

MINUTES
North Dakota High School Activities Association
Board of Directors
March 14, 2008, Fargo, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met on March 14, 2008 at the Fargo Radisson Inn. President Knodle called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members present except Sanstead and Eastgate.

Upon review, President Knodle declared the agenda approved.

The minutes of the March 7th meeting was handed out at the meeting for review and approval. Motion by Looyesen to approve the minutes as written. Second by Stanley. A roll call was taken with the following results:

Jordan – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes; Stanley – yes; Duchscherer – yes; Lyson – yes; Schatz – yes; Looyesen – yes; Knodle – yes.
Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Nelson, athletic administrator of May-Port CG appeared before the Board with a recommended plan for a second tier of certification for officials for contests below junior varsity. This would meet the needs of member schools' efforts to hire registered officials for their contests below the junior varsity level. The request is to form a plan for sub-varsity registered officials. These officials would be qualified to officiate contests below the junior varsity level. Requirements would be: a. A local workshop and b. A reduced registration fee (\$28). Along with this recommendation, there was a list of suggestions to help in the administration of this change. Motion by Lyson to adopt this recommendation as presented. Second by Jungling. Duchscherer asked if there was a recommended pay scale for this level of certification. Jungling shared this could be included in the scheduling by officials' associations but this might be a smaller school issue. Also, as far as the education portion of the plan, there is an officials' education program that is sponsored by the National Federation that may be helpful in this area. The Executive Secretary indicated if there was a lesser fee for this level of officiating, it could be interpreted as endorsing the hiring of a lower certified official which is not the intent of this program. A roll call was taken with the following results:

Jordan – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes; Stanley – yes; Duchscherer – yes; Lyson – yes; Schatz – yes; Looyesen – yes; Knodle – yes.
Motion passed unanimously. It was clarified this will be implemented with the start of the 2008-2009 year.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship application for Rugby and Wolford in boys track, 7-12, 07-08 (late fee). Motion by Schatz to approve the application. Second by Jordan. A roll call was taken with the following results:

Jordan – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes; Stanley – yes; Duchscherer – yes; Lyson – yes; Schatz – yes; Looyesen – yes; Knodle – yes.
Motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Secretary handed out a proposal received from US Bank concerning the renewal of their sponsorship. Motion by Lyson to direct the Executive Secretary to ask US Bank to present a proposed amount for what is in place in our current

agreement and, if unable to meet the approval of the Board, the NDHSAA will pursue other avenues. The Board shall recommend the Executive Secretary to begin seeking bids from other interests. Second by Stanley. Duchscherer indicated although we have had a good partnership, it may be time to go our separate ways. A roll call was taken with the following results:

Jordan – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes; Stanley – yes; Duchscherer – yes;
Lyson – yes; Schatz – yes; Looysen – yes; Knodle – yes.

Motion passed unanimously.

President Knodle welcomed the delegation from NBC North Dakota Sports. They were present for a review of the contract submitted by NBC North Dakota Sports for a five year period. Proposed for each of the five years (2008-2009 through 2012-2013) a bid of \$115,520 for covering the following NDHSAA State Tournament events: State Football, State Hockey, State Class B Girls' Basketball, State Class A Girls' and Boys' Basketball and State Boys' Class B Basketball. In addition, NBCNDS will provide the NDHSAA Public Service Announcements throughout the school year promoting seasonal activities sponsored by the NDHSAA. The number of spots run will depend on the rate card in effect at the time. The total added value of these sports for 39 weeks each year will be a minimum of \$50,000. Also requested by NBCNDS is 50 complimentary tickets for each state event. Motion by Maus to approve the proposed contract with the adjustment of providing 30 tickets per state event. Second by Lyson. A roll call was taken with the following results:

Jordan – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes; Stanley – yes; Duchscherer – yes;
Lyson – yes; Schatz – no; Looysen – no; Knodle – yes.

Motion passed, 7-2.

