

MINUTES
North Dakota High School Activities Association
Board of Directors
October 17, 2007 Bismarck, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities met on October 17, 2007 at the Ramkota Inn in Bismarck, North Dakota. President Knodle called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with all members present.

Following additions, motion by Jordan to approve the agenda. Second by Looyesen and carried.

The minutes from the September 25, 2007 were previously provided to the Board in their packets. Motion by Duchscherer to approve the minutes. Second by Stanley. Assuming a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Secretary presented the financial report. The balance sheet, YTD budget, savings and investment reports were available for review. The list of checks written is available to the Board for review upon request. Motion by Eastgate to approve the report. Second by Sanstead. Assuming a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The following cooperative sponsorship program application for Larimore and Midway in wrestling, 2007-2008 (no fee) was reviewed. Motion by Schatz to approve. Second by Stanley. Assuming a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Board was alerted to several cooperative sponsorship applications that are to be reviewed in the future. There is the possibility of a conference call to address one or more of these applications.

Duchscherer reported on behalf of the Finance Committee:

1. The committee discussed the association vehicles. It has been past practice to trade one vehicle every year. The committee recommends trading in the 2006 van for a 2008 Dodge Nitro.

Motion by Looyesen to approve the recommendation of the committee. Second by Maus. Assuming a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

2. The committee discussed the 3-year sponsorship agreement with US Bank. The recommendation is to request from US Bank the following to be recognized as our Premier Sponsor.
 - a. 2008-2009 - \$80,000
 - b. 2009-2010 - \$85,000
 - c. 2010-2011 - \$90,000

Motion by Lyson to approve. Second by Sanstead. It was asked if the Board could consider a 5-year contract similar to the television contract. It was suggested it may put the end of this contract at the same time as the television contract and would not be in the best interest of the Association to be negotiating two large contracts at the same time. Assuming a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

3. The committee was informed the Executive Secretary is in communication with Farmers Union Insurance in regards to another 3-year supporting sponsorship. Discussion followed concerning what is the future of additional sponsors and at what level such as a third tier of contributing sponsorships.
4. Investment options were reviewed with no changes being planned.
5. Tournament management fees were reviewed. A proposal was formed to reflect increases for managers for the various tournaments. Manager fees for State Track and State Wrestling were questioned. It was suggested the manager's fees be reviewed with the assistance of Board members that have had experience with managing many various tournaments.

Motion by Schatz to accept the recommendations as presented with the exception of two changes, track \$1,000 swimming and baseball \$500 for the 2008-2009 year. Second by Lyson. Assuming a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Secretary called the Board's attention to the Constitution & By-Laws portion that addresses out of season competition. The question raised is, should schools be involved in summer camps or supporting summer camps. Should schools be allowed to pay for students to attend summer camps? Schools are asking questions such as paying camp registrations, providing a bus and/or travel expenses. This item was assigned to the Constitution & By-Laws Committee.

Maus reported on behalf of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee to discuss the "All-Star" rule. A handout was provided with the recommended change in the by-law and an interpretation in one of the questions. Upon Board approval, these changes would go before the General Assembly in January as an amendment. Discussion took place concerning the Chicago Showcase tournament which is exempt from this rule for this particular hockey event. It was suggested tournaments which have received exemption in the past, should come before the Board on a yearly basis to continue the exemption. Motion by Sanstead to direct the committee move forward with the revision of Section III for approval of the General Assembly in January of 2008. Second by Jungling. Assuming a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The committee also discussed how to designate individual versus teams sports and how they are handled in the event of the use of an ineligible student. This will be brought to the Board at the November meeting.

The Board held audience with Prin. Engebretson of Velva along with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Niebuhr. The purpose of this audience is to hear Velva's appeal to a ruling denying a hardship request. The Executive Secretary presented the hardship procedure to date. Following questions from the Board and the members of the Velva audience, Prin. Engebretson made a presentation and opened for questions. Mr. Niebuhr presented comments and opened for questions. The Executive Secretary presented his closing statement followed by closing statements from Prin. Engebretson and Mr. Niebuhr. President Knodle declared the hearing closed and the Board opened discussion. Following an in-depth discussion, motion by Lyson to uphold the decision of the

Executive Secretary denying the hardship. Second by Jordan. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Looyesen – no; Eastgate – yes; Jungling – yes; Stanley – yes; Schatz – no; Sanstead – no; Lyson – yes; Duchscherer – yes; Maus – yes; Jordan – yes; Knodle – yes. Motion to deny the appeal carried, 8-3.

