

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association****June 12-13, 2017, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on June 12-13, 2017 in Valley City. President Rinas called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm on June 12, 2017.

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

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

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

Consent agenda items:

1. Approval of Minutes - May 4, 2017
2. Financial Reports
 - (1) Balance sheet - April 2016
 - (2) Budget - April 2016
 - (3) Savings/investments - April 2016
 - (4) Winter Sports Financial Report
3. Coop Applications
 - (1) Williston and Trenton in softball, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - (2) Dickinson and Belfield in boys cross country, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - (3) Dickinson and Belfield in girls cross country, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - (4) Jamestown and Ellendale in boys hockey, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - (5) Watford City and Johnson Corners in volleyball, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - (6) Watford City and Johnson Corners in boys basketball, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - (7) Watford City and Johnson Corners in girls basketball, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - (8) Bismarck Simle Middle School and Menoken in football, 7-8, 2017-18, no fee
 - (9) Bismarck Simle Middle School and Menoken in volleyball, 7-8, 2017-18, no fee
 - (10) May-Port CG and Hope-Page in softball, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee

Finance Committee chair, Brad Rinas presented a proposed budget for 2017-18. Executive Director Fetsch explained the 2017-18 budget and estimated year-end income and expenses along with estimated team payments. Motion by Privratsky to approve the 2017-18 budget. Second by Sorlie. Motion approved unanimously.

The estimated year end budget report was presented by Fetsch with an estimated team payment amount of \$350,011.59. Motion by Schafer to approve the year end estimate and team payments. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

NDHSAA staff member Brenda Schell presented the NDHSAA 2017-18 Technology Plan. Schell clarified all Board questions. Rinas commended Schell, Mix and the NDHSAA staff for their efforts to increase our media presence and build a solid plan and a solid website at both the NDHSAA and NDHSAA NOW sites. Motion by Privratsky to approve the NDHSAA 2017-18 Technology Plan. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Manley, Realignment Committee chair, provided the the Board with recommendations for the following:

1. The committee discussed Division B softball regions. Division B softball began with 12 teams and are now up to 25. Discussion was to create four regions or pods. Schools currently have until January 1 to declare if they will field a softball team. This issue will be discussed at the January Board meeting after softball declarations are made.
2. The following region placements are recommended:
 - a. Northern Cass boys golf – Region 2
 - b. Northern Cass girls golf – Region 2

Motion by Carlson to approve the realignment committee report. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Rinas, Tournament Committee Chair, provided recommendations for 2018 spring sports region tournament sites.

TENNIS - Girls

East Region Move from Grand Forks to Fargo

GOLF - Boys A

East Region Fargo - Edgewood

West Region Dickinson

GOLF Boys & Girls B

Region 1 Girls Linton

Region 1 Boys Napoleon

Region 2 Girls Carrington

Region 2 Boys Carrington

Region 3 Girls Park River

Region 3 Boys Langdon

Region 4 Girls Rolla

Region 4 Boys Westhope

Region 5 Girls South Heart

Region 5 Boys Dickinson

Region 6 Girls Ray

Region 6 Boys Mohall

TRACK

Class A

East Fargo South

West Bismarck

Class B

Northwest Minot

North Central Rugby

Northeast Larimore

Southwest Dickinson

South Central Bismarck

Southeast Kindred

Motion by Manley to approve the tournament committee report. Second by Privratsky. Motion carried unanimously.

Sorlie provided the following recommendations from the fine arts committee.

- 1) Remove music regulations recommending judges from outside regions be secured for all regional festivals.
- 2) Remove music regulations requiring judges must not have judged regional entrants.
- 3) Remove music regulations permitting photocopying for page turns. (NFHS copyright committee determination)
- 4) Recommend waiting to award the 2021 State B Music site.
- 5) The committee directed Bubach to continue to work with the music advisory committee for review of state music festivals awards process and event sizes.
- 6) The committee reviewed a letter from Chad Benson, Superintendent of Hankinson Public School concerning fine arts. The committee recommends the NDHSAA office provide a response to Benson's letter addressing his recommendations. In response to Benson's letter Bubach recommended a deadline of March 31 for advisory proposals to allow time to post before fine arts review.

Motion by Baesler to approve recommendations 1, 2 & 3 above. Second by Privratsky. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Baesler to approve the fine arts committee report. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board acted on Fine Arts Review and Advisory recommendations. Results appear below.

