

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
March 17, 2017, Minot, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on March 17, 2017 in Minot. President Rinas called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

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

Members absent: Bertsch

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

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

Consent agenda items:

1. Approval of Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes

- (1) January 19, 2017
- (2) February 3, 2017
- (3) March 7, 2017

b. Financial Reports

- (1) Balance sheet - January 2017
- (2) Budget
- (3) Savings/investments - January 2017

c. Coop Dissolutions

- (1) West Fargo and West Fargo Sheyenne in boys hockey, 9-12, 2017-18

d. Coop Applications

- (1) Shanley and St. Joseph's (MN) in baseball, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
- (2) Shanley and St. Joseph's (MN) in softball, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
- (3) Watford City and Johnson Corners in baseball, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
- (4) Watford City and Johnson Corners in boys golf, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
- (5) Watford City and Johnson Corners in girls golf, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
- (6) Watford City and Johnson Corners in boys track and field, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
- (7) Watford City and Johnson Corners in girls track and field, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
- (8) Bottineau, Newburg, TGU-Towner, and TGU-Granville in boys hockey, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
- (9) Kenmare and Burke Central in wrestling, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
- (10) Shiloh Christian and Linton in girls cross county, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
- (11) Grand Forks Valley Middle School and Manvel in girls basketball, 7-8, 2017-18, no fee

Brad Rinas, Executive Committee Chair, reported on committee actions from March 7 and March 16 meetings.

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- Watford City 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
- South Prairie High School reported a boys 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
- Hettinger High School eligibility issue. A junior high student from Lemmon, SD wrestled for Hettinger High School in several tournaments without the benefit of a co-op agreement. The ineligible wrestler was reported by Lemmon AD. There is a history of students participating for Hettinger who are not eligible to do so for various reasons, usually related to home school

designation. Penalty is a \$1000 fine and 2 years probation beginning with 2017-18 year. Hettinger High School must submit an action plan to address participation violations, particularly related to home-school students.

- Jamestown High School self-reported an athlete participated in a contest immediately following an ejection. Student was held out of the next competition. A letter of reprimand was issued, forfeiture of points earned, and Jamestown High School must submit an action plan for educating coaches on NDHSAA By-Laws and rules by 4/27/17.
- Napoleon High School self-reported a group conducted a fundraiser during a post-season tournament. No penalty, the money raised was deposited with the concessions revenue.
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- Mandaree High School appealed the Executive Director's determination stating Mandaree violated the Constitution and By-Laws, Part Two, Article VI, Sections IX and X. The Executive Committee upheld the Executive Director's determination, and will meet to determine the penalty.

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

Scott Privratsky, Finance/Personnel Committee Chair, provided the Board with recommended changes to the tournament manager fee schedule. Proposed tournament manager fees were presented to the Board.

Tournament Managers Fees		
<u>EVENT</u>	Manager's	Proposed
	Fee	Fee
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL		
State	500	900
BASKETBALL		
State B Boys or Girls	700	1000
State A Combined Boys & Girls	1000	1200
Regional - Boys or Girls	300	350
Regional - A Combined Boys & Girls	600	800
Play-ins	100	
CROSS COUNTRY		
State (A & B) Boys & Girls	400	500
FOOTBALL		
— Final (1 Game)	400	
Finals in Dome (4 Games)	700	800
All Games except Finals	100	
GOLF		
State A Boys or Girls	250	300
State B Boys or Girls	250	300
Regional - Boys or Girls	150	
Regional B Boys & Girls Combined	150	
GYMNASTICS		
State	500	600

