

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
November 30, 2017, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on November 30, 2017 in Valley City. President Dahlen called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Members present: Dahlen, Jordan, Carlson, Schafer, Manley, Privratsky, Strand, Sorlie, Stedman

Members absent: Vollmer, Baesler

Others present: Christopher Bachmeier, Des Lacs-Burlington Superintendent, Chuck Kranz, Sue Kranz, student, Mike Dwyer, Shiloh Christian School interim administrator, Brandon Lemer, Shiloh Christian School Athletic Director, Tiffany Vinje, Attorney for Shiloh Christian School

Motion by Strand to approve the agenda. Second by Privratsky. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Carlson to approve the consent agenda. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 1. October 5, 2017
 2. October 20, 2017
2. Financial Reports
 1. Balance sheet
 1. September 2017
 2. October 2017
 2. Budget
 1. September 2017
 2. October 2017
 3. Savings/investments
 1. September 2017
 2. October 2017
3. Coop Dissolutions
 1. Bismarck Public Schools and Martin Luther in girls cross country, 7-8, 2017-18
 2. Bismarck Public Schools and Martin Luther in gymnastics, 7-8, 2017-18
 3. Northwood and Thompson in boys cross country, 7-12, 2018-19
 4. Northwood and Thompson in girls cross country, 7-12, 2018-19
 5. South Heart and Richardton-Taylor in boys golf, 7-12, 2017-18
 6. South Heart and Richardton-Taylor in girls golf, 7-12, 2017-18
 7. South Heart and New England in girls golf, 7-12, 2017-18
4. Coop Applications
 1. LaMoure, Litchville-Marion, and Ashley in baseball, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 2. Sargent Central, Lidgerwood, and Oakes in boys cross country, 7-12, 2018-19, no fee
 3. Sargent Central, Lidgerwood, and Oakes in girls cross country, 7-12, 2018-19, no fee
 4. Turtle Mountain and Ojibwa in girls soccer, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 5. Solen and Standing Rock in softball, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 6. Solen, Standing Rock, and Selfridge in boys track and field, 2017-18, late fee
 7. Solen, Standing Rock, and Selfridge in girls track and field, 2017-18, late fee
 8. Solen, Standing Rock, and Selfridge in volleyball, 2018-19, no fee
 9. Beulah and Glen Ullin in girls softball, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee
 10. South Heart, Belfield, and Billings County in boys golf, 2017-18, no fee
 11. South Heart, Belfield, and Billings County in girls golf, 2017-18, no fee
 12. South Heart, Belfield, and Billings County in boys track and field, 2017-18, no fee
 13. South Heart, Belfield, and Billings County in girls track and field, 2017-18, no fee

Andy Dahlen, Executive Committee Chair, reported committee action to the Board.

A late coop dissolution request from Trenton and Trinity Christian in football, 7-12, 2018-19 was denied.

Late coop applications

1. Belfield, South Heart, and Billings County in boys basketball, 7-12, 2017-18, late fee
2. Belfield, South Heart, and Billings County in girls basketball, 7-12, 2017-18, late fee
3. Belfield, South Heart, and Billings County in football, 7-12, 2017-18, late fee
4. Belfield, South Heart, and Billings County in volleyball, 7-12, 2017-18, late fee
5. Grafton and St. Thomas in boys hockey, 7-12, 2017-18, no fee - Did not pass

South Heart, Belfield, and Billings County requested a waiver of the late fee for late coop applications.

Motion by Jordan to approve the waiver of late fee for South Heart, Belfield and Billings County. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stedman to approve the Executive Board report. Second by Strand. Motion carried unanimously.

Media committee chair, Andy Dahlen, provided a committee report on the Tier II media contract. Fetsch was directed to negotiate a contract with BEK Communications for the next five years.

Motion by Sorlie to accept a five-year Tier II media contract with BEK Communications. Second by Privratsky. Motion carried unanimously.

