

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association**

Board of Directors

September 25, 2007 – Valley City, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met on September 25, 2007 at the NDHSAA office in Valley City. President Knodle called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with all members present.

Following additions, President Knodle declared the agenda final.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the August 9, 2007 regular meeting. Following amendments to the August 9th minutes, motion by Schatz to approve the minutes. Second by Jungling and carried. The August 16, 2007 special meeting was reviewed. Motion by Jordan to approve. Second by Sanstead. The September 4, 2007 special meeting was reviewed. Motion by Eastgate to approve. Second by Stanley and carried.

The Executive Secretary presented the finance report including the balance sheet, updated budget, and investment report. A list of checks written for August is available if requested for review. Motion by Sanstead to approve the report. Second by Duchscherer and carried.

The following cooperative sponsorship dissolution was considered:

Warwick and Four Winds in boys' and girls' track and boys' and girls' cross country (2007-2008). Motion by Jordan to approve. Second by Looyson and carried.

The following cooperative sponsorship applications were considered:

- a. Williston and Trenton in wrestling, 2007-2008 (no fee)

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

- b. Bismarck and Shiloh Christian in boys' hockey, 2007-2008 (no late fee)

- c. Bismarck and Shiloh Christian in boys' swimming, 2007-2008 (no late fee)

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

- d. Sullivan Middle School and St. Joseph (Moorhead) in junior high girls' and boys' track & field, 2007-2008 (no late fee)

- e. Sullivan Middle School and St. Joseph (Moorhead) in junior high volleyball, 2007-2008 (no late fee)

- f. Sullivan Middle School and St. Joseph (Moorhead) in junior high boys' and girls' basketball, 2007-2008 (no late fee)

- g. Sullivan Middle School and St. Joseph (Moorhead) in junior high football, 2007-2008 (no late fee)

Motion by Schatz to approve d through g. Second by Eastgate and carried.

Duchscherer reported on behalf of the Finance Committee:

- a. The committee discussed the current school payment plan. The committee feels the current formula is working well and is not recommending any changes at this time. The committee will continue looking at the payment plan on an annual basis.
- b. The committee looked at tournament managers fees. The Executive Secretary will propose a plan to the Board at a future meeting.
- c. A brief discussion on a fine structure for schools was held.
- d. The committee discussed a timeline to fill the vacant position created by Bob Hetler's retirement. Recommendations were:
 - Advertise statewide with job service, NDHSAA website and newspapers
 - Applications will be due on March 3, 2008
 - Finance & Personnel Committee will screen applications at State Class B Boys' Basketball Tournament
 - Interviews will be held April 15, 2008

- Recommendation to the full Board will be at the April 16, 2008 meeting
Motion by Lyson to approve. Second by Jungling and carried.

Schatz suggested considering the addition of several people from the fine arts field to be included in the interview committee.

Sanstead reported on behalf of the Promotion and Programs Committee with their planning recommendations for the centennial celebration.

1. Centennial kick-off reception will be held at the General Membership Meeting in January.
2. Three receptions at the three state basketball tournaments will be held for school administrators, coaches and former NDHSAA Board of Directors members/presidents.
3. A centennial banner will be created to display at these celebration activities.

Motion by Maus to accept the report. Second by Jordan and carried.

Maus reported on behalf of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee:

1. Review of Page 18 of the Constitution & By-Laws on the All-Star rule.
 - a. The committee will move forward with a possible recommendation after the Executive Secretary meets with NDHSAA Attorney, Thune
 - b. A rough draft will be shared at the October meeting
 - c. A recommendation will be made at the November meeting for review and if draft is approved and the committee moves forward with the draft
 - d. The vote on the amendment is planned to take place at the January, 2008 General Assembly meeting
2. The results of study of Page 9, Article 5, Note on Penalties, for the use of an ineligible contestant, #2.
 - a. The committee will work to define team and individual sports
 - b. The committee will bring the language to the Board in October
3. Research on the possibility of setting up a fine schedule for penalties for schools in violation of infractions that are not currently being covered by regulations was reviewed. The Committee recommends Attorney Thune reviews this issue. The Board directed the committee to continue this study
4. The pre-season practice situation with Legion Baseball overlapping with pre-season practice for the fall sports was discussed. It was recommended the wording on page 36, School Practice Sessions, addressing the requirement that the practice sessions shall be held in the immediate environment of the city or school district in which the school is located should be specific to pre-season practice. Motion by Jungling to approve the addition of the word, "Pre-Season" to the heading of this section of the regulations. Second by Jordan and carried.

