

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
November 29, 2018, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on November 29, 2018 in Valley City. President Schafer called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Members present: Rerick, Schafer, Brandt, Privratsky, Carlson, Jordan, Strand, Baxley, Sorlie, Vollmer

Members absent: Baesler

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

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

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 - (1) September 27, 2018
2. Financial Reports
 - (1) Balance sheet
 - i. September 2018
 - ii. October 2018
 - (2) Budget
 - i. September 2018
 - ii. October 2018
 - (3) Savings/investments
 - i. September 2018
 - ii. October 2018

Executive Board chair, Ben Schafer, provided the Board with a committee report including eligibility violations.

1. Trenton/Williston Trinity Christian School self-reported use of an academically ineligible player in a varsity football contest. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of all games in which the ineligible student participated.
2. Fargo North High School self-reported an individual exceeded the daily volleyball match limit. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of all contests in which the ineligible student participated.
3. Max/Garrison/South Prairie cooperative self-reported the use of an ineligible transfer student in a varsity cross country meet. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of all contests in which the ineligible student participated.
4. Williams County (Tioga/Ray) cooperative self-reported the use of an ineligible participant in a junior varsity wrestling tournament. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of all contests in which the ineligible student participated.

Motion by Vollmer to approve the executive board report. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Mitch Carlson provided a Constitution & By-Laws committee report. The committee recommends the addition of the following Board interpretation to Article V, Part II of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws, effective immediately:

If a student who has been declared ineligible is permitted to participate in interscholastic competition because of a court restraining order and/or injunction against the school or NDHSAA and if such restraining order and/or injunction subsequently is voluntarily vacated, stayed, reversed or finally determined by the courts not to justify injunctive relief, one or more of the penalties in Part II, Article V, Sections I, II, III and IV above may be taken in the interest of restitution and fairness to other member schools.

Motion by Vollmer to approve the committee recommendation to add the Board interpretation to Article V, Part II of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws. Second by Privratsky. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee reviewed Article XIV, Section IX concerning online classes and has no recommendation at this time. There was discussion concerning implementation of a 12-semester rule for participants in grades 7 through 12. Fetsch will bring draft language to the Constitution & By-Laws committee. Motion by Baxley to approve the committee report. Second by Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Privratsky provided a realignment committee report. The committee reviewed the results from the member school survey of the Wahpeton-Fairmount three-class proposal. The results showed 28% of total member schools voted yes for the proposed plan. The committee does not recommend pursuing the proposed three-class system.

The committee discussed a three-class system at length as the issue is brought forth frequently. The committee recommends creating a guideline for proposals similar to the Board procedure for the addition of an activity. The committee received and reviewed communication from Adam Hill, Mott-Regent Athletic Director/Principal.

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

Mark Vollmer, Fine Arts Committee Chair, provided a committee report.

- 1) Class B Fine Arts Region Realignment & Timeline
 - a) Recommend alignment with basketball regions
- 2) State Class A Orchestra Judges
 - a) Three options – go as far as Twin Cities to find adjudicators – have instructors judge their own – run regions. Committee authorizes Bubach to confer with NDMEA on resolutions.
- 3) Student Congress - Resolution Regulation Proposal
 - a) Coaches propose a regulation change on how resolutions are chosen. Proposal for students to develop resolutions and coaches vote on final resolutions. Enacted immediately and voting would begin in January.
 1. Each school can determine how their school legislation is created. It is intended that the students are still writing the resolutions.
 2. By the first Friday in December, schools may propose **two pieces** of legislation each of the following groups: Group 1-Senate/House 1; Group 2-House 2/House 3/House 4; Group 3-House 5/House 6. Resolutions will be submitted electronically with school name.
 3. **Resolutions shall be posted without school identifier. Coaches/schools shall rank the resolutions 1 to the final number.** (This is a preference ballot which will decide the resolutions for the season.)
 - Legislation ranked 1-5 will be reserved for the state tournament.
 - Legislation ranked 6-10 will be reserved for the West Congress.
 - Legislation ranked 11-15 will be reserved for the East Congress.
 - Legislation ranked 16-20 will be reserved for an invitational 1.
 - Legislation ranked 21-25 will be reserved for an invitational 2.
 - Legislation ranked 26-30 will be reserved for an invitational 3.
 4. It is the coach/school responsibility to **submit resolutions by the deadline** and the coach/school responsibility to **vote on the anonymous resolutions by the deadline.**
 5. No legislation submitted after the first Friday in December 11:59 pm CST will be considered. The legislation will be available for coach vote (1 vote per school) during the week between the second and third Friday in December. The vote will close at 11:59 pm CST on the third Friday in December. **Topics will be released by NDHSAA by January 15th.**
 6. Each chamber votes on order of the day from the resolutions for that tournament.