Activity/Item	One line rules request for change	Exact Rules with revision, addition, and/or strikeout	Page #	Rationale	Adv.	Review	Board
All Speech	Investigate Regional Alignments			Due to small size of regionals realignment may be	5-0	7-0	9-0

				needed.			
Speech 1	The contestant must introduce the selection with original remarks pertinent to the material PENALTY: NO INTRODUCTION WILL RESULT IN RANK OF 5. (2014)	The contestant must introduce the selection with original remarks pertinent to the material. Attention getters and/or teasers are allowed to supplement the introduction. During the teaser, the speaker(s) must hold the script and in DUO, use focal points. In Duo one or both of the participants must introduce the selection. Singing and poetry is legal within any introduction. Holding the script in the introduction is optional. Comments may also be necessary for transition if the students elects to do several shorter cuttings or items from more than one work. Such comments for introductions and transitions count in the time limit of the selections. PENALTY: NO MEMORIZED INTRODUCTION WILL RESULT IN RANK OF 5. (2014)	#8 introduct ions	Is there a penalty? Who determines it. Having it not read helps to ensure the remarks are original. Introductions which are read are difficult to determine sometimes if it is part of the script or the introduction. This will help with the auto 5 result of no introduction.	5-0	7-0	9-0
Speech 2	Pilot POI for another year			More training and exposure are needed across the state.	5-0	7-0	9-0
Speech 3	Radio Transition	Every radio participant will give the following line after his/her news portion and before his/her commentary, and it will be timed as part of the extemp portion: "Today's news, weather and sports have/(has) been brought to you by Farmers Union Insurance, the Premier Partner of the North Dakota High School Activities Association." PENALTY: RANK 5 TO ROUND. (2016)			5-0	7-0	9-0
Debate 1	Competitors may ask judge to not have observers in room.			To prevent unethical observation and/or material-sharing.	5-0	7-0	9-0
Debate 2	World School			One more	5-0	7-0	9-0

	Debate Pilot 2017-18.			year to gather information.			
Debate 3	Judge hiring protocol for State Debate Tournament.	For the state tournament, all teams must furnish one qualified judge for every 1-3 debaters/teams entered in the tournament for LD and PF debate. Judges are supplied by type of debate (LD or PF.) Fractions of judge requirement may not cross between divisions. For example: A school has 2 LD and 1 PF team. They are expected to supply 2 judges for the state tournament. Additionally, if a school has 2 LD debaters they are responsible to supply a full judge. The head coach is expected to be in the judge pool as they are the most qualified individual to judge the tournament. Head coaches can be exempted if they have a certified, trained judge who is eligible to judge Division I. To be used in Division I, judges must be at least in their third year out of high school. It is expected that judges in Division I have substantial experience and training in judging debate. Judges will be available to hire through the tournament at the usual rate for the host school. These judges will be arranged through the State Debate Tournament Manager. Checks for these judges will be made to the host school who will pay the judges hired by the tournament manager.			5-0	7-0	9-0
Plays	No Change Proposed						
Congress	No Change Proposed						
All Speech	Place current Board Approved season/contest limits into regulations.	Student Congress Sept. 1 - 1st weekend of Nov 6- contests. Debate 2nd weekend of Nov-1st weekend of Feb 12-contests Speech 1st weekend of Jan to 3rd & 4th weekends in April, 12 allowable contest dates.			Discu ssion		

Music 1	7-8 grade % in Class B Small Groups Music Ensembles	No change to current rule.			5-0	7-0	9-0
Music 2	Add judge comments note to music ballots.	Place on ballot: "Judge: Please write additional comments on reverse side of ballot."			5-0	7-0	9-0

Motion by Baesler to cast a unanimous ballot for the approval of all fine arts review recommendations. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

Todd Bertsch, Media Committee Chair, provided a committee report. The media committee met in Bismarck May 26, 2017 and finalized the Tier I television contract proposal for recommendation to the Board. Request for proposal specifications for Tier I television contract and Tier II post season video contracts were presented for discussion. The Board discussed the wording of both proposals. Upon discussion, the Media Committee requested the discussion continue on the second day of the June Board meeting to allow the Media Committee to meet and take recommendations under advisement.

Board recessed on June 12, 2017 at 5:57 pm. Board reconvened at 9:00 am on June 13, 2017.

