

MINUTES
Class B District Chairperson's Meeting
9:00 A.M. – November 21, 2008
Minot Holiday Inn
(Items advanced to NDHSAA Board listed following minutes)

The Class B District Chairpersons met at 9:00 a.m. on November 21, 2008 at the Minot Holiday Inn. Chairman Ranum called the meeting to order with all districts present. Chairman Ranum welcomed the district representatives and thanked them for representing their respective districts.

Following introductions, the Executive Secretary thanked the representatives for being an important part of the process. He indicated he will be passing out information sheets to be completed by each district for the 2009 district volleyball chairperson, 2009 district volleyball site and manager, and 2009 regional volleyball site recommendations.

Chairman Ranum indicated they would hear the recommendations from each district beginning with District 1. The district representative as indicated presented their district's recommendations:

District 1-----Rick Jacobson, Wyndmere HS

1. Do not require the home school to supply a libero tracker unless the home team uses a libero. Rationale: Apparently, there are a number of schools that do not use a libero. If a visiting team uses a libero, allow that school to be the official libero tracker for that night. Although this has been an unwritten rule in the past, the representatives wished to vote this into regulations. **Voted – 16-0.**
2. Don't count the region wrestling dual matches as matches towards total matches for the year. Discussion: Carlsrud explained how the maximum number of matches had been set and holding team dual regional competition is a choice of each region but counts toward regular season limitation. Lunde indicated it is difficult to hold our athletes for this region tournament of which other sports do not have to do so. **Vote – 12-4.** After the explanation of regular season, Dist 15 Enget asked if this could be reconsidered. It was determined this will be given to the NDHSAA Board

District 2-----Brian Midthun, Enderlin HS, AD

1. Continued concerns over the NDHSAA website. Discussion: What are future plans? The recent adjustments to the website have made it much more functional.
2. Allow HS Baseball Coaches to wear appropriate coaching attire in school colors. Discussion: Remove coaches in uniform rule from ND Baseball regulations. Carlsrud indicated the coaches are to wear school identifying colors and it has not been interpreted the coach must wear the identical uniform as worn by the players. This will be addressed at the rules clinic this spring.
3. Round one of the play-offs for Division A—11-man football would be a non-region opponent. Discussion: An example of this would be Region 1 #1 vs. Region 2 #4 etc. Ath. Dir. Enget supported the recommendation as well as Dist. 8 Manley indicated their

region is also in favor of this recommendation. The Executive Secretary urged administrators to encourage communication with coaches in order to be in unison on this recommendation. **Vote – 16-0**

4. Require the two school night contest rule should be applied to all sports. Discussion: Currently the regulation does not cover all athletic activities. **Vote – 12-4.**

District 3-----Patti Aanenson, Larimore HS, AD

1. Allow consideration of an appeal process for game ejections. Discussion: This could be done through the use of a school's game tape. If the two schools agree, an athlete could possibly be reinstated. Jacobson stated this would not be in the best interest of the game. Carlsrud stated a misapplication of rules can reinstate an athlete but a judgment call would stand.
2. Possibility of changing the overtime process in football to the college rule. No votes were taken.

District 4-----Andrew Currie, Edinburg HS, Supt.

1. Move Class B Boys and Girls golf to the fall. Rationale: Course availability – it would be easier to get a course on a Saturday rather than in the spring. This would reward those athletes that play during the summer. Dist. 7 Wiberg shared concern if golf is moved to the fall, they would lose athletes as they are involved in football and volleyball. Dist. 15 Lunde also indicated cross country would be in conflict in addition to making the number offered in each season disproportionate. Dist. 3 Aanenson shared as a member of the golf course board, it is easier to obtain use of the course in the fall. **Vote – 6-10**

District 5-----Stacy Ruff, representing Norm Fries, Gackle-Streeter HS, Supt.

1. No recommendations

District 6-----Brant Dick, HMB HS, Supt.

1. One item for discussion for track, golf, music and speech, it was asked how the classification was changed from 325 to 400. The Executive secretary explained the process and indicated this is still being addressed.

District 7-----Jason Wiberg, Lakota HS, AD

1. Leave golf in the spring.
2. Shorten all seasons by one week. Discussion: From the past meeting, the districts were to go back to their members and bring back input. The recommendation is for all activities except football. Dist. 15 Enget indicated their district was unanimous by both administrators and coaches to shorten volleyball. **Vote – 1-15**
3. Allow 11-man A Division to cross region for first round of football playoffs.

