

MINUTES
North Dakota High School Activities Association
November 16, 2012, Bismarck, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on November 16, 2012 in Minot. President Ulland called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members present.

Upon additions to the agenda, motion by Roaldson to approve the agenda. Second by Sanstead. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was previously supplied minutes of the October 17, 2012 meeting for review. Motion by Hall to approve minutes as read. Second by Helvik. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board was previously supplied minutes of the October 31, 2012 special meeting for review. Motion by Sanstead to approve minutes as read. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Secretary presented the financial report including balance sheet, detailed budget and investment report. Motion by Olson to approve the financial report. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship dissolution requests:

- a. Wing and Kidder County in baseball, 7-12, 2012-13
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Helvik. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Leeds and Devils Lake in baseball, 7-12, 2012-13
Motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. St. Thomas and Drayton/Valley-Edinburg in boys' track, 7-12, 2012-13
Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. St. Thomas and Drayton/Valley-Edinburg in girls' track, 7-12, 2012-13
Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. St. Thomas and Drayton in volleyball, 7-12, 2013-14
Motion by Ham to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. St. Thomas and Drayton in boys' golf, 7-12, 2013-14
Motion by Ham to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. St. Thomas and Drayton in girls' golf, 7-12, 2013-14
Motion by Ham to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship applications:

- a. Washburn, Wilton, Wing in boys' cross country, 7-12, 2013-14, no fee
Motion by Hall to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Washburn, Wilton, Wing in girls' cross country, 7-12, 2013-14, no fee
Motion by Hall to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Valley Middle School GF and Manvel in JH wrestling, 7-8, 2013-14, no fee
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Sanstead. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Valley Middle School GF and Manvel in volleyball, 7-8, 2013-14, no fee
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Sanstead. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Valley Middle School GF and Manvel in gymnastics, 7-8, 2013-14, no fee
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Sanstead. Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Grafton and St. Thomas in girls' track, 7-12, 2012-13, Late Fee
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Helvik. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Grafton and St. Thomas in boys' track, 7-12, 2012-13, Late Fee
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Helvik. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Grafton and St. Thomas in volleyball, 7-12, 2013-14, No Fee
Motion by Helvik to approve. Second by Sanstead. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Grafton and St. Thomas in girls' golf, 7-12, 2013-14, No Fee
Motion by Helvik to approve. Second by Sanstead. Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Grafton and St. Thomas in boys' golf, 7-12, 2013-14, No Fee
Motion by Helvik to approve. Second by Sanstead. Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Grafton and St. Thomas in girls' cross country, 7-12, 2013-14, No Fee
Motion by Helvik to approve. Second by Sanstead. Motion carried unanimously.
- l. Grafton and St. Thomas in boys' cross country, 7-12, 2013-14, No Fee
Motion by Helvik to approve. Second by Sanstead. Motion carried unanimously.
- m. Valley Edinburg and Drayton in volleyball, 7-12, 2013-14, No Fee
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

The strategic plan draft 4 was presented and discussed. A survey of member schools indicated agreement with the goals presented. General timelines agreed upon are as follows:

- a. August or Sept.—Board approves what is to be presented to membership
- b. September—survey member schools for feedback
- c. October—make adjustments and present to membership
- d. November—final approval of strategic plan

Motion by Helvik to approve the strategic plan as presented. Second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

District Chairs Matt Herman, District 5 and Monty Mayer, District 6 appeared to request the Board consider an experiment of a new District/Region format for volleyball, girls' basketball and boys' basketball in Region 3. Region 3 would like a 2-year experiment using the proposed district/region format for volleyball and basketball. They would like to have a 6 team regional tournament. On Monday, the champions from each district would have byes and there would be two games, the 2 and 3 seeds from each district. The remainder of the tournament would be played out the same as currently being done. They believe this experiment would make the district tournament more valuable as the stakes would be higher at the district tournament. Board members are concerned by allowing this plan because of the potential of having 24 different proposals for volleyball and basketball. Board recommendation was to refer this to the tournament committee to recommend criteria for district and region tournaments and review revenue for district and region tournaments.

Motion by Helvik to table and send to the NDHSAA tournament committee with response to board by January, 2013 board meeting. Second by Martin. Roll call vote was taken. Auch – yes, Brannan – yes, Hall – yes, Ham – yes, Helvik – yes, Martin – yes, Roaldson – yes, Sanstead – yes, Wiberg – yes, Ulland – yes. (Olson absent) Motion carried unanimously.

North Dakota Army National Guard representatives Steve Schweitzer, marketing professional and Major Blazek appeared before the board with a request to allow use of military feel jerseys to incorporate community involvement, military presence & appreciation to boys' and girls' teams across the state for players use during a home game. The ND Army National Guard would provide the use of military feel uniforms at an appreciation event in all regions of Girls & Boys Class A and Class B basketball. They would like to show support of the ND Army National Guard and all military members through this activity along with this being a recruiting tool for the ND National Guard. North Dakota National Guard is a supporting partner. Board approval is necessary due to the deviation from NFHS uniform rules. All uniforms would be approved by NDHSAA staff before proceeding.

Motion by Auch to approve the use of military jerseys as presented. Second by Martin. Roll call vote was taken. Wiberg – yes, Brannan – yes, Hall – yes, Auch – yes, Ham – yes, Roaldson – yes Helvik – yes, Martin – yes, , Sanstead – yes, Ulland – yes. (Olson absent) Motion carried unanimously.

Consolidated Cable Television, located in Dickinson, ND, requested the Board reconsider tape delay rates for televising tournament games.

Motin by Helvik to deny reduced rates as suggested by Consolidated Cable Television and to follow up with a letter explaining protocol. Second by Ham. Discussion included the need to continue to protect broadcast rights to region and state tournaments. Motion carried unanimously.

