

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
September 22, 2016, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on September 22, 2016 in Valley City. Vice-President Dahlen called the meeting to order at 10:14 am.

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

Members absent: Rinas, Baesler

Others present: Jeremy Feller, Our Redeemer's High School Athletic Director, Jon Kohler, Hettinger High School Athletic Director, Randy Burwick, Hettinger/Scranton football coach

Motion by Carlson to approve the agenda. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Privratsky to approve the consent agenda. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

Dahlen expressed condolences to Brad Rinas, Board president on the passing of his mother.

Consent agenda items:

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - (1) August 16, 2016
 - (2) August 23, 2016

- b. Financial Reports
 - (1) Balance sheet
 - (a) July 2016
 - (2) Budget
 - (3) Savings/investments
 - (a) July 2016

- c. Coop Dissolutions
 - (1) Washburn, Wilton, and Wing, girls golf, 7-12, 2016-17
 - (2) West Fargo and West Fargo Sheyenne, softball, 7-12, 2016-17
 - (3) Litchville-Marion and Montpelier, volleyball, 2017-18
 - (4) Litchville-Marion and Jamestown, boys cross country, 2017-18
 - (5) Litchville-Marion and Jamestown, girls cross country, 2017-18

- d. Coop Applications
 - (1) Barnes County North, Griggs County Central, and Midkota, football, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - (2) Grafton and Drayton, football, 9-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - (3) Grafton and Valley-Edinburg, boys hockey, 9-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - (4) New Salem-Almont and Sweet Briar, wrestling, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - (5) Shanley and Oak Grove, debate, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - (6) Shanley and Oak Grove, speech, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee
 - (7) Ellendale, Edgeley, Kulm, and Montpelier, football, 9-12, 2017-18, no fee
 - (8) Carrington and Pingree-Buchanan, football, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee

Executive Director Fetsch, reported Executive Committee action to the Board.

1. School violations
 - a. Hettinger High School used ineligible home schooled participants in sub-varsity volleyball matches and football games. Out of state home schooled participants are unable to participate in North Dakota unless they become North Dakota residents. Prescribed penalty resulted in forfeiture of games/matches ineligible athletes

- participated in and a letter of reprimand.
 - b. Barnes County North High School reported an individual exceeded daily set limit in volleyball. Prescribed penalty resulted in forfeiture of match and the athlete sat out next contest and a letter of reprimand.
 - c. Watford City High School reported an individual exceeded daily set limit in volleyball. Prescribed penalty resulted in forfeiture of match, the athlete sat out next contest and a letter of reprimand.
 - d. Turtle Mountain reported use of academically ineligible student in a junior high volleyball match. Prescribed penalty resulted in forfeiture of match, the athlete sat out the next contest and a letter of reprimand.
2. Late coop dissolution requests
 - a. Lewis & Clark-Berthold and Our Redeemer's, football, 7-12, 2017-18. Executive Board denied request.
 - b. Parshall and White Shield, football, 7-12, 2017-18. Executive Board denied request.
 3. Coop Application
 - a. Bishop Ryan and Our Redeemer's, football, 7-12, 2017-18 - N/A
 4. Late Coop Applications
 - a. Williston and Alexander, girls basketball, 7-12, 2016-17, late fee. Executive Board denied request.
 - b. Grand Forks Public Schools and Thief River Falls (MN), gymnastics, 7-12, 2016-17, no fee. Executive Board denied request.

Motion by Carlson to approve Executive Committee report. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Dahlen, Football Committee Chair, provided the Board with a report on the 2017-18 football plan with preliminary division assignments. Football divisions have been set with 14 teams in Division AAA, 10 in Division AA, 32 teams in Division A, remaining in the 9-Man division. Preliminary regions were presented to the Board. Schools have until September 30th to declare moving up a division as per the approved football plan. The football committee requested NDHSAA staff to survey 9-Man athletic directors concerning how many 9-Man regions they would like to see in the 2017 and 2018 football plan. Eight regions allow for scheduling partners where as six regions do not allow for scheduling partners.

Motion by Vollmer to approve the football committee report. Second by Privratsky. Motion carried unanimously.

Dahlen provided the Board with a tournament committee report including site recommendations for the following 2016-17 tournaments.

1. Region 5 Boys Basketball - Monday and Tuesday will be at Bismarck Civic Center – Thursday will be at Bismarck Legacy. Dave Zittleman will manager the entire tournament.
2. State Class B Boys and Girls Golf - B Boys will be held at Prairie West in Mandan managed by Chris Larson. B Girls will be held at Tom O'Leary in Bismarck managed by Jeremy St. Aubin.

