

**MINUTES****North Dakota High School Activities Association  
September 10, 2020, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association began their meeting on September 10, 2020 via conference call. President Jordan called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Members present: Jordan, Schoch, Diegel, Bertsch, Johnson, Brandt, Fridley, Jundt, Rerick

Members absent: Baesler, Baxley

Others present: Patti Aanenson, Larimore Public Schools

Motion by Brandt to approve the agenda. Second by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Rerick to approve the consent agenda. Second by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1) Consent Agenda
  - a) Approval of Minutes
    - i) August 27, 2020
  - b) Coop Applications
    - i) Minot and Velva in gymnastics, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
    - ii) Mandan and Holy Family in gymnastics, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
    - iii) New Town and Parshall in plays, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
    - iv) New Town and Parshall in speech, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
  - c) Coop Dissolutions
    - i) Grafton and St. Thomas in boys basketball, 7-12, 2020-21
    - ii) Grafton and St. Thomas in wrestling, 7-12, 2020-21
    - iii) Grafton and St. Thomas in boys golf, 7-12, 2020-21
    - iv) Grafton and St. Thomas in girls golf, 7-12, 2020-21

Staff member Bubach provided a Fine Arts Committee report.

The committee provided recommendations for State Student Congress with the following changes:

- Scheduled as one day event on November 5
- Allow schools to register a maximum of 7 competitors
- Provide adjudicators stipend: \$100

The committee provided recommendations for State Class B Play competition with the following changes:

- Play regional first-places advance to State (10 total). Second-place will not advance if first-place becomes unable to compete.
- Maximum/total play time of 30 minutes including audience reaction time. After 30 minutes have lapsed, rank deduction occurs.
- Cast/Tech: Maximum of 20 students total allowed. Penalty: Disqualification
- Liquids or items requiring stage sweeping are prohibited. Prohibited items include but are not limited to sprays, straw, glitter, confetti, sawdust, baby powder, cornstarch, etc. Penalty: Disqualification

Motion by Johnson to approve the Fine Arts Committee report. Second by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Jundt provided a Tournament Committee report. Jundt indicated the Combined Tournament Committee met and began with a brief overview of finances indicating a 10% reduction in the budget. The committee shared their individual district policies for regular season activities. Most of the host cities represented currently have limited overnight travel and limitations on fans. The committee discussed NDHSAA post season television commitments which include state volleyball and state football tournaments.

Fetsch indicated he would be sharing a document with all Board members outlining proposed changes to NDHSAA sponsored fall post season tournaments.

Also discussed:

1. Fetsch met with Coaches Choice concerning t-shirt sales. Suggestion to have pre-orders and there is a possibility of post tournament online orders. Managers would not need to provide a group to sell T-shirts.
2. As per NDHSAA Return to Competition Guidelines, all regular season and post season awards ceremonies are cancelled.

- 3. The Finance Committee will discuss ticket prices over the next few weeks.
- 4. The Finance Committee will discuss manager fees, officials and awards over the next few weeks.
- 5. Tournament expenses were discussed at the beginning of the meeting.
- 6. Discussed the possibility of moving to online programs. Olson indicated it is a great time to try this and indicated their printer is set up to do this.

Combined Tournament Committee will meet on September 23, 2020.

Fetsch stated the reserve fund is sufficient at this time. The Board needs to look at the current situation philosophically and decide if it is the Board’s intent to condense transmissible moments by reduced events and costs while still crowning state champions or to provide as many opportunities for students throughout the entire year.

Staff will be meeting with each advisory group within the next week to receive feedback on the possible changes to fall post season events.

Diegel questioned if the committee was leaning toward letting each region decide their post-season format or if there would be a Board decision for all regions. Fetsch indicated all region tournaments are approved by the Board so any changes would need Board approval. Changes to district formats do not need Board approval. The Combined Tournament Committee did not have specific discussion on this.

Jordan was of the opinion region tournament formats should be the same for all regions. Johnson asked if there had been any guidance regarding how many people can be at these events. Fetsch indicated it has been a county by county decision to date and this varies from county to county. It may also be a school district decision if a region host school does not want several other schools in their facilities. Jundt indicated the committee would explore all possibilities and higher seeds hosting was an idea to explore as much as possible. Jundt also indicated athletes, in the communities he is in, are being very careful about what they are doing. Fans appear to be less careful about taking health precautions. Jundt supports student participation as much as possible and limiting fans. Tennis tournaments were discussed with the possibility of eliminating consolation rounds. The first round of state team competition would possibly be at home sites of the higher seed on the Tuesday of the tournament week. Team semi-finals and finals would be in Grand Forks on Friday with all singles and doubles matches played on Saturday.

Motion by Brandt to approve the Tournament Committee report. Second by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Report

- 1. A number of hardship investigations are underway with no appeals scheduled at this time. If any appeals are filed the Executive Board will meet September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the day before the Board meeting.
- 2. Return to Competition Guidelines proposed change:
  - a. Crowd limitations: Member schools shall determine any crowd limitations for regular season contests. ND Smart Restart Large Gatherings should be taken into consideration.

Motion by Jundt to approve proposed change in the Return to Competition Guidelines. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Winter sports rules modifications are beginning to come from NFHS. They will be shared with the Board when all are received.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 10:00 am CDT in Valley City.

Meeting adjourned September 10, 2020 at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Schell  
Assistant Director

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_