Bertsch presented the Board with revised proposals for the Tier I television and Tier II post season video contracts.

Motion by Bertsch to accept the request for proposals as presented. Second by Dahlen. Motion carried unanimously.

Brad Rinas, Executive Board Chair, reported on committee action. Jr. High coops were discussed along with attendance areas in larger school districts. No action was recommended. Motion by Sorlie to approve the executive committee report. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mitch Carlson, Constitution & By-Laws Committee Chair, provided a committee report. Discussed Article XIV, Section I concerning the requirement of days of attendance within a semester. No action recommended at this time. Recommended adjustments to this section may be made within Board interpretations at a later date.

The committee proposed a Board regulation on eligibility of ELL students and other NDHSAA Board approved programs placed by school districts as follows:

- i. The one (1) calendar ineligibility period is waived if:
 - 1. A student is placed in another school by Special Education placement, English-Language Learners (ELL) placement, or other NDHSAA Board approved programs. After that placement the student's election to compete in his/her school of ~~special education placement~~ becomes his/her school for eligibility purposes. Any subsequent change not made necessary by a change in parental residence or change in ~~special education placement~~, makes him/her ineligible one (1) calendar year for varsity competition.

Motion by Carlson to approve the eligibility interpretation. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

Spectator ejections within the NDHSAA behavior expectations were discussed. The committee recommends the addition of the following to NDHSAA Behavior Expectations:

Any attendee ejected from a NDHSAA tournament venue will be banned from the venue(s) for the remainder of that event.

Motion by Carlson to approve the additional wording to be included in the NDHSAA Behavior Expectations document. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

Farmers Union Insurance representative Mark Anderson, general manager, and Brad Nold, insurance operations manager, appeared to thank the Board for the opportunity to work with the NDHSAA. Anderson provided an overall view of all Farmers Union Insurance agents and managers throughout the state. Anderson also gave the Board an overview of other activities Farmers Union Insurance is involved in. Fetsch indicated NDHSAA is very appreciative

of the working relationship with Farmers Union Insurance. President Rinas thanked Farmers Union Insurance for their support as the NDHSAA Premier Sponsor.

The Board acted on District Chair, Class A Review and Athletic Review recommendations. Results appear below.

2016-17 Advisory Recommendations for NDHSAA Board Consideration			
The following are recommendations with actions posted.			
NDHSAA Board of Directors will Y: approve or N: deny (y-n)	Com	Review	Board
Class B District Chair Recommendations - March 16, 2017 - Minot			
1. Change penalty for exceeded daily participation limitations to primary coach suspension.	Y (13-3)	Y (8-0)	Y (10-1)
2. Allow boys and girls basketball players to play 7 quarters per night.	Y (9-6)	N (0-8)	-
3. Stop the clock for free throws when the mercy rule is in effect in basketball.	Y (15-1)	N (0-8)	-
4. Ask the NDHSAA Board of Directors to create a proposal for a three class system for basketball and volleyball.	Y (11-5)	N (0-8)	-
Class A Review Recommendations - May 24, 2017 - Valley City			
No recommendations			
Wrestling			
Class A and B			
1. Eliminate the 0.5 lb. round down regulation that is utilized during the regular season		Y (8-0)	Y (11-0)
Class A			
1. Add a 7th place dual at the State Tournament		N (0-8)	-
2. Provide medals for 7th and 8th place wrestlers at Region Tournament		Y (8-0)	Y (11-0)
Gymnastics			
1. The touch warm-up on vault consists of two vault attempts.		Y (8-0)	Y (11-0)
Hockey			
Boys and Girls			
1. Under Regulation 9: The teams will not change ends for the shootout. Goalkeepers shall occupy the goal closest to their team's players' bench for the shootout. The home team shall have the choice of shooting first or second. The teams shall alternate shots.		Y (8-0)	Y (11-0)
2. Under OVERTIME GAME REGULATIONS #5: In state tournament consolation games, a shootout will determine a winner following the third first overtime period.		Y (8-0)	Y (11-0)
Basketball			
Class A and B			
1. Permit game or replay officials to use a replay monitor during televised state tournament contests to determine if a scored goal at the expiration of time during any quarter, half, or overtime period should be counted, and if so, determine if it is a two-point or three-point goal.		Y (8-0)	Y (11-0)
2. Change roster rules for Region and State Tournaments to "For all NDHSAA Region and State Tournament games, a maximum of 15 players may dress and play in a game."		Y (8-0)	Y (11-0)
Class B			
1. Rewrite the mercy rule to: a. When the point differential reaches 30 or more points in the 4th quarter, the clock will continue to run. b. The clock will only be stopped for free throws, time outs,		Y (8-0)	Y (11-0)