NDOA recommendations, tabled at the September Board meeting were discussed. Staff member Fetsch provided a projection of what additional costs would be considering additional officials for basketball and wrestling. Rationale on Basketball and Wrestling were explained. Additional officials for basketball would allow officials to work one game per day. Additional officials for Wrestling would allow for breaks for the current officials. Officials currently work non-stop for 4-5 hours without a break. Waiving first year registration fees for new officials was discussed. Another possibility would be to rebate first year registration fees on the second year a new official registers.

The following recommendations were tabled from the September Board meeting to see if there was any member school input provided:

1. Waive the first-year registration fee for new officials
Motion by Ham to deny. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Contract three additional state basketball tournament officials and increase the sit out number to four years.
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Sanstead. Discussion involved the demands on officials when asked to work more than one game per day. Question whether this would help the shortage of officials and if we have 12 additional qualified officials. Roll call vote. Helvik – no, Roaldson – no, Sanstead – yes, Wiberg – no, Brannan – yes, Hall – yes, Ham - no, Martin – yes, Auch – no. Motion failed (4-6)
3. Contract four additional state wrestling tournament officials to serve as assistant referees.

Motion by Helvik to approve. Second by Auch. Discussion included a clarification on game fee and per diem. Roll call vote: Wiberg – yes, Brannan – yes, Hall – yes, Auch – yes, Ham – yes, Roaldson – yes, Helvik – yes, Martin – yes, Sanstead – yes, Ulland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approve a 4% fee increase for 2013-14 and lock that in through 2014-15.
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously
5. Add JV hockey rate of \$50.00 for games with 17 minute periods to the officials fee schedule. There are some schools that have 15 minute periods and some have 17 minutes. This would be consistent to be in effect 2013/14.

Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously

Media committee chair Larry Helvik, reported on committee review of the existing television contract and a progress report regarding the development of bid specifications for a new television contract. Media consultant, Stu Swartz from Minnesota was contacted by Sylling. Swartz had been out of the country and got back to Sylling last week. His charge is an upfront fee, a percentage of contracts and travel expenses as approved. Swartz is part of a company that hosts all Minnesota High School League broadcasts (www.grandstadium.tv). The committee recommendation is to continue to pursue Swartz as a consultant. Committee recommends a special board meeting in December or early January to have Swartz explain what services he could provide to the association. Swartz noted our current contract is good and we don't want to compete with the exclusivity provided in our contract. Another option would be to have the media committee meet with Swartz but it was felt the full board audience would be preferred. Recommended leave bids as they are but include a percentage of DVD sales be paid to NDHSAA and add webcast of events not covered by current contract are property of NDHSAA. It is important to maintain the exclusivity of the current contract.

The television contract time line is as follows: Specifications will be finalized by January 26, 2013, with Request for Proposal to be sent February 1, 2013. Bids will be due March 12, 2013, opened March 15, 2013 and awarded March 22, 2013. Specifications discussed by the committee were presented. Items discussed, but not limited to included length of bid, live televised coverage and webcasting. Committee will be meeting prior to the November Board meeting. Additional thoughts should be forwarded to committee members before the November meeting. The Board requested the Executive Secretary to contact Stu Swartz to set up a special media committee meeting. All board members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Motion by Sanstead to approve media committee report. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

Constitution & By-Laws Committee chair Steve Hall, provided a committee report to the Board concerning reformatting of By-Laws and continued discussion on the less than 50 Rule. Discussion was held on the elimination of the less than 50 Rule for schools having an enrollment of less than 50 and junior high participation at the high school level. The district chair vote of 8-8 on keeping the 50 Rule was discussed. ADs seemed in favor of eliminating the less than 50 Rule at the NDIAAA meeting earlier this fall. Class A Review will discuss the less than 50 Rule in December. Grade eligibility for 6th graders was also discussed. The committee made no recommendation on the less than 50 Rule until more feedback is received from Class A Review. In order to allow input from Class A Review if an amendment is proposed, it will not be until the October 2013 membership meeting. The committee is also working on the academic eligibility contained in the NDHSAA By-Laws.

Motion by Helvik to approve Constitution & By-law committee report. Second by Sanstead. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Board met and President Ulland informed the Board of penalties assessed against a member school. As a result of the special board meeting on October 31, 2012, it was brought to light that West Fargo used an ineligible student in the West Region Student Congress regular season meet. A letter of reprimand will be sent and include that additional offenses in the future would bring about stiffer penalties. The Board will direct the West Fargo Athletic Director to review eligibility with non-athletic coaches/activity advisors.

Todd Olson, District Chairs meeting chair, provided a brief overview of the District Chairs Meeting. No items received a majority vote and no items will be forwarded to the board for approval. Discussion included the 50 Rule, districts and regions and moving regional track from Saturday to Friday.

Motion by Hall to approve District Chairs committee report. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

In representative reports Auch reported he has been elected to the position of South West Director of the North Dakota Association of School Boards. Brannan was asked by the North West schools to bring to the board an issue some 9 man schools had in his region. Some districts have 10 schools, which means some schools will be required to play a Tuesday and Friday the first week of the season. All other regions have 9 teams. Any team that schedules 9 games has that problem. Creative scheduling may resolve that problem.

North East representative Ham reported some people were questioning the cost of tickets for volleyball.

South West representative Helvik voiced a suggestion in his district to have the state volleyball tournament in the Minot Auditorium instead of the Dome.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. Athletic Review in the morning and Board meeting at 1:00 pm. General Membership meeting will be held on Monday, January 28, 2013 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck.

President Ulland declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant to the Executive Secretary

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____