

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
January 19, 2017, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on January 19, 2017 in Valley City. President Rinas called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

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

Members absent: Baesler

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

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

Consent agenda items:

1. Approval of Minutes - December 1, 2016
2. Financial Report
 - a. Balance sheet
 - i. November 2016
 - ii. December 2016
 - b. Budget
 - i. November 2016
 - ii. December 2016
 - c. Savings/investments
 - i. November 2016
 - ii. December 2016
 - d. Coop Dissolutions
 - (1) Shanley and St. Joseph's (MN) in volleyball, 7-8, 2017-18
 - (2) Shanley and St. Joseph's (MN) in boys cross country, 7-12, 2017-18
 - (3) Shanley and St. Joseph's (MN) in girls cross country, 7-12, 2017-18
 - e. Coop Applications
 - (1) Beulah and Glen Ullin in baseball, 9-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - (2) Hankinson, Fairmount, Lidgerwood, Campbell-Tintah (MN), and Rosholt (SD) in softball, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
3. Coop Applications
 - a. Watford City and Johnson Corners in speech, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - b. Watford City and Johnson Corners in music, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - c. Watford City and Johnson Corners in boys basketball, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - d. Watford City and Johnson Corners in baseball, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - e. Watford City and Johnson Corners in boys golf, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - f. Watford City and Johnson Corners in girls golf, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - g. Watford City and Johnson Corners in boys track and field, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - h. Watford City and Johnson Corners in girls track and field, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - i. Watford City and Johnson Corners in volleyball, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - j. Watford City and Johnson Corners in plays, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - k. Watford City and Johnson Corners in girls basketball, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee

The proposed coops between Watford City and Johnson Corners were discussed. There are inaccuracies in the coop applications. The Board directed staff to contact Watford City for clarification and correction of applications before the March 2017 meeting.

Motion by Vollmer to table action on the Watford City and Johnson Corners coop applications as per discussion. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Rinas, Executive Committee Chair, reported committee actions.

- Turtle Lake-Mercer reported students participating in a game when they had not been in school the first day of the semester. The students were not transfer students. On the first day of the semester roads were closed and students were not able to travel in order to get to school but were able to travel in time for the game. The Executive Committee waived the requirement and referred a potential By-Law amendment to the Constitution & By-Laws Committee.
- Shanley High School reported a coop issue. Shanley High School is cooped with St. Joseph's Middle School in Moorhead. St. Joseph's was allowing students to participate in two different cooperative sponsorships in the same sport. Some students participated at Shanley and other students at Horizon Middle School in Moorhead in girls basketball. NDHSAA By-Laws allows cooperative sponsorships with only one school per sport. The situation has been rectified by Shanley High School and St. Joseph's Middle School. A letter of reprimand and a \$500 fine were administered. Any further violations may result in the immediate dissolution of all Shanley and St. Joseph's coops.
- Grand Forks Public Schools reported a jr. high home school student participated for their schools while attending school in East Grand Forks. When this was discovered by Grand Forks Public Schools participation ended immediately. Letter of reprimand was issued.
- Beulah High School reported a girls basketball player exceeded the nightly quarter participation limit. Prescribed penalty was administered with a letter of reprimand and forfeiture of games in which the ineligible student participated
- Solen High School reported a violation of the 9 practice rule. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of all games in which the ineligible student participated.
- The committee reviewed a late coop dissolution request:
 - Shanley and St. Joseph's (MN) in football, 7-8, 2017-18
 - Forwarded request to the Board for action.
- Committee denied a request from Shanley to waive the late coop fees for baseball and softball.

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

The Board acted on a late coop dissolution request:

Shanley and St. Joseph's (MN) in football, 7-8, 2017-18

Motion by Schafer to approve coop dissolution. Second by Dahlen. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Privratsky, Finance/Personnel Committee Chair, reported on the following:

- (1) Recommend a 4% increase for staff salaries for 2017-18. Directed Executive Director Fetsch to visit with staff concerning 4% raises in the future. The finance committee would like to continue to increase team payments, if possible.
- (2) Recommend a 2-year bid extension with Officeworks of Valley City for the NDHSAA directory with the following increases.
 - a. 2017/18 \$ 2,994.75
 - b. 2018/19 \$ 3,157.25
- (3) The committee directed Executive Director Fetsch to gather staff input and bring tournament manager fee recommendations to the March Board meeting for review.
- (4) Recommendation to change the football playoff financial reports. Changes include combining some categories and placing a maximum on some categories.

