

MINUTES  
North Dakota High School Activities Association  
Board of Directors  
March 9, 2007, Fargo, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met on March 9, 2007 at the Fargo Radisson Inn. President Briggs called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with all members present.

Following several additions to the agenda, President Briggs declared the agenda approved.

The minutes from the January 27, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Maus to approve as corrected. Second by Schaible and carried. The minutes from the February 13, 2007 special meeting were read. Motion by Knodle to approve. Second by Sanstead and carried.

The Executive Secretary presented the financial report. Balance sheet, savings and investment reports were reviewed. There were no tournament reports for this meeting. Motion by Duchscherer to approve. Second by Jungling and carried.

The Board reviewed requests for cooperative sponsorship dissolutions:

- a. Wing & Tuttle for boys' basketball and music, effective 2007-2008. Motion by Duchscherer to approve. Second by Maus and carried.
- b. Tuttle and Steele-Dawson in volleyball, baseball, girls' basketball, track and football effective 2007-2008. Motion by Jordan to approve. Second by Jungling and carried.
- c. Tappen and Medina for junior high girls' basketball, effective 207-2008. Motion by Jordan to approve. Second by Volesky and carried.
- d. West Fargo and Fargo North in gymnastics and girls' hockey. Motion by Volesky to approve. Second by Sanstead and carried.

Cooperative Sponsorship applications were reviewed:

- a. Surrey and TGU Granville in baseball (06-07). Motion by Lyson to approve. Second by Volesky and carried.
- b. Rugby and TGU Towner in baseball (06-07) Motion by Jordan to approve. Second by Schatz and carried.
- c. Edgeley and Kulm for boys' and girls' golf, 7-12 (06-07) with a late fee. Motion by Maus to approve. Second by Sanstead and carried.
- d. Gackle-Streeter and Medina in baseball (06-07). Motion by Sanstead to approve. Second by Knodle and carried.
- e. Gackle-Streeter and Medina in boys' and girls' golf, 7-12 (06-07) Motion by Jungling to approve. Second by Duchscherer and carried. These two coops will be known as Central Prairie.
- f. Hettinger and Richardton-Taylor in wrestling, 7-12 (07-08). Motion by Lyson to approve. Second by Sanstead and carried.

- g. Wing and Wilton in boys' basketball, 7-12 (07-08). Motion by Volesky to approve with an assignment to District 10. Second by Jordan and carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from Todd Olson, athletic director of the Grand Forks Public Schools. The letter is a request to allow a student to attend tennis events with Olympic ramifications during the 2007 high school season without loss of eligibility. Motion by Jordan to approve. Second by Sanstead and carried.

Jordan reported on behalf of the Officials Committee with these items:

- a. With Class A going to 18 minute halves, the officials are working a longer game. An adjustment of the fee schedule is requested to be considered. Varsity - \$64 and sub-varsity \$32.50. Jungling indicated the west region has been discussing this. In response to any type of increase, this may cause an increase in ticket prices or go back to two officials. Motion by Maus to increase the fees by 12 ½ % for 18 minute halves. Second by Knodle. Motion failed, 4-7. Jungling asked if there was a possible move toward some type of increase. Duchscherer indicated an officials' fee is for more than the game fee, but also for their preparation, etc. Motion by Volesky to approve a 6% increase, static for two years. Second by Sanstead. Schatz encouraged the Board to send this back to the Officials' Committee for further discussion. Motion carried with one dissenting vote.
- b. The National Federation has moved to the option for states to use on-line testing. The NDOA wishes to go on record as wanting to use on-line testing. Motion by Maus to approve. Second by Knodle and carried.
- c. Because of the lack of numbers in wrestling officials, the NDOA is asking to waive the three-year sit-out rule at the discretion of the NDHSAA. Motion by Jordan to approve. Second by Knodle.
- d. Officials would like to be allowed to use the alternate officiating top which is gray with black pinstripes for basketball and wrestling. This has been interpreted as not being a deviation of the rule. This would be allowed if all officials in an event wear the same type of shirt. Duchscherer indicated the black and white stripe shirt indicates the event officiated is a high school contest. Motion by Jordan to allow this choice of gray or striped shirt with the black and white shirt still the primary shirt. Second by Schatz. After additional discussion, motion carried with a vote of 7-4.

