Constitution & By-Laws Committee Chair, provided a committee report including discussion about the non-monetary individual award amount set by the board annually and the Q & A section of Part II, Article XIV, Section IV of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws.

Motion by Sorlie to set the non-monetary individual award amount of Part II, Article IX: Section II of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws to \$500 beginning July 1, 2017 and remain at \$500 until changed by the Board. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

The Constitution & By-Laws committee also discussed the Q & A section of Part II, Article XIV, Section IV of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws. The committee directed NDHSAA staff to work on the wording of the question and answer portion and bring it back to the Board for discussion.

Motion by Vollmer to approve Constitution & By-Laws committee report. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

Todd Bertsch, Media Committee Chair, provided a committee report concerning media coverage with current broadcast contracts. The discussion was centered around how to package tournament coverage for broadcast when the current contract expires at the end of 2017/18. Currently statewide TV coverage is included in the WDAY TV contract. The current streaming contract with the NFHS Network also expires at the end of 2017/18. We are in year 4 of 5 of our current contracts. Timeframe for setting up a bid process for the fall and winter of 2017/18.

Motion by Dahlen to approve media committee report. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Rinas, Combined Tournament Committee chair, provided a committee report. The Combined Tournament Committee met on November 30, 2016. The following recommendations came forth.

Change recommendations to previously approved sites.

Girls Swimming & Diving:

2018-19 from Bismarck to West Fargo

2020-21 from Bismarck to West Fargo

2022-23 from Bismarck to West Fargo

Class B Girls Basketball:

2018-19 from Minot to Grand Forks

2019-20 from Grand Forks to Minot

2020-21 from Minot to Grand Forks

2021-22 from Grand Forks to Minot

2022-23 from Minot to Grand Forks

Boys Swimming & Diving:

2017-18 from Bismarck to West Fargo

2019-20 from Bismarck to West Fargo

2021-22 from Bismarck to West Fargo

Class B Boys Basketball:

2020-21 from Grand Forks to Minot

Site Recommendations for 2023-24

Activity	2023-24
Class A Girls Golf	Grand Forks
Boys Tennis	Grand Forks
Boys Soccer	Mandan
Cross Country	Jamestown
Girls Swimming	Bismarck
Football	Fargo
Volleyball	Fargo
Wrestling	Fargo

Gymnastics	Dickinson
Boys & Girls Hockey	TBA
Class B Girls Basketball	Minot
Boys Swimming	West Fargo
Class A G & B Basketball	Fargo
Class B Boys Basketball	Bismarck
Girls Tennis	Grand Forks
Track	Bismarck
Class B Girls Golf	Carrington
Class B Boys Golf	Jamestown
Class B Baseball & Softball	Fargo
Class A Baseball & Softball	Jamestown
Girls Soccer	Grand Forks
Class A Boys Golf	Minot

Motion by Manley to approve the site recommendations. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Rinas, Tournament Committee Chair, reported a recommended date change for the last night of the 2017 Region 2 Girls Class B Basketball Tournament. There was a previous conflict with using the Betty Englestad Arena on Thursday night, February, 23, 2017 so the last night of the tournament was set for Friday, February 24, 2017. There is no longer a venue conflict, therefore the last night of the tournament can move from Friday, February 24, 2017 to Thursday, February 23, 2017.

Motion by Privratsky to approve change in the Region 2 Class B Girls Basketball Tournament final night date to Thursday, February 23, 2017. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Manley, Realignment Committee Chair, provided a recommendation on region placement for the following teams:

- (1) Assign Heart River to Region 8 for baseball
- (2) Move Kidder County from 8 to Region 3 for baseball
- (3) Assign Burke Central wrestling to Region 3
- (4) Johnson Corners boys track and field to Northwest Region
- (5) Johnson Corners girls track and field to Northwest Region

Motion by Bertsch to approve realignment committee report. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

The North Dakota Officials Association (NDOA) provided the following recommendations to the Board.

- (1) Approve a 5% fee increase for 2017-18 with the same fees in 2018-19
- (2) Rename the football "Soph. & JV" as "Sub Varsity" and eliminate "9th grade"

Motion by Vollmer to approve the NDOA recommendations as presented. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff member Justin Fletschock provided the Board with the Pitch Count Committee recommendation for a pitch count regulation for the 2017 baseball season.