Motion by Vollmer to approve the Finance/Personnel Committee report. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Mitch Carlson, Constitution & By-Laws Committee Chair, provided the Board with a committee report.

- Medical marijuana and the effects on eligibility was discussed. The legislature is working on clarification of the law during the current legislative session.

- Rules of Eligibility for attendance, Article XIV, Section I, were discussed. The committee is considering drafting an amendment to the By-Law concerning attendance by the 11th day of the semester for students enrolled in schools through the prior semester.
- Article XIV, Section IV: Questions and Answers were discussed. Upon discussion, Executive Director Fetsch was directed to make edits as discussed to present to the committee in March.
- Discussed offering an electronic ballot for the Board member elections.

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

Todd Bertsch, Media Committee Chair, provided a committee report concerning media coverage with current broadcast contracts.

Bertsch explained there are currently two tiers of coverage for NDHSAA post season events. Tier I events are televised on state wide television. All other events are considered Tier II and are currently covered by the NFHS Network contract. Tier II events not produced by the NFHS Network are available for resale. Committee recommends a Tier I and Tier II package with a recommendation to have both tiers bid with contracts beginning in the 2018/19 school year. Tier II would include all region and state tournaments not currently covered in the Tier I television contract. Staff is directed to bring request for proposal recommendations to the March Board meeting. The bidding process would include a timeline to approve contracts at the August 2017 Board meeting. Motion by Manley to approve the media committee report. Second by Dahlen. Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Rinas, Tournament Committee Chair, provided recommendations for 2017 Fall Region Tournament sites.

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>SITE SELECTED</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
GOLF - Girls A		
Regions		
East	Grand Forks	September 25, 2017
West	Dickinson	September 25, 2017
TENNIS - Boys		
Regions		
East	Fargo	October 5-6-7, 2017
West	Bismarck	October 5-6-7, 2017
VOLLEYBALL		
Regions - Class B		
Region 1	Oak Grove	November 6-7-9, 2017
Region 2	Park River	November 6-7-9, 2017
Region 3	Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock	November 6-7-9, 2017
Region 4	Devils Lake	November 6-7-9, 2017
Region 5	Shiloh Christian	November 6-7-9, 2017
Region 6	Minot Audi	November 6-7-9, 2017
Region 7	Dickinson Trinity	November 6-7-9, 2017
Region 8	Ray	November 6-7-9, 2017
VOLLEYBALL		
Regions - Class A		
East	Fargo North	November 7-10-11, 2017
West	Williston	November 9-10-11, 2017

Motion by Carlson to approve the Tournament Committee report. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Vollmer representing the Canvassing Committee provided a vote tally for the Board positions of Class B Southwest and NDASSP Board positions.

Class B Southwest representative.

1. Tyler Senn, Principal/Athletic Director, Bowman County Public School - 46
2. Travis Jordan, Superintendent, Beulah Public School - 57
3. Kelly Koppinger, Superintendent, New England - 33

NDASSP representative

1. Warren Strand, Principal, Fessenden-Bowden Public School - 70
2. Adam Hill, Principal, Mott-Regent Public School - 39

Motion by Privratsky to approve the Canvassing Committee report. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

Athletic Review recommendations were reviewed by the Board. NDHSAA staff responsible for the administration of each sport provided background on sport recommendations to the Board.

NDHSAA Board of Directors will Y: approve or N: deny (y-n)	<u>Athletic Review</u>	<u>Board</u>
Cross Country:		
1. Create regulation stating that pets are not allowed on the state tournament course except for documented service animals.	Y (6-4)	Y (9-1)
Football:		
A		
1. The four #1 seeds from each region will be ranked 1-4 according to Quality Results Formula (QRF) rating at the end of the regular season. The bracket quadrants of the #1 and #4 ranked top seeds will be placed in the top half of the bracket and the #2 and #3 ranked top seeds in the bottom half. First and second round pairings will remain the same annually.	Y (10-0)	Y (10-0)
9-Man		
No Recommendations		
All Football Divisions		
1. Change Regulation #12 to read "The higher seeded team will be designated as the home team. When like seeds play, the team with the higher Quality Results Formula QRF rating at the end of the regular season will be designated as the home team. If the teams QRF rating is the same, the team with higher overall region QRF rating will be designated as the home team."	Y (10-0)	Y (10-0)
2. Add regulation requiring back judge to signal when 10 seconds remain on the play clock.	Y (10-0)	Y (10-0)
Volleyball:		
Class A & B		
1. Individuals shall not compete in more than two matches against one opponent school team on any one calendar day except in tournament play and eliminate the regulation that states "Individual set limitation for the season is six times the number of allowable matches plus tournament play"	Y (6-4)	Y (9-1)
2. Add two matches to existing season total.	Y (9-1)	N (2-8)