The delegation asked the Board to reconsider the scheduling of the semi-final rounds of the State Class A Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tournament. Rather than one gender playing the afternoon and the other playing in the evening, it was asked if there could be an adjustment. Duchscherer asked how we would determine which teams play in the afternoon and which would play in the evening. Schatz indicated there is talk from the Class A schools as to whether their tournament should go back to separate boys' and girls' tournaments. Lyson asked Charlie Johnson how they would work out handling a 5th weekend to pre-empt shows.

The Board reviewed the proposed Board meeting dates for the 2008-2009:

August	7	Valley City
September	23	Valley City
October	22	Bismarck
October	23	General Assembly Meeting, Bismarck
November	21	Minot (District Chairperson and Board meeting)
January	24	Bismarck (Athletic Review A.M. / Board P.M.)
January	26	Membership Meeting, Bismarck
March	20	Minot (District Chairperson and Board meeting)
April	15	Valley City
June	10	Athletic Review, Valley City
June	16-17	Valley City

Motion by Duchscherer to approve. Second by Maus. A roll call was taken with the following results:

Jordan – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes; Stanley – yes; Duchscherer – yes;
Lyson – yes; Schatz – yes; Looyesen – yes; Knodle – yes.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Secretary reviewed with the Board the calendar showing the proposed dates for the school year 2009-10 and continue the study and planning of a two-year calendar. This brought extensive discussion on the volleyball and basketball seasons. Motion by Maus to adopt the 2-year calendar and assign a committee to address the volleyball and girls' basketball issue as of 09-10. Second by Looyesen. A roll call was taken with the following results:

Jordan – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes; Stanley – yes; Duchscherer – yes;

Lyson – yes; Schatz – yes; Looyesen – yes; Knodle – yes.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed plans for the summer meeting.

The Executive Secretary reported on a situation at the State Wrestling Tournament regarding a skin condition that delayed an athlete from competing. Carlsrud indicated this has been addressed and the process will be better supervised in the future. Concern was expressed over the infrequent cleaning of the wrestling mats and other health issues associated with wrestling.

Duchscherer stated the security at the Class B Girls' State Tournament as well as the Class B Boys' State Tournament were present and appreciated. There was concern over the lack of security at the Class A Boys' and Girls' State Basketball Tournament in Bismarck.

Representative reports:

Schatz shared with the Board his observation that a majority of state events have an atmosphere of unhappiness by all involved. Shared with the athletic directors there are problems with some of the comments shared by these educators. The negativity from coaches is being spread to students and parents and this is unacceptable. Awards should be a respected and enjoyable event. Lyson indicated there needs to be better support from all involved, including members of the school board supporting the administrators acting to keep activities an educational process. Young coaches are not being given an opportunity to develop. If they do not win, they are pressured to discontinue coaching. Other comments concerned the unnecessary demands placed on team hosts by coaches at the state basketball tournament.

Staff member, Schell presented the technology update

Motion by Looyesen to give the Executive Secretary the ability to negotiate with Clearwired and negotiate a multi-year agreement. Second by Maus. Duchscherer asked if this was a one-year deal which lacks assurance the following year would not be a dramatic increase in cost. A roll call was taken with the following results:

Jordan – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes; Stanley – yes; Duchscherer – yes;

Lyson – no; Schatz – yes; Looyesen – yes; Knodle – yes.

Motion passed, 8-1.

The Executive Secretary presented his report

- a. The Class B Redistricting Committee is scheduled for Saturday morning, March 15, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.
- b. The Finance and Personnel Committee is to follow at 10:00 a.m. to screen Fine Arts Applicants.
- c. March 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. is a scheduled conference call to address the request for a cooperative sponsorship applications which are currently listed on the web.

The next Board meeting will be April 16th at 9:00 a.m. in Valley City.

Motion by Jungling to adjourn. Second by Schatz. A roll call was taken with the following results:

Jordan – yes; Jungling – yes; Maus – yes; Stanley – yes; Duchscherer – yes;
Lyson – yes; Schatz – yes; Looyesen – yes; Knodle – yes.

Motion passed unanimously.

President Knodle declared the meeting adjourned.

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

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____