NDHSAA Pitch Count Regulation

Regular Season		Postseason	
*120 daily pitch maximum		*120 daily pitch maximum	
Pitches	Days Rest	Pitches	Days Rest
0-30	0	0 - 45	0
31-45	1	46 - 90	1
46-60	2	91 -120	2
61-75	3	Postseason Tournament Maximum of 135	
76-120	4	pitches for the entire tournament	

- 1) Daily Limits - If a team plays two games in one day, a pitcher can pitch in both games, just add totals together.
- 2) If the pitch count is reached during an at bat, the pitcher is allowed to finish that batter.
- 3) Home book is the official book for pitch counts, it is recommended that the teams compare pitch numbers during the game.
- 4) If a pitch count tracker is present, they are the official pitch count.
- 5) Tournament managers will track pitch counts.
- 6) IBB do not count toward pitch count.

Recommendations:

Use care when choosing the next position (ie, catcher)

Motion by Vollmer to approve the pitch count regulation as presented. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

Dahlen would like to see the number of baseball and softball games for the season reduced in the future.

Jeff Brandt Principal and Steve Folmer, Athletic Director, Solen High School appealed a hardship denial. Necessary information was distributed to the Board.

Motion by Privratsky to approve the hardship appeal. Second by Stedman. Roll call vote: Dahlen - yes, Bertsch - no, Manley - yes, Privratsky - yes, Vollmer - yes, Sorlie - yes, Schafer - no, Carlson - yes, Stedman - yes, Baesler - yes, Rinas - no. Motion carried (8-3).

Board Correspondence

1. St. Joseph Catholic School (grades 7-8) in Moorhead, has a cooperative sponsorship with Shanley High School in Fargo. The Minnesota High School League does not oversee grades 7-8, only grades 9-12. Some grade 7-8 St. Joseph students were participating in the Shanley High School coop and also competing on middle school teams in Minnesota. When this came to light last year, Shanley High School cleaned up coops with St. Joseph and assured all students coming from St. Joseph's were participating only for Shanley High School. A parent called the NDHSAA office and Constitution & By-Laws committee members requesting a change in the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws to allow St. Joseph students to compete on North Dakota and Minnesota teams. Shanley has indicated they will self-report this issue in the near future.

Representative Reports

- Privratsky would like to have a review of the cooperative sponsorship process on a future agenda to see if any improvements can be made. The guidelines currently specify to Class B schools if they coop with another school and their combined enrollment is over 325, they must compete as a Class A school with exceptions for wrestling, cross country and softball. The same limitations are not put on Class A coops.
- Bertsch would like to place the hardship process on a future agenda to see if there are any changes that should be made. It would also be beneficial to find out what other states are doing in the area of hardships.
- Baesler updated the Board on what is happening at the State Capitol in the transition process after the general election. The legislators will be in Bismarck on Monday and Tuesday next week and there were many changes to the makeup of the legislative body. The legalization of medical marijuana is an issue our schools may need to deal with.
- Vollmer would like to discuss fan behavior at tournaments. He is frustrated that school administrators are not present to address student fan issues and questioned if we need to provide direction to our schools on expectations of administrators at tournaments. Fetsch indicated there is an NDHSAA By-Law requiring a faculty representative to be present. Vollmer feels this reflects poorly on our state especially when tournaments are broadcast or streamed.

Executive Director's Report

- a. Fetsch provided preliminary fall tournament financials to the Board.
 - b. Fetsch indicated he received a complaint from Bismarck Legacy High School concerning behavior of a Shanley fan at state volleyball. Legacy High School and Shanley administrators have been in conversation and through investigations the issue is being resolved between the schools.
 - c. NDHSAA received several inquiries this week concerning waiver of the nine practice rule due to weather issues. Fetsch reported the answer the schools have been given is the rule exists for the safety of athletes and would not be waived unless the Board brings it forward.
2. Next Meetings – Locations, Dates and Times
- a. January 18, 2017 – Athletic Review Meeting – Valley City – NDHSAA Office – 1:00 pm
 - b. Next Board meeting is January 19, 2017 in Valley City.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____