

Combined Tournament Committee
April 11, 2012
Pizza Ranch Meeting Room
Carrington, ND
10:00 A.M.

Agenda

1. Review December Meeting Notes
 - a. See attachment
2. Minot Tournament Update
 - a. Pat McNally will provide an update of room availability and prices for Minot Tournaments.
3. State Cross Country Update
 - a. Sheryl Solberg will update the committee regarding the 2013 state cross country meet.
4. State A Basketball
 - a. Discussion regarding the scheduling of semi-final games.
5. Review Tournament Ticket Prices
 - a. See attachment
6. Dickinson HS Request
 - a. See attached letter
7. Wahpeton HS Request
 - a. See attached communication
8. Passes, State Wrestling
 - a. Matt Fetsch will lead this discussion
9. General Tournament Discussion
10. Next Years' Meeting Dates
 - a. December 5, 2012 ???
 - b. April 10, 2013 ???
11. Other
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**Combined Tournament Committee
December 7, 2011
Carrington, North Dakota**

The Tournament Committee met on December 7, 2011 in Carrington. Athletic administrators present were Pat McNally, Minot; Ed Lockwood, Fargo; Curt Jones, West Fargo; Jim Roaldson, Jamestown; Todd Olson, Grand Forks; Lorell Jungling, Mandan; Jim Haussler, Bismarck. Member of the NDHSAA Board of Directors was Scott Ulland, May-Port CG, chair of the committee. NDHSAA staff in attendance included Sheryl Solberg, Matthew Fetsch and Brenda Schell. Other guests were Rob Sobolik, manager of the FargoDome, Charlie Jeske, manager of the Bismarck Civic Center and Jennifer Guidinger, Minot Convention & Visitors Bureau.

As the committee reviewed previously approved tournament sites, Haussler shared with the change of demographics, there are difficulties in the planning and hosting events. With that in mind, how do we take care of the communities that will be doing the bulk of the travel. This is an issue that will need to be addressed often in the upcoming plans. Lockwood expressed gratitude to those that helped get through the fall with the changing of venues and the cooperation of managers to help with the short amount of time to plan tournaments when sites were changed. McNally thanked the tournament managers and communities that took up the tournaments of which Minot was unable to host.

The committee was asked to review the placement of the 2012 Boys' State Swimming and Diving meet. It was stated the facility in Jamestown is unable to accommodate the number of fans according to the attendance numbers from the previous state meets. Maximum seating at the Jamestown facility is 525. At the 2011 Boys' State Meet, paid attendance was 748 not counting spectators that would be representatives of the school. Roaldson agreed we need to provide a facility that can do justice for the athletes for the state meet which would include accommodating parents and fans seating. Also there is a concern for lack of an appropriate warm-down facility as well as seating. Haussler stated this is a losing situation for Roaldson which is beyond his control. The numbers have shown the Jamestown facility cannot accommodate the numbers. Although the site needs to be moved, it is a difficult situation in which the Jamestown administration has no control. The committee felt this must be clear to the community of Jamestown. Lockwood added when Jamestown was selected as a site five years ago, attendance did not indicate the numbers to which this event has grown. Setting criteria for sites for events was discussed. Haussler stated the tournament committee and NDHSAA Board of Directors should be the group that sets criteria. Also, if the site is changed, room availability may also be an issue.

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Lockwood recommended the committee go on record endorsing the moving of the 2012 State Boys' Swimming and Diving Meet to an alternate venue with option 1 Mandan and Option 2 the Bismarck Aquatic Center moving the rotation up one year. Bismarck and Mandan would be hosting on non-legislative years. Olson second. Motion carried with Roaldson indicating a dissenting vote.

Because of damage of the golf courses in Minot, the State A Boys' Golf Tournament site must be moved. Jungling is unable to secure Prairie West as there is not availability.

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Roaldson has checked into this and the Country Club is unable to host as they still have flooding issues. The Hillcrest course is available. Also, there is the possibility of Hawk Tree. Motion by Jones the 2012 A Boys' State Golf Tournament be moved to Jamestown Hillcrest Golf Course. Haussler second. It was agreed, if the course availability is an issue, the date could be adjusted. Motion carried.

The committee discussed concerns which have been shared about the hosting of the 2012 State Cross Country meet in Dickinson. The rooming issue was discussed. Few teams would be staying the night before the meet as the start is late in the day and teams traveling gain an hour. Rooms have been blocked by the Dickinson management for this event. No action was taken.

