

MINUTES

**North Dakota High School Activities Association
December 2, 2021, Valley City, ND**

President Mark Rerick called the meeting to order at 10:08 am CST on December 2, 2021.

Members present: Jordan, Schoch, Brandt, Rerick, Baxley, Clooten, Johnson, Diegel, Fridley, Jundt, Baesler via phone.

Also Present: Athletic Director Robert Conley, Assistant Athletic Director Colby Simonsen, Superintendent Lori Olson of Williston High School; Superintendent Matt Bakke, Devils Lake.

Motion by Schoch to approve the agenda, second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

September 23, 2021

Financial Reports

Balance Sheet

September 2021

October 2021

Budget

September 2021

October 2021

Savings/Investments

September 2021

October 2021

Coop Dissolutions

Minnewaukan and Four Winds in plays, 7-12, 2022-23

Lewis & Clark Berthold and Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza in baseball, 7-12, 2022-23

Lewis & Clark Berthold and Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza in boys basketball, 7-8, 2022-23

Lewis & Clark Berthold and Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza in football, 7-12, 2023-24

Lewis & Clark Berthold and Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza in boys golf, 7-12, 2022-23

Lewis & Clark Berthold and Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza in girls golf, 7-12, 2022-23

Lewis & Clark Berthold and Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza in plays, 7-12, 2022-23

Lewis & Clark Berthold and Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza in speech, 7-12, 2022-23

Lewis & Clark Berthold and Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza in volleyball, 9-12, 2022-23

Coop Applications

Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood, Westhope, and Newburg in softball, 7-12, 2021-22, late fee

Rolla and Rolette in boys basketball, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee

Rolla and Rolette in girls basketball, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee

Rolla and Rolette in volleyball, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee

Langdon, St. Alphonsus, Munich, and Edmore in softball, 7-12, 2021-22, no fee

South Prairie and Max in boys golf, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee

South Prairie and Max in girls golf, 7-12, 2022-23, late fee

Mott-Regent and Grant County in girls basketball, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee

Motion by Brandt to approve the consent agenda, Baxley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rerick provided the Executive Board report. Mohall-Lansford-Sherwood, Westhope, Newburg submitted a request for a waiver for a late coop fine in softball, recommended waiving the fine. South Prairie-Max submitted a waiver request for late coop fine in girls golf, recommended approving the coop but still enforcing the fine. Fargo Davies and Fargo South-Shanley played a hockey contest prior to the first allowable date. Executive committee submitted a letter of reprimand, allowed game results to stand, and refer adjusting the first allowable date for hockey to line up with the other winter sports to hockey coaches' advisory.

Motion by Fridley to approve executive board report as presented, second by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

Brandt provided the Finance/Personnel & Policy committee report. The committee reviewed a request from the NDDOT to change the script for their Vision Zero campaign, the committee had some concern with the verbiage in the request and will review further prior to the January meeting.

Motion by Johnson to approve reviewing the verbiage of the NDDOT request, second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Fetsch reviewed a proposal from Teal Property Group (TPG). The committee recommended authorization by the board for Fetsch to continue discussions with TPG and for him to visit with current sponsors.

Motion by Clooten to approve the Finance/Personnel & Policy committee recommendation for Fetsch to continue researching a relationship with TPG, second by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Baxley to approve Finance/Personnel & Policy report as presented Clooten. Motion carried unanimously.

Schoch provided the Realignment committee report. The committee reviewed football classification guidelines and finalized the guidelines for the 2022 season. The committee recommends adding verbiage to clarify the accruing of Success Factor points begins with the 2021 season. Brandt disagreed, pointing out teams were allowed to opt down to their current divisions based on previous season results. Johnson also disagreed, calling for consistency in enforcing the approved guidelines.

Motion by Fridley to add language to Item 9 as presented, second by Schoch. Roll call vote Baesler yes, Baxley no, Brandt no, Clooten no, Diegel no, Fridley yes, Johnson no, Jordan yes, Jundt no, Rerick no, Schoch yes. Motion failed 4-7.

Motion by Brandt to add "point accumulation begins with the 2018 season" to Item 9 in the Football Guidelines, second by Clooten. Brandt amended his motion to add clarification "beginning with the 2017 season" for Item 8 of the Football Guidelines, second by Johnson. Roll call vote Baesler yes, Baxley yes, Brandt yes, Clooten yes, Diegel yes, Fridley no, Johnson yes, Jordan no, Jundt yes, Rerick yes, Schoch no. Motion carried 8-3.

Schoch reviewed the football dates for the 2022 season. The Realignment committee recommends adjusting first allowable date so that Class A and B both start on Thursday August 4, 2022.