District 8-----Jeff Manley, Leeds HS, Prin/AD

1. Recommend a two day Dakota Bowl rather than play at 8:00 a.m. **Vote - 15-1**
2. Recommend to keep golf in the spring.
3. Recommend to go back to aluminum bats for baseball. Discussion: Replacement costs are thought to be an issue. Dist. 2 Midthun indicated their district votes 5-1 to keep the wood bats. The techniques of bunting, running bases, etc. are being taught with the use of the wood bat rather than a high scoring game with the aluminum bats. **Vote – 2-14**
4. Concern about the sportsmanship/timing of pep chants in volleyball. Discussion: There are distractions from the opposing team during the serve. The opposing team is yelling some sort of chant when the server is preparing to serve the ball. It is felt this is solely to distract the server and may be taking away from the sportsmanship of the game. Dist. 8 Manley shared there are some actions that need to be addressed. Wiberg said volleyball is the only sport that allows this type of action. Dist. 1 Jacobson asked if this is an issue to deal with and if so, should there be some guidelines. Dist. 14 Lunde indicated this could be a point of emphasis through the administration, coaches and the NDHSAA as a point of emphasis.
5. Recommend to not have intra-region play the first round of Division A 11-man football playoffs. Cross bracket between regions in the first round instead.
6. Schedule the nine-man regular season to end on the previous Tuesday and play the first round playoffs game on a Saturday. This could be done after the next year to prevent scheduling difficulties for the 2009 season. **Vote – 16-0**

District 9-----Janet Erhardt

1. Prefer option #1 for re-districting. This is what is being discussed.
2. Interested in two B-divisions with revised districts and four regions.

District 10-----Steve Brannan, Garrison HS, Supt.

1. Recommend shortening volleyball by one week. Dist 15 Enget also suggested to shorten the season and move the championship to the weekend prior to the Dakota Bowl. **Vote – 6-10**
2. Change the distance regulation for Class B track to count the 4 x 800 meter relay as a distance event. Rationale: If there is a change, it would make it consistent. **Vote – 1-15**
3. At what point will the association consider 6-man football?
4. Is there a procedure for schools to follow to appeal the level in which they are playing in football? Will there be a formal procedure for this process?

District 11-----Steve Dick, Velva HS, Supt.

No recommendations.

District 12-----Karen Groninger, Des-Lacs Burlington HS, Prin/AD

1. Recommend no changes in redistricting for Dist. 12. Rationale: The schools in District 12 are in close proximity.
2. Freeze officials pay for at least one year. Rationale: This would allow schools need to catch up on budget issues. **Vote – 2-14**
3. District 12 discussed the use of the shot clock for basketball. What is the current discussion? Dist. 7 Wiberg stated they are concerned with the cost issue as well as with coop schools playing in more than one home gym.

District 13-----Tyler Senn, Bowman HS, AD

1. Remove junior high regulations from NDHSAA control. Aanenson indicated their district felt as long as junior high students are being moved up to play high school; the junior high rules should remain. **Vote – 2-14**

District 14-----Mitch Lunde, Beulah HS, AD

1. Three-class system: If we are going to do something, we need to go forward. Chairman Ranum gave an update the study is in the works. **Vote – 6-8**
2. Football and basketball, you can't wear arm bands but in volleyball it is being done, would like to see consistency in uniform policies. Result: It was agreed upon to have staff member Solberg send a proposal to National Federation. **Vote - 15-0**
3. The group was asked for a straw vote on the shot clock. **Vote 2-13**

District 15-----Lyne Enget, Stanley HS, AD

All recommendations have previously been covered.

1. Shorten VB season by one week.
2. Support switching of GBB/BBB start dates
3. Allowing Class A FB first round of playoffs out of region.

District 16-----Celeste Thingvold, Bowbells HS, Prin/AD

1. Volleyball coaches were opposed to 80-40 plan. If going to do something, go to three divisions.
2. Shorten the length of the volleyball season, but leave allowable matches/tournaments the same.

Chaiman Ranum thanked the members for their involvement in this process.

The Executive Secretary informed the group there are 7 items in which the vote indicated they are to be forwarded to the NDHSAA Board for consideration:

1. Do not require the home school to supply a libero tracker unless the home team uses a libero.
2. Do not count region dual matches toward the season limitation
3. Cross bracket first round in Class A football playoffs.
4. Apply the two night's per week on nights followed by a school day to all sports for uniformity.
5. Approve a two-day Dakota Bowl
6. Move toward getting the first round of 9-man on Saturday rather than Tuesday.
7. Propose recommendation to National Federation for uniform rules on arm bands.

There being no further business, Chairman Ranum declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheryl Solberg
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