Travis Jordan, tournament committee chair, provided a report, including recommendations for the following:

The following tournaments were moved/placed:

- 2021 State Music Site: Bismarck State College
- 2019-20 boys & girls hockey to Fargo
- 2020-21 Class B Baseball and Softball to Fargo
- 2022-23 Class B Baseball and Softball to Jamestown
- 2023-24 Class A Baseball and Softball to Minot

State Tournaments sites through 2024-25

NDHSAA Activity	Proposed 2024-2025
A Girls Golf	Mandan
Boys Tennis	Grand Forks
Boys Soccer	Fargo
Cross Country	Grand Forks
Girls Swimming & Diving	West Fargo
Football	Fargo
Volleyball	Minot
Wrestling	Fargo
Gymnastics	Dickinson
Boys & Girls Hockey	Fargo
B Girls Basketball	Grand Forks
Boys Swimming & Diving	Bismarck
A G & B Basketball	Bismarck
B Boys Basketball	Minot
Girls Tennis	Grand Forks
Track	Bismarck
B Girls Golf	Jamestown
B Boys Golf	Carrington
B Baseball/ B Softball	Mandan

A Baseball/ A Softball	Jamestown
Girls Soccer	Bismarck
A Boys Golf	Fargo

The tournament committee reviewed the football regulations concerning how many tournament bands are allowed at the Dakota Bowl. The committee recommends allowing tournament management to have the ability to determine more than one tournament band for football at the Dakota Bowl.

Class B District volleyball tournament deadline was discussed and tabled until the combined tournament committee spring meeting.

Motion by Carlson to approve the state tournament sites as recommended. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Privratsky to approve the allowing tournament management to determine more than one band for football at the Dakota Bowl. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Schafer, football committee chair, provided the Board with a committee report. The committee did not recommend sending a second survey at this time. Schafer reminded the Board of the football plan timeline. The number of teams in each division will be set at the January Board meeting. Male enrollments were received from the ND Department of Public Instruction and reviewed by the Board.

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

Des Lacs-Burlington Superintendent Christopher Bachmeier appeared before the Board to appeal a denied hardship application. Necessary information was distributed to the Board. Mr. Bachmeier addressed the Board as did parent, Sue Kranz. Motion by Privratsky to approve the hardship appeal. Second by Schafer. Roll Call vote: Dahlen - no, Jordan - yes, Carlson - no, Schafer - yes, Manley - no, Privratsky - yes, Strand - yes, Sorlie - yes, Stedman - yes. Motion carried (6-3).

Jeff Manley, realignment committee chair, provided the Board with a committee report concerning alignment of Class B softball teams. The Board provided a preliminary region alignment, however will wait until after the January 1st declaration deadline to take action on region alignment. Staff member Fletschock will notify schools of the preliminary alignment. The makeup of District 15 and 16 in basketball and volleyball were also discussed.

Motion by Strand to approve the realignment committee report. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Constitution and By-Law's Committee Chair, Mitch Carlson, provided a report. The committee introduced a Board interpretation concerning skills competition.

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Art XIV-Section III:

37. Q. May a student participate in a skills contest (free throw; punt, pass, and kick; drive, chip, and putt, etc.) or a randomly drawn halftime contest during the season?

A. Local school policy will determine whether or not participation in non-school skills contests or randomly drawn halftime contests during the season is permitted. Variations of a sport due to numbers or surface are not considered skills contests (3 on 3 basketball, beach volleyball, 7 on 7 football, slow pitch softball, futsal, etc.) and participation in such events shall result in penalty.

Motion by Schafer to approve the addition of the Board interpretation as presented, effective immediately. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Dwyer, Shiloh Christian, appeared before the Board to appeal a denied extra semester for a Shiloh Christian student. Necessary information was distributed to Board members.

Motion by Schafer to deny the extra semester request. Second by Carlson. Roll Call vote: Carlson - yes, Schafer - yes, Manley - yes, Privratsky - yes, Stedman – no, Strand - yes, Jordan - yes Sorlie – yes, Dahlen - yes. Motion carried (8-1).

The Board reviewed North Dakota Officials Association (NDOA) Board of Director recommendations.

Motion by Schafer to adjust the referee pay for varsity soccer to \$71.50 in 2018-19. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Privratsky to add a fourth on-ice official for region and state hockey tournaments beginning in 2019. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Privratsky to allow NDHSAA staff to delay a sit year for individual basketball officials up to one time each in 2018 & 2019. Second by Schafer. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff member Justin Fletschock provided the Board with modifications to the baseball pitch count regulation based on recommendations from the baseball pitch count committee.

Pitch Count regulations:

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 (State and Region Tournaments, including Region Play-Ins)

*120 daily pitch maximum

*135 tournament maximum

*3 appearance limit during tournament

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

Other Info

1. Daily Limits – If a team plays two games in one day, a pitcher may pitch in both games, just add pitch totals together.
2. If the daily or postseason max pitch count is reached during an at bat, the pitcher is allowed to finish that batter. For all other pitch count thresholds, there is no allowance to finish the batter and remain under that threshold, only the daily or postseason maximum.
3. Home book is the official book for pitch counts. It is recommended 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 and update teams accordingly.
6. IBB do not count towards the pitch count.
7. Use care when choosing a position for a removed pitcher (ie: catcher).
8. Postseason pitch counts will be used for all state and region tournaments no matter how many days the tournament lasts or if it is on consecutive days. For all regular season tournament formats, regular season pitch count rules apply.