McNally stated Minot will be able to host all but the State Girls' Tennis Tournament as the courts are in need of repair. Jennifer Guidinger of the Minot Convention & Visitors Bureau addressed concerns which are not only team rates for rooms but for parent/fan as well. Guidinger indicated she is willing to go back to Minot and attempt to secure hotel blocks for parents and fans. Charlie Jeske of the Bismarck Civic Center indicated when there is a big event in a community; it does possibly raise the room rates. Jones shared the key to securing rooms is not to go to extremes.

As the discussion concerning the Girls' State Tennis site, Roaldson shared Jamestown is looking at building a fitness center which could possibly house indoor tennis courts.

Chairman Ulland asked to hear from the venue managers and city representatives present. Jeske of the Bismarck Civic Center indicated they welcome events to Bismarck and feels Bismarck is a good fit for the Class A Boys' and Girls' State Basketball Tournament. The setup is spectator and team friendly. Wrestling has a better fit at the FargoDome with better room for wrestlers. He indicated he would be happy to visit about this. In order to properly plan securing facilities for events, he would like to see the sites planned out 7 or 8 years to avoid conflicts with trade shows, etc. that are looking that far out to secure facilities. Sobolic stated venues are about the student athletes. There are some events that need to be held in venues that are not controlled by schools. Sobolic indicated appreciation the NDHSAA has reached out to the venue managers asking them to participate in the committee discussions and to be used as a resource by the tournament committee and the NDHSAA. He expressed a wish to take steps to insure the overall experience of the student athlete is important.

The committee needs to listen to coaches and athletes and be sensitive to their concerns and needs. With some venues a better fit, maybe we need to continue talk about permanent venues. Which facilities accommodate certain tournaments the best? Encourage the Board to look at some more permanent sites. Other states are not using any rotation based plan for setting sites and are mostly using permanent sites.

Chairman Ulland asked the committee if they would like to be involved in the recommendations for permanent sites.

Lockwood stated conversation on the possibility of permanent sites has been sidelined several times with various issues. Some of the permanent sites could be Bismarck for Track & Field for instance.

Haussler shared there is political pressure from each manger's community. If there are to be permanent sites, that should be the job of the Board.

Sobolik stated it is not only good to know what event is awarded but need to know the actual date for which a facility is to be reserved. The committee was informed the Board has set dates out five years. Jeske suggested if a venue is contracted for a 3-year contract, that could help to solidify expenses, etc.

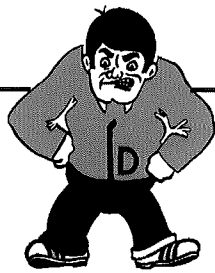
Following extensive discussion, the committee agreed there needs to be suggested sites out to and including the 2018-2019 school year. Some sites are suggested to be permanent and/or semi-permanent. The sites recommended are:

The committee meetings for the 2012-2013 year are scheduled for December 5, 2012 and April 10, 2013.

The next meeting will be April 11, 2012.

Chairman Ulland declared the meeting adjourned.

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



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February 25, 2012

To: NDHSAA Tournament Committee

From: Mark Rerick, Activities Director
Dickinson High School

Re: 2016-17, 2017-18 State Gymnastics Tournament Site

NDHSAA Tournament Committee Members,

On behalf of Dickinson High School, I would like you to re-examine the proposed sites of the state gymnastics tournaments in 2016-17 and 2017-18 and consider reassigning one of those tourneys to Dickinson. Dickinson has hosted the state gymnastics tournament in 2009 and 2012, and we feel that we provide an excellent atmosphere and venue for the tournament.

Currently, the tournament committee has proposed using Jamestown as the tournament site from 2015-2019. We believe that it's important to continue the rotating site structure in order for gymnastics to retain popularity in several North Dakota communities. Schools that sponsor gymnastics, such as Dickinson, Minot, Bismarck, and Valley City, are able to use the rotating host schedule as a method of recruiting athletes in their programs. Not having a state tournament on the schedule in the future could hurt our ability, and others, to obtain and retain quality athletes in our gymnastics program. Further, because Dickinson doesn't have the facilities to host some of the larger state tournaments like basketball, volleyball, football, etc., we relish the opportunity and ability to host state tournaments for the activities that do fit in our facilities.

I understand the current push among many schools in the east to avoid tournaments in "oil impacted areas." It is our belief that we sufficiently supported the WDA and state tournaments assigned to us in the past two years. The city of Dickinson is working ahead of the curve in many areas regarding changes as a result of oil activity. We are in the process of constructing many new hotels and housing developments and fully anticipate to continue being able to host smaller attended state tournaments, like gymnastics.