Motion by Privratsky to implement a resolution regulation proposal change. Second by Strand. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vollmer to approve committee report. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Travis Jordan provided a Tournament Committee report with site recommendations.

2019-20 State B Golf site changes:

1. Boys B Golf move from Jamestown to Carrington
2. Girls B Golf move from Carrington to Jamestown

The committee recommends the following state tournament sites to the NDHSAA Board of Directors for 2025-26.

NDHSAA Activity	Proposed 2025-26
A Girls Golf	Fargo
Boys Tennis	Grand Forks
Boys Soccer	Bismarck
Cross Country	Jamestown
Girls Swimming	Bismarck
Football	Fargo
Volleyball	Fargo
Wrestling	Fargo
Gymnastics	Jamestown
Boys & Girls Hockey	Grand Forks
B Girls Basketball	Minot
Boys Swimming	West Fargo
A Girls & Boys Basketball	Fargo
B Boys Basketball	Bismarck
Girls Tennis	Grand Forks
Track	Bismarck
B Girls Golf	Carrington
B Boys Golf	Jamestown
B Baseball/B Softball	Minot
A Baseball/A Softball	Grand Forks
Girls Soccer	Fargo
A Boys Golf	Bismarck

Motion by Carlson to approve committee report. Second by Baxley. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- (1) Increase maximum fee schedule 4% in 2019-20 with the same fees in 2020-21.
 - a. Motion by Jordan to approve an increase of 4% for officials' maximum fees for 2019-20 and 2020-21. Second by Privratsky. Motion carried unanimously.
- (2) For swimming and diving, amend language to "Meet Referee and/or Dive Referee".
 - a. Motion by Jordan to approve amended language to "Meet Referee and/or Dive Referee" for swimming and diving officials. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.
- (3) Hire two additional turn officials for the boys and girls state swim and dive meets.
 - a. Motion by Sorlie to approve hiring two additional turn officials for the boys and girls state swim and dive meets. Second by Strand. Motion carried unanimously.
- (4) Use four umpires for all championship bracket games in the State Class A Baseball Tournament and two umpires in all consolation games.
 - a. Motion by Jordan to allow the NDHSAA office discretion on the use of four umpires for all championship bracket games in the State Class A Baseball Tournament and two umpires in all consolation games. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.
- (5) Remove high school students from the officials' full registration (high school students are unable to officiate varsity games) and require all high school students to register as local officials.

- a. Motion by Brandt to approve removal of high school students from officials' full registration (high school students are unable to officiate varsity games) and require all high school students to register only as Local (Sub-Varsity) Officials. Second by Baxley. Motion carried unanimously.

Carlson reported the Constitution & By-Law committee reviewed a Milnor High School request regarding preseason practice sessions. Committee recommends denial of this request. The purpose for pre-season practices is for conditioning and fine arts post season activities do not qualify as conditioning. Motion by Privratsky to deny the Milnor High School request. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Roosevelt School District Board of Education concerning the denial of a hardship. The Board directed Board President to respond to the letter with information from the eligibility committee determination.

Representative Reports

- Jordan asked how many states currently sponsor eSports. Fetsch indicated twelve states are currently sponsoring eSports. The process for adding eSports to NDHSAA administration is outlined in current procedure. Several schools are showing interest.
- Schafer recommended exploring implementation of a director of some sort for each sport to assist in training of officials.
- Strand questioned why the Dakota Bowl has all 4 games on one day and why play needs to begin at 9:00 am. Fetsch indicated television pre-emption rules restrict other options.
- Sorlie questioned if the games at the State Volleyball Tournament could be started earlier. Fetsch indicated the 2019-20 State Volleyball Tournament will begin at 10:00 am.

Executive Director's Report

- Meeting Recaps
 - The January membership meeting was discussed. Motion by Vollmer to cancel the January membership meeting if no By-Law amendment(s) have been presented by December 26, 2018. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.
- Hardship/Extra Semester Report
 - Three hardships investigated with two hardships approved.
 - One extra semester request was received and approved.
- Health insurance premiums have decreased 1.3% and dental insurance premiums decreased 7%.
- Athletic Review Discussion
 - Fetsch recommends restructuring Athletic Review. Coaches meetings would still occur at state tournaments however, an advisory conference call would be scheduled some time after the tournament to finalize recommendations for Athletic Review.
 - Athletic Review in January would include fall sports
 - Athletic Review in June would include winter sports
 - Athletic Review in September, in conjunction with the NDIAAA meeting, would include spring sports.

Athletic Review is scheduled for January 16, 2019 at the NDHSAA office in Valley City. Next Board meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2019 at the NDHSAA office in Valley City.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____