HOCKEY		
State Boys	600	700
State Girls	400	500
State Boys & Girls Combined	1000	1200
Regional	400	500
Play-in	100	
SOCCER		
State Boys or Girls	500	600
SOFTBALL	800	
SWIMMING		
State - Boys or Girls	500	600
TENNIS		
State - Boys or Girls	300	400
Regional - Boys or Girls	250	300
TRACK		
State - Combined	1000	1200.00 Starter 200.00
Regional - Boys & Girls Combined	250	300.00 Starter 75.00
VOLLEYBALL		
State - Combined	1000	1200
Regional	300	350
Play-ins	100	
WRESTLING		
State - Combined	1000	1200
Regional	200	250
FINE ARTS		
MUSIC	Contest Manager	Site Manager
State - Class B	450	600.00 800.00
State - Class A	300	400
SPEECH & PLAYS		
State A Plays	150	100.00 200.00
State A Speech	300	200
State B Plays	150	300
State B Speech	300	200

STUDENT CONGRESS		
State	150	100
DEBATE		
State	200	100.00 200.00

Motion by Privratsky to approve the tournament manager fees as proposed by the Finance/Personnel Committee report. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Dahlen, Media Committee Chair, provided a committee report concerning a timeline for post season broadcast contracts.

- Tier I & II contract timeline:
 - September 12, 2017 – sealed proposals due in NDHSAA office by 4:30 pm CDT
 - September 14, 2017 – Proposals opened; Board selects finalists for each contract
 - October 5, 2017 – Companies selected as finalists present to NDHSAA Board.

Motion by Manley to approve the timeline for Tier I & II post season broadcast contracts. Second by Dahlen. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Dahlen, Football Committee Chair, provided a recommended timeline for the 2019 and 2020 football plan.

**NDHSAA Football Plan for 2019 and 2020 Seasons
Approved Timeline**

- October 5, 2018 finalize survey for member schools
- October 6, 2018 survey sent to member schools
- October 19, 2018 survey results shared with membership
- January 18, 2018 complete guidelines
- January 19, 2018 guidelines sent to member schools
- March 19, 2018 send out preliminary division assignments and request feedback
- June 1, 2018 all requests for football coop dissolutions due
- September 15, 2018 deadline for new football cooperative agreements
- September 18, 2018 deadline for requests to field an independent 6-man team
- September 18, 2018 deadline for requests to move up a division
- September 19, 2018 Football Committee meets & finalizes recommended plan
- September 20, 2018 preliminary region assignments sent to member schools
- September 27, 2018 Board addresses coop applications & finalizes plan
- September 28, 2018 Final plan sent to member schools

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

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

Part II Article XIV, Section IV: Questions and Answers were presented as follows and discussed.

PART II, ARTICLE XIV, SECTION IV:

SECTION IV: Students must be making satisfactory progress toward the school’s requirements for graduation. The school where the student is fully enrolled and regularly attends shall determine satisfactory progress. Failure to acquire two and one half credits at the end of a semester will make him/her ineligible for a minimum of two weeks the following semester.

Q. What is meant by regularly attends?

A. Regularly attends is the minimum number of classes required by the local school district.

Q. What if a student maintains a full class load entirely online?

A. A student who maintains a full online class load is ineligible to compete for any NDHSAA member school. During the current semester a student who takes online courses must also

physically attend at least one (1) class at his/her NDHSAA member school of attendance in order to be eligible to participate. A student who transitions from an entirely online class load to physical attendance is subject to NDHSAA transfer rules.

Motion by Carlson to approve Part II Article XIV, Section IV: Questions and Answers. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee introduced the following amendment to Part II, Article V of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws offering an electronic ballot for the Board member elections for discussion. No action was taken. This will be reviewed at the May meeting.

Article V

SECTION II: Board Members shall be nominated at the annual meeting of the Representatives of the Association, ~~hereinafter called the Representative Assembly~~, and shall be elected by mail electronic ballot, ~~such~~ Such ballot to shall be prepared by the Secretary and mailed delivered to member schools on or before January 1st following the nomination and shall be returned to the Secretary before January 15th. ~~The ballot is valid if the envelope in which it is mailed is postmarked before midnight January 14th.~~

- **Should any member move from the state profession, change into a different class school or different area of representation, cease to be an administrator or athletic administrator, or should the secondary principals representative cease to be a principal of a member school his/her position shall be declared vacant immediately and a new member appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting when the regular procedure of nomination and balloting shall be followed to fill the vacancy of the remainder of the term of office.**

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

Jeff Manley, Realignment Committee Chair, provided region placement recommendations for the following:

- (1) Nedrose girls golf – Region 4
- (2) Richland boys golf – Region 2
- (3) Richland girls golf – Region 2

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

Staff member Fletschock provided recommended language to add clarification to the NDHSAA pitch count regulation as follows.