<p>3. Establish the following pre-match protocol: 1) Teams will begin at the end line for anthem and line-up's. 2) Teams will stay on the end line for line-up introductions. Athletes will not shake hands with officials or opposing coaching staff. 3) The official will beckon teams for pre-match handshake. 4) Following the pre-match handshake, the 6 starters will stay on the floor and all other teammates will go to their assigned bench. 5) The R2 will begin line-up checks and libero replacement if necessary.</p>	<p>Y (10-0)</p>	<p>Y (9-1)</p>
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The Board reviewed a letter from Lenny Ohlhauser, Fargo Davies Athletic Director requesting a waiver of Article XIV, Section IIIa for a student to participate in a similar contest during the track and field season. Motion by Manley to approve waiver of Article XIV, Section IIIa. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from Devils Lake AD Jason Wiberg requesting girls basketball participation one day early in order to fill out the brackets for the Lake Region Girls Basketball Tournament in November 2017. Motion by Schafer to approve the request for the Devils Lake girls basketball team to participate one day early for the 2017-18 season. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

2017-18 Board meeting dates were presented and discussed.

August	10	New Administrator Orientation – Valley City
August	14	New Board Member Orientation – Valley City
August	15	Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City
October	5	Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City
October	19	General Assembly Meeting – Bismarck
November	29	Combined Tournament Committee Meeting – Valley City
November	30	Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City
January	17	Athletic Review – Valley City
January	18	Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City
January	30	Membership Meeting – Bismarck
March	16	Class B District Chairpersons Meeting – Bismarck
March	16	Board of Directors Meeting – Bismarck
May	2	Distinguished Student Interviews – Valley City
May	3	Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City
May	24	Fine Arts Review – Bismarck
June	6	Class A Review – Valley City
June	11	Athletic Review – Valley City
June	12	Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City
June 28 - July 2		NFHS Summer Meeting – Chicago, IL

Region Administrator Meetings

Mon. July	31	Dickinson
Tue. August	1	Minot
Wed. August	2	Bismarck
Mon. August	7	Larimore
Tue. August	8	Valley City

Motion by Privratsky to approve 2017-18 Board meeting and Fall Regional Administrator Meeting dates. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the existing cooperative sponsorship (coop) By-Law, guidelines and naming recommendations. The philosophy of cooperative sponsorships was discussed including the size and length of coop agreements. Members indicated reasons for schools to form coops vary from school to school. Offering a sport via a coop often allows students to participate in a sport that would not be possible for them to participate in without a coop. Some coops are formed to become competitive, some coops are formed to allow participation. The Board is cautious to implement regulations that limit

participation. The coop forms were discussed. The addition of the status of students cut from program as a question on the form was also discussed. The addition of the question "Have you cut students from your program?" may be something to add.

The Board reviewed the current Hardship Eligibility Procedure. The Board discussed what, if anything should be added to the procedure to assist in making hardship determinations. Addition of the question "Was the transfer athletically motivated?" was discussed.

Board Correspondence was reviewed.

- (1) Tom Jorda letter

Executive Director's Report

- (1) Legislative Update

- a. House Bill 1275 concerning public prayer has been sent to the Judiciary Committee for review.
- b. Vollmer indicated there are additional bills of interest to NDHSAA.
 - i. House Bill 1168 is a bill mandating school personnel not be allowed to come to the legislature or testify unless they take personal time and are not reimbursed for mileage/expenses.
 - ii. Another Senate Bill of interest mandates the state of North Dakota reject all federal funding when there are requirements set by the federal government.

Next Meetings – Locations, Dates and Times

March 17, 2017 – Minot – Holiday Inn (Riverside)

- a. Class B District Chairs – 9:00 am
- b. Board of Directors Meeting – 1:00 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 1:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____