Motion by Manley to approve the baseball pitch count committee recommendation as revised. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from Eric Nygaard, May-Port CG Athletic Director, requesting May-Port CG's boys hockey team be allowed to play 23 regular season games. The team is currently a varsity team playing an independent schedule.

Motion by Schafer to approve the May-Port CG request to play 23 regular season hockey games. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Board correspondence was received from Region 4 9-man football chair, Brad Fitzgerald. The Region 4 football coaches proposed a change to the 9-man football play-off format. They would like to see the top four teams from each region make the play-offs. Once the four teams from each region have been determined, then use the QRF to seed the teams with the top four teams in the west and east receiving byes. The team with the 5th highest QRF in the west would play the team with the 12th highest QRF in the west, the team with the 6th highest QRF in the west would play the team with the 11th highest QRF in west and so on. The same thing would take place in the east half of the state.

The proposal was presented to the football advisory committee for review at their advisory meeting and did not recommend forwarding the request to Athletic Review. Using the QRF to determine seeds would result in several inter-region games in the first and second round of the play-offs.

Representative Reports included:

Warren Strand reported he fielded questions concerning rules clinic for basketball where coaches and officials get together as was done in the past. Strand questioned whether the coaches should be encouraged to attend workshops. Fletschock indicated he discussed this at length with advisory and workshop supervisors. Going forward he will highlight the workshops in the online rules clinics and encourage coaches to attend. Fletschock also informed the Board workshop supervisors currently invite coaches to workshops, however the coaches do not attend. The content of the online rules clinics is more rule specific. Workshops seem to be a better venue to encourage interaction between coaches and officials.

Strand indicated his area questioned the need for coaches certification. Small schools have difficulty finding coaches. Many coaches are not in schools and when you tell them everything they have to do, they don't want to coach. He questioned if there is something easier that could be done. Fetsch gave a brief history of coaches education and the benefit of coaches, especially coaches out of the school setting, to complete the fundamentals of coaching course.

Sorlie indicated he was contacted by fine arts coaches who would like to have state drama have a different focus each year. Serious one year, humorous another year, etc. The coaches may bring this forth through advisory.

Carlson was contacted with concerns about the lateness of some region volleyball tournaments. Fetsch indicated each region has the ability to set their own times. He also reminded region managers to notify NDHSAA staff of game times as regions set their schedules.

Manley brought forth a question from the Northeast superintendents requesting a snapshot of enrollment used by NDHSAA be made at a different time. Fetsch indicated the September 15th deadline is what DPI uses for payment to schools and indicated schools want the football plan presented in January. The current timeline is essential to allow the creation of the plan.

Manley also was asked the status of NDHSAA mandating super regions.

The Northeast area is not interested in switching Class B girls and boys basketball seasons but asked if there could be an extra week between volleyball and girls basketball. Fetsch outlined the ramifications of making such a switch.

Informational Items

The NDHSAA General Membership Meeting in January status was discussed. Unless a school submits an amendment to the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws by the end of December, the prescribed timeline for amendments, the General Membership meeting will be cancelled.

The March 22nd Board meeting date is scheduled at the same time as the mid-winter administrator conference. The Board discussed moving the meeting to Valley City on April 10th and canceling the May 3rd Board meeting. Motion by Strand to move the March meeting to April 10th and cancel the May 3rd Board meeting. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

- Hardship/Extra Semester Waiver Report: There have been eight hardship appeals since October 5th. Four have been approved and four denied. There was one extra semester appeal, which the Board reviewed on 11/30/17.
- Fetsch reported the NDHSAA health insurance rates will increase 1.7%.
- Fetsch informed the Board of continuing conversations concerning national events at the NFHS Board level. Fetsch indicated in order for ND to participate in national tournaments, an amendment to the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws would be required.

Next Board meetings are scheduled as follows:

- January 17, 2018 – Athletic Review – Valley City – NDHSAA Office
- January 18, 2018 – Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City – NDHSAA Office
- January 30, 2018 – General Membership Meeting – Bismarck – Ramkota Hotel

Dahlen commended the NDHSAA staff on a job well done for all fall sports. The Board appreciates the work by all the staff to accomplish a successful fall season.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____