Duchscherer reported on behalf of the Media Committee. The committee is proposing to stay with a 5-year contract. The committee set a February 15th deadline to receive responses for television contracts and come back with the proposals at the March 14, 2008 meeting. Motion by Looyesen to approve the report. Second by Eastgate. Assuming a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Carlsrud addressed the Board concerning previously approved wrestling regulations that requires the use of the National Wrestling Association's weight management program. Since that Board approval, the Wrestling Advisory Committee has studied the possible use of an updated feature of the program which requires schools to enter match results. The recommendation is to endorse and require this feature as part of the regulations. Motion by Stanley to approve this recommendation. Second by Sanstead. Assuming a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Jungling reported on behalf of the Football Committee:

In reviewing the current plan, the following issues were discussed:

- a. A coop request that is currently posted on the NDHSAA website is between Surrey and Glenburn schools. If approved, the total enrollment of the two schools would place them in Division AA football. Both are currently in the Region V 9-man division. Discussion was then held on what to do if the coop would be approved. It was decided, based on the football plan guidelines, that the new coop would have to play an independent schedule and would not be eligible for post-season that year.
- b. The committee was advised TMCHS will play a varsity schedule for the 2008 season and the eastern region football schools have been notified. Also, New Town has verbally communicated they will be playing an independent schedule next season. They each will be sending their intent to the NDHSAA in writing. The committee determined the possibility of 3 football programs playing an independent schedule and several other programs are considering such a move. The committee discussed how this will affect the football plan and playoffs.
- c. The planning process for the next football plan began. It was determined by the committee to:
 1. Set up a timeline similar to the current plan allowing schools ample time to plan.
 2. Request and receive the fall 2007 school enrollments from the DPI and determine accurate enrollment numbers in grades 7-10 for all football schools at the next meeting which will be held at the NDHSAA office on Thursday, November 15 at 10:00 a.m. The plan's guidelines will also be developed and finalized at this meeting to be presented to the full Board at the November meeting.

3. Schools will be asked to verify the enrollment numbers.
 4. A survey will be drafted, accompanied by the verified enrollment numbers and sent to each football school to determine the number of divisions that the membership would support.
 5. The goal of the committee is to share the completed guidelines to include the number and size of each division at the January membership meeting.
 6. The committee will continue to work on the remaining timeline with the goal to present the final plan at the October, 2008 General Assembly meeting.
- d. Staff member Carlsrud asked the committee to support moving the ending date for 9-Man football for the 2008 season from October 17 to October 16 to help in the planning process for the playoffs.

Motion by Maus to approve the change of the end of the 9-Man regular season from October 17 to October 16. Second by Stanley. Assuming a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held concerning the up-coming application for a football coop between Glenburn and Surrey and the ramifications of the result of approval placing them in an enrollment position of being higher than the 9-man division. Recommended is upon the event of approval of this coop application, they would not be eligible for post-season play.

The committee was advised TMCHS will be playing a AAA schedule. New Town indicated they will be playing an independent schedule which will make them ineligible for post-season competition. With this, there currently will be three teams planning to play this type of schedule for the 2008 football season.

It was reported the planning process for the 2009-2010/2010-2011 football plan began during the committee meeting. Motion by Maus to approve the total Football Committee report. Second by Stanley. Assuming a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the agenda for the General Assembly meeting which will take place the following day, October 18, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

The Board reviewed the rooming list for upcoming events as well as the letters of correspondence including the letter informing the Board the Minot soccer situation was dealt with by the school district.

Stanley indicated at his Class B Northwest administrators meeting, the group was asking for consideration of holding semi-finals for football at a neutral site. Carlsrud indicated in the past, neutral sites are difficult because some of those facilities are already winterized as well as the financial impact was lessened. This recommendation can be presented by a member school or one of the advisory committees if they wish to pursue this recommendation.

Jungling reported the National Federation is publishing a new magazine for member schools. Currently, they are still working on sponsors to get this magazine to every member school.

Jungling also reported after visiting with other state associations that sponsor soccer, soccer in North Dakota is in a good condition. In many other states, club soccer takes precedence over high school soccer and sportsmanship issues are a viable concern for those states. This fall at the North Dakota Boys State Soccer Tournament, a spectator was removed from the stands and asked not to return. In review, North Dakota high school soccer is in a very good state of sportsmanship with the program including parental support. Looyesen indicated there is a real shortage of officials in their area.

Schell presented the technology report:

1. Wireless will be installed in the office
2. We will be receiving a new server to replace the old machine
3. On-line testing – next segment is for winter sports and it is working well
4. An update of the webpage support, clearwire was presented at the last meeting but another proposal came in from Global Reach. Several other quotes are coming in.
5. Dean Kraft and Bob Guillin are sources to see how the NDHSAA website and the current websites that are servicing some of the schools can be interfaced.

The Board heard a report from the Executive Secretary.

1. Approved an additional two semesters of eligibility for a student from Standing Rock.
2. Dakota Bowl tickets are available
3. Board members that will chair District Chair meeting were selected: November - Lyson and March - Maus

With no further business, President Knodle declared the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheryl Solberg
Asst. to the Exec. Sec.

Signature:

_____, President / Date: _____