

MINUTES
North Dakota High School Activities Association
Board of Directors
August 9, 2007

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on August 9, 2007 in Valley City. President Knodle called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present.

Following additions, motion by Duchscherer to approve the agenda. Second by Sanstead and carried.

The Board was supplied with minutes of the June 19, 2007 meeting. Motion by Lyson to approve the minutes as amended. Second by Jordan and carried. The July 23, 2007 special meeting was reviewed. Motion by Eastgate to approve the corrected minutes. Second by Sanstead and carried.

The Executive Secretary presented the finance report. The balance sheet, final budget report, a detailed report of the savings and investment account, and the spring financial reports were reviewed. Motion by Looyesen to approve the report. Second by Sanstead and carried.

The Board reviewed requests to dissolve cooperative sponsorships programs:

- a. Wolford and Rugby in wrestling, 2007-2008.

Motion by Maus to approve the request. Second by Schatz and carried.

- b. Wyndmere and Wahpeton in boys' hockey, 2007-2008

Motion by Jungling to approve the request. Second by Stanley and carried.

- c. Shanley and Park Christian in cross country, 2007-2008

Motion by Jordan to approve the request. Second by Eastgate and carried.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship applications:

- a. Drayton and Grafton in boys' and girls' cross country, 7-12 (2007-2008), (no fee)

Motion by Sanstead to approve. Second by Jordan and carried.

- b. Fargo South and Park Christian in boys' swimming (2007-2008), (no fee)

Motion by Lyson to approve. Second by Maus and carried.

In lieu of the Finance Committee report, the Executive Secretary informed the Board the Finance Committee will be reviewing tournament management fees. Also, with a two-year history on the new team payment plan, the committee has sufficient information to review the plan to see if the payments are a result of what was intended.

Staff member, Schell presented the technology report including the proposed plan and budget for the 2007-2008 year. Jungling has indicated the NDIAAA wishes to study the possibility of tying a scheduling program into the Association website. This would eliminate duplicate entries. Schatz stated there is a priority to support setting up an infrastructure that will serve the membership. Motion by Schatz to approve the plan. Second by Stanley and carried.

The Board heard a report from NDHSAA auditor, Harold Rotunda. The audit report is for the year ended June 30, 2007. Following study and discussion, motion by Maus to approve the report. Second by Looyesen and carried.

Maus reported on behalf of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee. Items discussed at their committee meeting were:

- a. Page 18, Section 3, letter b pertaining to the All-Star rule: The committee has asked NDHSAA attorney, Gary Thune to address this rule because of the difficulty of enforcing this rule. Select hockey and out-of-season basketball teams are examples of what is

taking place that is contrary to the rule. Presently, there is no recommendation and continued study will be conducted.

- b. Page 9, note on penalties pertaining to the result of using an ineligible participant and the resulting forfeiture of the team: The discussion was should this always be a team forfeit? In individual activities such as wrestling, although this is an individual competition, this is interpreted as a team forfeit. The committee discussed if there should be the forfeit of an individual from their event and the reduction of these individual points from team points or would the entire team forfeit. The current study is asking if all activities should be treated the same.

On the subject of penalties, Schatz asked the Board what would be the process of putting into place a fine system that can be used when schools violate the Constitution & By-Laws. This will be placed on the agenda for the next Constitution & By-Laws Committee meeting. Motion by Jordan to approve the report. Second by Lyson and carried.

The Executive Secretary gave a Centennial celebration update. Discussion took place concerning the sponsorship of the reception being planned. The money that was offered by US Bank for a reception will be requested to re-route to a drawing for schools. This could take place at the General Assembly meeting.

Staff member, Hetler presented a centennial promotion update. Lyson requested the centennial logo be sent to each member school for use in programs, etc.

The Executive Secretary informed the Board there is a large interest among the member schools to become involved in the National Federation on-line coaches education program. A presentation of this program will be given at the State School Board convention. At the coaches' convention, there were 10 individuals that were trained to be trainers for the blended portion of the class. Jungling also mentioned there will be a train the trainer portion that will be offered at the NDIAAA conference.

The Executive Secretary reported on the administrator's regional meetings currently in progress. The turnout has been good and there has been beneficial interaction among those in attendance.

The Board was given a copy of the fall sports regulations which include the new regulations that were approved by the Board at a previous meeting.

The Board was informed several volleyball officials had expressed concern for payment of contracts for matches that no longer exist because of the approved coop for Ashley and Wishek. Several of the Board indicated the statement had been made by Ashley at the June Board meeting presentation they would pick up the officials' fees lost because of the coop. Maus indicated this will include those contracts at Ashley, but also those contracts for matches they had scheduled as away matches. Jungling suggested they ask Ashley to return to a Board meeting and report on the process of how they have handled this situation. Maus indicated the importance of deadlines and how late coops cause problems with schedules, contracts, etc. The Executive Secretary was directed to contact Ashley for a report on the progress of meeting contractual agreements canceled because of the South Border cooperative sponsorship.

Schools have shown interest in purchasing a bio-impedance instrument for measuring body fat for athletes. Staff member Carlsrud informed the Board the recommended appliance is the Tanita TBF-300WA Wrestling Body Composition Analyzer/Scale which is approximately a \$1,700 item. The reason for this particular appliance is the scale is calibrated for the adolescent athlete. This is an option to the skin fold test. Also, there is an appliance that is currently being developed that may be on the market next year which will be approximately \$500 less. Study on this item will continue. Motion by Schatz to approve the recommended bio-impedance instrument, the Tanita 300WA. Second by Stanley and carried.

Staff member Hetler distributed a letter of intended retirement setting the date for retirement at the conclusion of the 2007-2008 year. Motion by Jordan to accept this resignation as of June 30, 2008. Second by Schatz and carried. President Knodle thanked Bob for his years of service.

A discussion took place as to the process to be used to secure nominations for the newly established Class A At-Large position on the NDHSAA Board of Directors. Currently, the Board has three Class A representatives. These positions are Looyesen, Class A West; Knodle, Class A Central; Schatz, Class A East. The next Class A position will represent the change in the makeup of the Board to Class A West, Class A East and Class A At-Large. A letter will be sent to Class A superintendents, principals and athletic administrators informing them of this upcoming position. It was suggested this process be discussed at the North Dakota School Study Council meeting.

Staff member Carlsrud shared a letter from LaMoure expressing concern for Legion Baseball interfering with obtaining sufficient mandatory practices prior to the first football game. A request was made to allow them to practice at the site of the baseball tournament. It was clarified as per Constitution & By-Laws, that practices must take place within the vicinity of the team's school.

President Knodle thanked the Board for the opportunity to accompany five Distinguished Student finalists to the National Federation Student Conference in Indianapolis. The five students are working on developing a plan to train high school students to share the importance of participation with individuals in the elementary grades.

The Executive Secretary presented his report:

1. Received notice from Killdeer they are developing a High Plains Cultural Center. The Association is being asked for a letter of support from the NDHSAA. Part of this is a technology center which may come into use in the future with on-line rules meetings, etc.
2. There is a National Federation doctor release form for wrestlers with skin lesions. This form has been developed and will be sent out to wrestling programs.

Committee meetings to be held prior to the next meeting were discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for September 25th in Valley City.

With no further business, President Knodle declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
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