Dickinson has an excellent set-up for gymnastics and enough housing, restaurants, and other facilities to host this tournament. In addition, we have a very active and enthusiastic gymnastics club that assists in making this tournament an enjoyable experience for all participants and fans. The city of Dickinson takes great pride in the long term success of its gymnastics program and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue hosting the state gymnastics tournament.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for further information. We look forward to hearing from you regarding this tournament.

Mark Rerick, Athletic Director

Subject: State Golf

Date: Friday, March 30, 2012 8:22 AM

From: McCall Mike <Mike.McCall@sendit.nodak.edu>

To: Sherm Sylling <sherm.sylling@sendit.nodak.edu>

Sherm,

What does Wahpeton have to do to get on the Rotation for State Golf. We have Motel rooms to house it, we have a Back up Course in the Dakota Winds if there are Water Problems. We have held 2 State A Golf tournaments for Locations that were not able to Host and we took on the Host Responsibilities for the Class B Girls one time. I feel we are very capable of hosting these Tournaments with 2 very nice golf courses willing to host, yet we are never considered.

If we are not considered due to possible Flooding, I feel this is not fair. I believe this is the 2nd time Jamestown has not been able to host this meet due to course issues.

If it is because we are to far out of the way- This is not a reason either. It is not that much farther from Williston to Wahpeton as it is from GF to Dickinson. GF and Dickinson both are on the State Rotation.

I don't know what any other reasons may be, but We feel we are just as capable of running a State Golf Tournament as the Bigger Class A Schools, and we would like to be considered to be added to the State A Boys and Girls Golf Rotation.

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BASEBALL				
STATE		Daily	2 Day	3-Day
Adult		8.00	Season 16.00	Season 20.00
Student		4.00	Season 8.00	Season 10.00
BASKETBALL - B Boys' & Girls'			Adult	Adult
STATE			Unreserved	Reserved
Season Ticket (*When reserved tickets are not sold)			*30.00	38.00
Each Individual Session - (2 or More Games)			6.00	9.00
BASKETBALL - A Boys' & Girls'			Adult	Student
STATE			Unreserved	Unreserved
Tournament Ticket			30.00	15.00
Daily			12.00	6.00
REGIONALS				
West Region			Adult	Student
Play-in (1 Game)			6.00	4.00
Tournament Ticket			26.00	13.00
Daily			10.00	5.00
2 games same site			7.00	4.00
East Region			Adult	Student
Play-in (1 Game)			6.00	4.00
Tournament Ticket			26.00	13.00
Daily			10.00	5.00
2 games same site			7.00	4.00
B Regions			Adult	Student
Daily			6.00	4.00
CROSS COUNTRY			Adult	Student
STATE			6.00	4.00
FOOTBALL			Adult	Student
Pre-Quarter, Quarter & Semi- Final Games			6.00	4.00
Finals - Dakota Bowl - 1 game			8.00	5.00
Finals -Dakota Bowl - 2 or 3 games			10.00	6.00
One Day Finals - 4 games			12.00	6.00
GYMNASTICS			Adult	Student
STATE				
Tournament Ticket			18.00	8.00
Daily			10.00	5.00
REGIONS				
Daily			6.00	4.00

NDHSAA 2011-2012 Admission Prices (Continued)

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HOCKEY			Adult		Student
State Boys & Girls					
Tournament Ticket			30.00		15.00
Daily Ticket			12.00		6.00
REGIONALS			Adult		Student
Play-in			6.00		4.00
Tournament Ticket			22.00		10.00
2-Game Session			6.00		4.00
3-Game Session			7.00		5.00
SOCCER - Boys & Girls			Adult		Student
STATE					
Tournament Ticket			20.00		10.00
Daily			8.00		4.00
SOFTBALL			Daily	2 Day	3 Day
Adult			8.00	Season 16.00	Season 20.00
Student			4.00	Season 8.00	Season 10.00
SWIMMING			Adult		Student
Boys & Girls					
STATE					
Tournament Ticket			18.00		8.00
Daily			10.00		5.00
TRACK - Boys & Girls			Adult		Student
STATE					
Two Day			18.00		8.00
Daily			10.00		5.00
REGIONALS			Adult		Student
Daily			6.00		4.00
VOLLEYBALL			Adult		Student
STATE					
Tournament Ticket			30.00		15.00
Daily			12.00		6.00
REGIONALS			Adult		Student
A Play-In (one match)			6.00		4.00
Tournament Ticket			16.00		10.00
Daily			6.00		4.00
WRESTLING			Adult	Adult	Student
STATE			Unreserved	Reserved	Unreserved
Tournament Ticket			30.00	38.00	15.00
Daily			12.00	14.00	6.00
REGIONALS					
Daily			6.00		4.00



*East Region
Daily 7-5*