and injuries. c. Officials will not put time back on the clock that may have run off prior to recognizing that free throws are to be shot.			
Golf			
Class B Boys & Girls			
No recommendations			
Class A Boys			
1. The designated coach will not be allowed within 10 yards of the on a green, teeing ground, or bunker during play.		Y (8-0)	Y (11-0)
2. All state qualifying, region, and state meets must have course distances of at least 5,000 6,000 yards.		Y (9-0)	Y (11-0)
Tennis			
1. A player may request an official and either the player or coach may leave the court to find the official. If an official cannot be found an assistant coach(es) will officiate the match.		N (0-9)	
2. For team-day court assignments for the first round of the state tournament, the East's #1 seed shall be assigned the indoor courts have their choice of indoor or outdoor courts (if used) in even years and the West's #1 seed shall be assigned the indoor courts have their choice of indoor or outdoor courts (if used) in odd years.		Y (7-2)	Y (11-0)
3. Change maximum number of players rostered for region/state from 9 to 12.		Y (8-0)	Y (11-0)
Baseball			
Class A			
No recommendations			
Class B			
1. Allow NDHSAA staff to adjust order of quarterfinal games to avoid conflicts with schools that also have a softball team competing in the state tournament.		Y (8-0)	Y (11-0)
2. Eliminate the 23 date limit. Keep the 36 game limit.		N (0-8)	-
Girls Soccer			
1. Add one week to the beginning of the girls soccer season.		N (0-8)	-
Track & Field			
Class A and B			
1. Change start time of Friday region meets to 2:00 pm local time.		N (0-8)	-
2. Require all regular season meet hosts to use Meet Manager and provide all participating schools with a results file.		N (4-4)	-
3. Change the following state qualifying standards: Class A girls triple jump - 34' to 34'4"; Class A and B girls 100m hurdles from 16.74 to 16.84; Class A and B girls discus from 115' to 110'; Class A boys 110m hurdles from 16.04 to 16.14; Class A boys 300m hurdles from 42.04 to 42.14; Class A boys discus from 147' to 145'.		Y (8-0)	Y (11-0)
Class A			
No recommendations			
Class B			
No recommendations			
Softball			

Class A			
1. Announce the All-State Team at the state tournament.		N (0-8)	-
2. Combine Class A and Class B softball tournaments.		N (0-8)	-
Class B			
1. Combine Class A and Class B softball tournaments.		N (0-8)	-
Athletic Review Recommendations			
All Golf (A Girls and B Boys and Girls)			
1. The designated coach will not be allowed within 10 yards of the on a green, teeing ground, or bunker during play.		Y (8-0)	Y (11-0)
Tennis			
1. A player may request an official and either the player or coach may leave the court to find the official. If an official cannot be found coaches from each team will officiate the match. If a coach from either competing team is not available, then only a coach from a neutral team will officiate the match.		Y (9-0)	Y (11-0)
Track & Field			
Class A and B			
1. Change start time of Friday region meets to no earlier than 2:00 pm central time.		Y (8-0)	Y (11-0)

2017-18 NDHSAA Board President and Vice-President nominations were discussed. Bertsch nominated Dahlen as president with a second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously. Manley nominated Schafer as Vice-President with a second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Mandan Athletic Director, Mark Wiest, requested a venue change for the 2018 State B Baseball/Softball Tournament. Motion by Sorlie to move the 2018 State B Baseball/Softball tournament from Mandan to Jamestown. Second by Privratsky. Motion carried unanimously.

Representative Reports

Schafer reported he talked to Kim Anderson, NDHSAA official, about offering free fees to first year officials. Schafer would like to look into this. Fetsch indicated this issue would be brought to the Board through NDOA. The last time NDOA discussed this was in 2015 and the recommendation failed NDOA with a 1-9 vote so did not go to the Board.

Executive Director's Report

- Participation survey was reviewed
- Coaches education report was discussed
- 2016-17 concussion data was reviewed

Next Board meeting will be held August 15, 2017 at the NDHSAA Office in Valley City.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
 Brenda Schell
 Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____