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

The Board received a letter from Mike Jensen, Mandaree High School Athletic Director, requesting Mandaree play an independent 6-man schedule in 2016.

Motion by Vollmer to approve request. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from Seth Wisthoff, Principal of Powers Lake High School, requesting the Board waive Part III, page 3 of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws for a direct placed foreign exchange student. As per Board regulations, foreign exchange students must be under the auspices of and placed with a U.S. host family by an international exchange program that has been accepted by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) and recognized by the US

Department of State. The foreign exchange program must assign students to host families by a method that ensures no student, school or other interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes. The foreign exchange student may not be selected or placed on any basis related to his/her athletic interests or abilities.

Motion by Privratsky to deny request. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeremy Feller, Athletic Director from Our Redeemer's High School, appeared before the Board to appeal the Executive Board's recent decision not to allow the late dissolution of a football coop for the 2017 & 2018 football plan. Feller provided letters of support from Lewis & Clark - Berthold and Bishop Ryan. Berthold feels they would better fit into the 9-Man division. Our Redeemer's feels a coop with Bishop Ryan would be a better fit for travel consideration. Our Redeemer's and Bishop Ryan have been in a football coop for 17 years. The coop dissolution deadline of June 1st was missed. The Lewis & Clark/Our Redeemer's coop anticipated 24 students playing this year and ended up with 18. If Our Redeemer's and Bishop Ryan coop, that would move the Bishop Ryan/Our Redeemer's coop to Division A and Lewis & Clark - Berthold would move to the 9-Man division. Vollmer voiced concerns with going against the process and established deadlines. Importance of the deadline was expressed by several Board members. Motion by Manley to deny the appeal. Second by Privratsky. Roll call vote: Dahlen - yes, Sorlie - no, yes, Manley- yes, Privratsky - yes, Carlson - yes, Stedman - no, Vollmer - abstain, Bertsch- abstain (5-2, 2 abstain)

Jon Kohler, Athletic Director from Hettinger High School, appeared to appeal a denied hardship. Necessary information was distributed at the meeting. Fetsch reported the results of the hardship investigation to the Board. The Board questioned the coach, administration and student concerning the hardship. Motion by Bertsch to deny the hardship appeal. Second by Privratsky. Roll call vote: Dahlen - no, Sorlie - no, Schafer - no, Manley- yes, Privratsky - yes, Carlson - yes, Stedman - no, Vollmer - yes, Bertsch - yes (5-4) Motion carried.

Assistant Director Fletschock presented a recommended language change to the Class A Girls Golf team tiebreaker. Recommendation to the tie breaker regulation in case of a tie after 5th and 6th golfer or if no 5th or 6th golfer on either team portion to the State A Girls Golf regulations.

Addition to the team tie breaker regulation:

If still tied, all team members are to play an extra hole, counting four best, and continue in this manner until the tie is broken.

Motion by Schafer to approve. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed sending a request for 2017-18 Professional Development Days to coincide with the NDCEL conference to the ND Department of Instruction. Motion by Vollmer to direct Executive Director Fetsch to send a letter of request to the ND Department of Public Instruction to request 2017-18 Professional Development Days coincide with the NDCEL conference. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

1. Section V Meeting Recap
 - a. Many other states are moving toward a similar award regulations or By-Laws.
 - b. Digital ticketing was discussed and is becoming a possibility in many states.
 - c. Coaches' education courses have been added to the NFHS Learn site. NDHSAA should possibly consider adding heat illness and sudden cardiac arrest courses to the coaches' education requirement.
2. Midwest Sports Officials Summit Recap
 - a. Midwest Officials Summit was held September 18-20 in Fargo. The event was sponsored by NDHSAA and brought people from 16 state associations or interested affiliations. The NDHSAA arranged a panel of college and professional officials to

provide information to the group. Very positive feedback was received from all attendees.

3. Clay Target Update
 - a. Fetsch followed up with Mark Rerick, Athletic Director from Grand Forks Public Schools, who sent a request to the Board in August concerning the sponsorship of clay target. Fetsch provided Rerick with information on NDHSAA policy for adding a sport or activity. Upon review of the process, Rerick indicated he would not be pursuing sanctioning of clay target.
4. Fetsch received an action plan from Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood concerning educating coaches on NDHSAA regulations.
5. Fetsch received an action plan from West Fargo and West Fargo Sheyenne concerning how the school district will handle dissolution of cooperative sponsorships.

Next Board meeting is October 19, 2016 in Bismarck at the Ramkota Hotel. The NDHSAA Annual General Membership Meeting will be held on October 20, 2016 in Bismarck at the Ramkota Hotel at 4:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____