Motion by Jundt to accept the adjustment as proposed by the committee, second by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the 2023 football enrollments, based on Fall 2021 male enrollments as projected by DPI. Diegel questioned if the ADM would be a better measurement of enrollment when considering transient populations.

Motion by Jordan to approve the 2023 football enrollments as presented, second by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Realignment reviewed the use of QRF for seeding the 11AA and 11A football. Clooten points out that guideline 10 could counter the QRF guideline. Jundt questioned if guideline 10 is necessary any longer considering QRF accounts for the lack of benefits for playing teams outside of a team's assigned division.

Motion by Jundt to table 11AA/11A playoff qualifications pending further review until the January board meeting, second by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Reviewed Class B golf regions with no current recommended changes. Determined preliminary softball region assignments for Hazen region 4 and Langdon Area-Edmore-Munich region 2.

Motion by Baxley to approve the Realignment Committee report, second by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson provided the Constitution & By-Laws report. Johnson introduced Fetsch to review the possible language changes to Article VIII – Amateurism, stating that no action is necessary until the June board meeting. Fetsch addressed Article XIV, Section IV, adding Q & As #11 and #12 regarding Virtual Learning Academies, no action is necessary until the June meeting. Johnson reviewed adding Q & As to Article III, Section IX to address FAQs, no action required until a future meeting.

Motion by Jundt to approve Constitution & By-Laws report as presented, second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Fridley provided the Combined Tournament committee report. The Committee recommends moving all state soccer tournaments to turf fields beginning in 2022-23. The committee made changes to the Site Calendar as well as assigned athletic sites for the 2028-29 season as presented on the 7-Year Tournament Site Rotation calendar. Volleyball coaches disliked not announcing the All-Tournament Team on site at the end of the volleyball state tournament, the committee did not support returning to this, but noted that the issue will most likely be brought back up in the future.

Motion by Schoch to approve the Combined Tournament Committee report as presented, second by Brandt. Motions carried unanimously.

Jundt provided the Eligibility committee report. There was one hardship appeal on October 13, 2021, by Shiloh Christian High School, the committee denied the appeal.

Motion by Fridley to approve the Eligibility Committee report as presented, second by Baxley. Motions carried unanimously.

Jundt provided the Officials committee report. The Officials committee submitted a letter for approval of the board in response to an audience with the committee on September 23, 2021.

Motion by Schoch to approve the Officials Committee report as presented, second by Brandt. Motions carried unanimously.

Rerick provided esports Ad Hoc committee report. Rerick reviewed various phone conversations with Fenworks, stating that there has been no change since the last meeting. Recommendation is to wait until after winter esports season before any further discussion.

Motion by Jundt to approve the esports Ad Hoc Committee report as presented, second by Clouten. Motions carried unanimously.

Fletschock reviewed recommendations made by North Dakota Officials Association (NDOA). Recommendation includes a one-time 6% pay raise in 2022-23 to make up for lack of raises during COVID pandemic. NDOA also requested returning to 3-person umpire teams for State A Baseball.

Motion by Jundt to approve the NDOA requests as presented, second by Clouten. Motion carried unanimously.

Williston High School requested to be reclassified to the 11A division from 11AA in football. Schoch, Realignment Chair, stated that currently there is no way for Williston to reclassify within current football guidelines. Jundt stated that Realignment Committee should research methods to enable non-successful teams to create competitive schedules.

Motion by Brandt to deny Williston High School request to move from 11AA to 11A in football, second by Diegel. Motion carried 10-1.

Turtle Mountain Community and Beulah High Schools requested to play a non-conference football game prior to the official game start date in the 2022-23 season. This was addressed in the earlier vote to adjust the Class A football first allowable date, no action is required for this request.

Turtle Mountain Community High School requested a waiver for a student to participate in the 2021 3rd Annual Indigenous Bowl.

Motion by Jundt to approve a waiver for students to participate in the Annual Indigenous Bowl, second by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

Diegel requested that more information be provided to board members prior to meetings, particularly those that will require action by the board. Virtual committee meetings approximately two weeks prior to full board meetings were discussed.

Fetsch presented the Executive Director Report to the Board. Fetsch has had 7 hardship rulings since the last board meeting with more upcoming. He reported that Office of Civil rights dropped the complaint against NDHSAA regarding girls soccer season placement. Girls wrestling numbers are coming in, currently at 230 participants registered. This implies that there may be a significant chance for adding a Girls Dual Tournament to the state tournament this year.

Athletic Review will be at 2:00 pm CST on Wednesday January 19th in Valley City. The Board of Directors will meet on Thursday January 20th at 10:00 am CST in Valley City.

Meeting adjourned December 2, 2021, at 1:30 pm CST.

Respectfully submitted,
Nickolas Walton
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: _____