Lyson asked what is the policy for profanity on the basketball court. Jordan indicated any warning a team receives would be during the pre-game meeting. It is emphasized every year there is zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike conduct. The Board asked this again be emphasized to the officials.

Schaible reported on behalf of the Promotions and Programs Committee. Schaible, President Briggs and the Executive Secretary met with Ron Robson and Jackie Shaw from US Bank in Fargo on February 13<sup>th</sup> to review the progress with the centennial project and to see in what support they were interested. They were given a list with cost of project ideas and explained the plan for each item and discussed how they might work.

US Bank will contact the NDHSAA within two weeks to indicate what they would be willing to sponsor. The committee representatives will then contact Farmers Union Insurance to give them an opportunity for the remaining items.

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, US Banks asked for follow up information on the billboards and the reception. They were provided the information. The committee is still waiting for their response.

The Board was given a letter from staff member Hetler concerning his planned retirement as of June 30, 2009. President Briggs thanked Hetler for his loyalty and dedication to the NDHSAA. Motion by Jordan to accept this letter. Second by Sanstead and carried.

The Executive Secretary indicated the staff has accepted the contract offer for 2007-2008 year.

At the last meeting, the Board tabled the Class A Review request for AAA football to receive plaques for 50 players and 8 coaches. They currently receive 50 plus 1 at the present time. Motion by Schaible to deny. Second by Jungling and carried.

The Board decided generic plaques will be used to fill the need for additional awards and bill the school for any additional plaques needed during awards ceremonies as has been a past practice.

The Board reviewed the District Chair recommendations with the following results:

<b>Recommendation</b> X:made recommendation,Y:Yes, N: No (yes-no vote)	<b>Adv.</b>	<b>NDHSAA</b>
NDHSAA Board of Directors will A: approve or D: deny	<u>Com</u>	<u>Board</u>
		3/9/2007
<b>District Chair Recommendations (November 17, 2006 Meeting)</b>		
1. Recommend changing Class B regional volleyball tournament dates to Mon-Tues-Thurs	14-2	Y (10-1)
2. Provide three plaques for State Class B Golf	16-0	Y (11-0)
3. Go on record with the State Legislature supporting local school boards to set the starting date for school.	14-0	Y (11-0)
4. Support allowing contests to be held during NDEA Convention.	14-0	N (11-0)

The Board held audience with Curt Jones and Pat Johnson, SB coach from West Fargo. The purpose was to request consideration sanctioning girls' fastpitch softball. Although making a presentation, Mr. Jones requested the Board not act on this request for this meeting, but to consider this at the next meeting. This will allow a more accurate count on the schools' support on this request. Following an opportunity for the delegation to survey the schools, the Board will schedule an audience at the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was suggested by Mr. Jones if sanctioned, the activity would not be included in the team payment plan for a 3 to 5 year period. This will allow the schools to prove their intent to support this program. A question was shared if schools are currently following the school regulations for those participants. The Board was informed that schools are currently allowing club teams to represent them and are requiring them to follow the

NDHSAA regulations. The delegation will appear before the Board at the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Athletic recommendations were reviewed with the following results:

<b>Recommendation</b> X:= recommendation, Y: Yes, N: No (yes-no vote)	<b>Adv.</b>	<b>Athletic</b>	<b>NDHSAA</b>
NDHSAA Board of Directors will A: approve or D: deny	<b>Com</b>	<b>Review</b>	<b>Board</b>
		1/27/2007	3/9/2007