Baseball Pitch Count Regulation:

Current - Postseason Tournament Maximum of 135 pitches for the entire tournament

Change to - Postseason pitch counts will be used for state and region tournaments that are scheduled entirely over 3 consecutive days. For all other tournament formats regular season pitch count rules apply.

Regular Season

*120 daily pitch maximum

<u>Pitches</u>	<u>Days Rest</u>
0-30	0
31-45	1
46-60	2
61-75	3
76-120	4

Postseason (for 3 consecutive day tournaments)

*120 daily pitch maximum

*135 tournament maximum

<u>Pitches</u>	<u>Days Rest</u>
0-45	0
46-90	1
91-120	2

Motion by Schafer to approve the revised baseball pitch count regulation. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

Turtle Mountain Community High School appeared before the Board to appeal a denied hardship application. Necessary information was distributed at the meeting. Motion by Sorlie to deny the appeal. Second by Schafer. Roll Call Vote: Dahlen - yes, Manley - yes, Privratsky - yes, Vollmer - yes, Sorlie - yes, Schafer - yes, Carlson - yes, Rinas – yes, Stedman - abstain, Baesler - abstain. Motion carried (8-0 – 2 abstain). Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from Pete Moe, District 10 Boys Basketball Tournament Manager, appealing a fine for a non-approved stream of this year's district boys basketball tournament by Washburn Public School/District 10. Motion by Schafer to waive Washburn Public School/District 10 appeal of the \$1000 fine for a non-approved stream of a district boys basketball tournament. Second by Privratsky. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from Mark Rerick, Grand Forks Red River Athletic Director to waive Part II, Article XIV, Section IIIa of the NDHSAA Constitution which does not allow a student to participate in a similar athletic contest during the high school season of that sport. Motion by Privratsky to approve Grand Forks Red River High School's request to waive Part II, Article XIV, Section IIIa. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from Guy Fridley, Dickinson Public Schools Athletic Director requesting a waiver of Part II, Article XIV, Section IIIa for a student to participate in a similar contest during the track and field season. Prior approval was not requested by Dickinson Public Schools. The pole vault coaches from Dickinson Public Schools were aware the athlete was going to the national meet, however the head coach and athletic director were not aware. The expectation of the Board is to request approval prior to an event. Motion by Vollmer to approve waiver of Part II, Article XIV, Section IIIa. Second by Privratsky. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vollmer to assign to Constitution & By-Laws committee for review and recommendation of Part II, Article XIV, Section IIIa. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

Representative Reports

- Vollmer informed the Board of a situation in his area where a parochial school expels a student and the student requests to enroll in Minot Public Schools. Minot does not take expelled students. Eligibility becomes an issue.
- Schafer indicated he has been contacted by patrons with the suggestion ZIP codes be used in determining classification.

Executive Director's Report

- NFHS Foundation Grant of \$2,000 was received for student leadership for the NDHSAA Distinguished Student program.
- Fetsch reported 2017-18 staff contracts were all accepted. NDHSAA has a full staff for 2017/18.
- NFHS Summer Meeting information was discussed.
- Executive Director correspondence included the following:
 - Sofia Lewis letter
 - Kateri Murphy letter
- Fetsch received notification from North Dakota Music Educators Association of interest in producing public service announcements (PSAs) similar to the officials' PSAs produced in cooperation with the NDOA.

- Legislative update
 - HB 1275 concerning public prayer will have a committee hearing on Wednesday, March 22nd. Fetsch and Bubach plan to attend.
 - SB 2249 concerning participation of a felon passed the house this week.

Next Board meeting, May 4, 2017 at the NDHSAA Office in Valley City.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____