

MINUTES
Annual Meeting
North Dakota High School Activities Association
October 18, 2007 - Bismarck, ND

The General Assembly of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met at the Bismarck Ramkota Inn on October 18, 2007. Prior to calling the meeting to order, President Knodle asked all members present that have served on the North Dakota High School Activities stand to allow the membership to show their appreciation.

President Knodle called the meeting to order at 4:30 and declared a quorum. Dr. Wayne Sanstead was introduced as the parliamentarian.

The Executive Secretary presented the 2007-2008 NDHSAA Distinguished Student finalist, Cam Knutson, a senior from Bismarck St. Mary's High School to address the assembly.

Motion by Supt. Kurt Eddy, New Rockford-Sheyenne to approve the minutes of the October, 2006 General Assembly. Second by Prin. Karen Groninger of Des Lacs-Burlington. Assuming a roll call vote, motion carried. Motion by Supt. Mitch Carlson, LaMoure to approve the minutes of the January, 2007 General Assembly meeting. Second by Prin. Ross Roemmich. Assuming a roll call vote, motion carried.

Supt. Steve Hall presented the nominations for the Southeast position on the NDHSAA Board of Directors. Nominated are Supt. Rick Jacobson of Wyndmere and Supt. Craig Johnson of Fairmount. With no further nominations, President Knodle indicated these two names will be placed on the ballot.

Supt. Robert Toso, Jamestown presented the nominations for the Class A At Large position on the NDHSAA Board of Directors. Nominated are Supt. Viola LaFontaine, TMCHS (Belcourt) and Supt. Steve Swiontek, Devils Lake. Recognized from the floor, Cory Lehman, Fargo South nominated Todd Olson, Grand Forks. Also from the floor, Mark Andresen, Mandan nominated Mike Heilman, Bismarck Century. President Knodle declared these four names will be placed on the ballot.

Athletic Administrator, Pat McNally, Minot presented their nominations for the Athletic Administrator position on the NDHSAA Board of Directors. Nominated are Pete Moe, Washburn and Peggy Person, Lewis & Clark. With no further nominations, President Knodle declared these two names will be placed into nomination for position on the Board of Directors.

The Executive Secretary presented a clarification of the proposed amendment to the Constitution & By-Laws: **Amend Article II, Section III**. After proposing this amendment, motion by Supt. Robert Tollefson, Washburn to approve the amendment. Second by Supt. Mike Ness, Hazen. The roll call vote of member schools present indicated Yes – 97, No – 47. President Knodle declared the motion passed.

The Executive Secretary presented for viewing a Risk video and the Phil Hanson sportsmanship video.

Tim Hennessy of US Bank presented comments on the premier partnership. Following the remarks, a drawing was made resulting in US Bank presenting to Grand Forks Central a \$1,000 cash prize to be used for their activities.

The Executive Secretary spoke to the membership on the importance of coaches' education and the National Federation on-line course that is available. Following these comments, a short video explaining the workings of this on-line course was presented.

Tim Hennessy will be coming to the Dakota Bowl to meet with the NDHSAA Board of Directors to discuss the future of the Premier Partnership contract.

Report:

1. Expressed a thank you to the membership for their attendance.
2. Publicly thank the NDHSAA staff for their contributions.
3. Introduced Brenda Schell who joined the NDHSAA staff in the technology position.
4. Announced the June 30, 2008 retirement of staff member, Robert Hetler and thanked him for 30 years of service. The replacement plan was reviewed.
5. The 2007-2008 year is the 100th year of the association. The centennial logo was designed by student, Kathryn Miller of Fargo North High School. Farmers Union Insurance presented her a \$1,000 scholarship for her contest entry.
6. A Constitution & By-Laws Committee has constantly been working with the NDHSAA attorney, Gary Thune on the rule addressing all-star competition. In January, a proposed amendment to this part will be presented to the membership for a vote. There will be a rewording of new language. The Committee is also working on language to address how to handle team sports versus individual sports in relation to penalties.
7. The NDHSAA Board of Directors has assigned the Constitution & By-Laws Committee the task of exploring a fine schedule for schools in violation of a rule. The current penalties are applied to students. A fine structure would make penalties more applicable to those involved in the violation.
8. The Board has been requested by the NDOA to approve a 4% increase to the officiating schedule with the exception of Class A basketball. This will be on a future Board agenda.
9. Last evening, representatives of the NDIAAAA, NDHSCA, NDHSAA, and the NDOA met to discuss how to address a shortage of officials at the sub-varsity level. One of the ways discussed is to set up a tiered registration schedule for those that are not interested in officiating varsity contests.
10. The Distinguished Students met the previous evening for a planning session for a program called Stay in Bounds. These students will be included in the agenda at the State Student Council Conference in December.
11. A football committee is in the process of planning for the next two-years.
 - a. On November 15, the Football Committee will meet in Valley City. With the help of the enrollment as provided by the Department of Public Instruction, the committee will put together the divisioning of football programs.
 - b. After Nov. 15, a survey will be sent to member schools
 - c. Guidelines will be developed as a result of the survey
 - d. This will be revealed at the October, 2008 General Assembly
12. Sixty-seven schools did not verify they were involved in the sportsmanship program for the current year.
13. Seventy-six schools did not respond to a request sent out to identify their school contact for sending important information to schools via e-mail. Please help by responding to these types of requests so the NDHSAA can meet school's needs.
14. Michigan has lost the season court case in the final level of courts. They not only have to move basketball from fall to winter, but must align all sports
15. There is word of a lawsuit in Kentucky that has determined their "Pay to Play" must give equal playing time to all students involved in the program.
16. Thank you to all that serve the students of North Dakota in all the various capacities. All are important to the students.

With no further business, President Knodle declared the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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

Signed: _____, President / Date: ____ / ____ / ____