Motion by Looyesen to accept the Constitution & By-Laws Committee report. Second by Sanstead and carried.

Jordan reported on the Officials Committee. The committee has discussed Article XI – Officials (page 14), Section I – the last sentence, "The Board shall designate who will be defined as major officials." Recommended to the Board for interpretation of Sections I and II as follows:

All major officials at the high school level in football, basketball, soccer, swimming & diving, wrestling, hockey, gymnastics, volleyball and baseball must register with the North Dakota High School Activities Association. The use of registered officials at the junior high level is recommended.

Major officials are interpreted as referee, umpire, field judge and head linesman in football, meet referee, starter and diving referee in swimming, referees in basketball, umpires in baseball, referees and linesmen in hockey and soccer, referee in wrestling, gymnastics judges and referee and umpire in volleyball.

Under Board regulations, all schools must use only registered officials in interscholastic contests at the high school level with member schools. The use of registered officials at the junior high level is recommended.

Motion by Maus to accept the recommended regulation. Second by Schatz and carried.

The Committee also presented an update of the NDOA items from their last Board of Directors meeting with the following:

NDOA Update:

- a) Because of a 3% cost of living increase, they are proposing a 2 ½ % increase for officials' fee schedule. There was a 4% increase last year but no increase two years ago. Sherm will mention this in his message to the membership schools in October.
- b) NDOA board asked Dave Carlsrud to study and report back in February in regards to the possibility of having sub-varsity registration available. The purpose would be an avenue for a person only wanting to work sub-varsity contests to qualify with fewer requirements than a varsity official. This again is because of the shortage of officials.
- c) NDOA proposes that high school students who are registered officials in soccer, be allowed to be Assistant Referees (AR's) at the JV level and below as the responsibilities are similar to the line judges in volleyball. At the present time they are only allowed to do sophomore level and below.
- d) NDOA proposes that another crew (3 officials) be hired for region hockey tournaments. It would avoid scheduling conflicts so same officials don't work the same team three times in the tournament. This would increase the expenses for rooms, per diem, and mileage.
- e) NDOA board goes on record as agreeing with the NDHSAA Board concerning a letter from Perry Smith regarding teams running up scores in basketball games and making a travesty of the game. If you recall, the NDHSAA feels the PRIMARY responsibility for lack of sportsmanship and integrity in relation to teams running up the scores lies with the administration of member schools, while the officials are SECONDARILY responsible.

3. NDIAAAA Proposal:

Representatives from NDIAAAA, NDHSCA, NDOA, and NDHSAA meet October 17 to discuss officials' registration in the state with emphasis on sub-varsity contests.

Motion by Maus to accept the report. Second by Stanley and carried.

The Board read a request from Supt. Dennis Fogelson of the North Dakota School for the Deaf requesting to waive the \$50 fine for non-attendance at a regional administrative meeting. Their rationale was all their programs were in a cooperative sponsorship were hosted by Devils Lake in all activities. Motion by Lyson to deny. Second by Eastgate and carried with one dissenting vote.

Staff member Carlsrud reported to the Board that Region 2 golf which was originally set to be held in the Fargo area must be moved as Fargo no longer has access to courses. Carrington has sent an invitation to host Region 2. Motion by Jordan to approve. Second by Looyesen and carried.

President Knodle reported on the Executive Board meeting that met concerning the use of an unregistered official at a soccer game. The committee finding is:

- a. Send a letter of reprimand to the Minot Public Schools for using the non-registered official.
- b. The soccer official involved in this incident is suspended from registration and officiating for two years.