**Cross Country:**

No recommendations

**Boys Soccer:**

1. No recommendations

**Football:**

**9-Man**

1. No recommendations---see FB advisory minutes-developed playoff bracketing

**A Division**

1. Increase the # of players dressed for play-offs to 60	x	N (2-7)	N (0-11)
2. Play the semi-final games in the Bismarck Community Bowl	x	N (0-9)	N (0-11)
3. Play the first round of play-offs inter-region	x	N (0-9)	N (3-8)
4. Using the current play-off plan, cross-bracket in the second round of play-offs and have regions 1 & 4 in one half-bracket and 2 & 3 in the other half-bracket	x	N (0-9)	N (0-11)

**AA Division**

1. Increase the # of players dressed for play-offs to 65	x	N (2-7)	N (0-11)
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**AAA Division**

1. Increase the # of players dressed for play-offs to 65	x	N (2-7)	N (0-11)
2. Require high school width goal posts for playoff games	x	N (0-9)	N (0-11)

**Class A Girls' Golf**

1. Use USGA recommended action of exchanging scorecards between two players and keep track of each other's score.	x	N (0-9)	N (0-11)
2. Use the USGA official cards with the perforated top for the state meet.	x	Y (9-0)	Y (11-0)

**Boys' Tennis**

No recommendations

**Volleyball, Class A and B Recommendations**

1. Apply for experimental permission for Class B to have unlimited substitutions.	x	N (0-9)	N (0-11)
2. Play 5th game to 25 points.	x	N (0-9)	N (0-11)
3. Have two statisticians per team at the state tournament.	x	N (3-6)	N (0-11)
4. Team standings and records should be added to the website.	x	N (1-8)	N (0-11)
5. Adopt the following warm-up procedure for varsity	x	Y (9-0)	Y (11-0)
a. Following the JV match, set clock at 25 minutes			

- b. Start the clock upon release of JV players from end line at end of match
- c. Blow whistle to start the warm-up at 20 minutes (clock will not be stopped)

**Athletic Review Committee Recommendation**

1. Develop and utilize the same scoring procedures for fall and spring golf

x      Y (9-0)      Y (11-0)

The Board has reviewed a letter from Turtle Mountain High School registering a letter of complaint concerning incidents that took place at a basketball game at Williston. Motion by Schaible to table this issue pending an investigation by Turtle Mountain for further information. Second by Maus and carried. It was suggested there may be a need for the two schools to appear before the Board if further investigation deems necessary.

The Board reviewed a letter from Four Winds requesting they be assigned a football region in 2008. The letter is written to the Football Committee which will report to the Board at the March 16 meeting.

The Executive Secretary shared with the Board how the selection process of the All-Tournament team must be given clearance by the association to insure players demonstrating unsportsmanlike behavior in the tournament not be recognized. Schatz indicated a concern regarding when these individuals are introduced, they appear on the floor dressed inappropriately. Jungling stated the sportsmanship requirement should continue to be part of the selection process for the all-tournament team. Motion by Maus the all-tournament team not be recognized at region or state tournament teams for the 2007-2008 tournament series. Second by Schatz. Lyson shared there needs to be criteria rather than nixing. It is a recognition for students they otherwise may not receive. Motion defeated, 4-7.

The Executive Secretary presented his report:

- a. Senate Bill # 2348 held a hearing in the House Education Committee. The vote from that committee was a do not pass, 13-0. When it goes to the House floor, notification will be shared with the member schools.
- b. West Region Class A Basketball financial report has proven to be up this year.
- c. The technology position has been advertised and currently, twelve people have expressed interest.
- d. For the March 16 meeting, there is a need for the following committee meetings:
  - i. Class B Redistricting Committee – 7:30 a.m.
  - ii. Football Committee – 12:00 noon

The next regular Board meeting will be March 16, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. and the Class B District Chair meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Sanstead told the Board the Nebraska School Activities Association just experienced a situation of holding a state basketball tournament during a major snowstorm in which the association lost approximately 1 million dollars.

President Briggs declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sheryl Solberg  
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