The Board held audience with Dan Hodgson and Travis Kraft representing ECCI Youth services. The purpose of their appearance is to request the Board to sanction a basketball tournament which would allow Division I colleges to attend and view potential players. Currently, the dates in which they hold their annual tournament is during a time in which the NCAA Division I coaches do

not have a viewing period unless the tournament is sanctioned by the state association in which it is being hosted. Motion by Jordan to have the NDHSAA on record as approval of the ECI Spring Preview tournament to allow Division I schools to attend. Second by Maus. A roll-call vote was requested.

Maus – yes Looyesen – no Jungling – no Schatz – no Sanstead – yes
Stanley – yes Eastgate – no Duchscherer – yes Jordan – yes Lyson - yes

Motion carried, 6-4.

Lyson took over the chair as Knodle was called away from the meeting.

The Board held audience with Charles Fleming, representing the Carlisle Cereal Company. The purpose was a request to the Board to permit the promotion of a product called HomeTown Stars which is a cereal box that holds picture(s) of area teams on the box. Sanstead indicated the Promotion Committee had discussed this proposal and liked the idea of this being a one time proposal in line with the centennial celebration. The Board took no action.

The Board held audience with Prin. Michael Blue and Robert Poitra of Ojibwa Indian School. They are currently in the process of finishing their school as well as their football/track field. They are working toward a cooperative sponsorship program for football. Because of the delay, the request is to extend the September 15th deadline for the application for a football coop. This coop will assist them in starting their football program and build toward having their own program. Because Ojibwa is a new high school in North Dakota, motion by Schatz to give an extension to the end of the football season. Second by Looyesen and carried.

The Executive Secretary informed the Board a letter was sent out to member schools concerning the amendment proposal being made by Wilton High School. Also, the Board discussed the agenda for the upcoming General Assembly meeting. Two of the items were:

- a. Distinguished Student, Devany Schulz will speak
- b. Us Bank will address the membership and will possibly conduct a \$1,000 drawing to a member school. They are being encouraged to stipulate a school must be present to win.

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

The Board reviewed the following correspondence:

- a. Farmers Union Insurance
- b. A thank you note from Justin Shipman, Distinguished Student finalist

Discussion took place concerning Jungling who was appointed to a 4-year term with the National Federation, but his NDHSAA Board position becomes vacant by the end of the third year. The National Federation is researching how to allow him to stay on the NF Board of Directors for the remaining year.

Schatz asked the Board if they were aware Turtle Mountain is not going to support a varsity team for football for the 2008-2009 school year and expressed concern as to their not being able to compete. The Executive Secretary indicated TMCHS will be given an October 15th deadline to declare as to whether they will field a varsity football.

Staff member Schell presented an update on technology.

- a. On-line testing – The first testing has taken place and it did quite well. Most of the difficulty was caused by users not supplying the correct information when they create their account. There was trouble with the site losing some of the results but this was adequately handled. NFHS has assured us this will not happen again.
- b. Website – Currently looking into ideas of how to change parts of the website. Ideas were shared at the Midwest Officials Summit in Pierre, SD. A draft of a website request proposal was shared with the Board for review. Also, a proposal from Clearwired web services was reviewed.
- c. Microsoft will be traveling to Valley City to review our current system and make suggestions as to what direction the Association should take.

The Executive Secretary presented his report:

- a. A US Bank meeting is being scheduled for future sponsorship talks
- b. Farmers Union Insurance will continue their support
- c. Football, Constitution & By-Laws and Media Committees are scheduled to meet prior to the next Board meeting
- d. Red River had an ineligible soccer player and they have received the prescribed penalty.
- e. Students that had competed in a community sponsored mud volleyball tournament had sat out their prescribed 6 matches.
- f. Hardships have been investigated and rulings have been made on three with three others are pending.
- g. All financial obligations to officials that lost matches because of the Ashley/Wishek volleyball coop have been settled.
- h. The October 15th deadline will be passed prior to the next meeting of the Football Committee.

With no further business, Chairman Lyson declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheryl Solberg
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