

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
April 23, 2013, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on April 23, 2013 in Valley City. President Ulland called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

Members present: Ulland, Olson, Auch, Roaldson, Martin, Ham, Brannan, Helvik, Hall, Wiberg, Baesler
Others present: Tom Mix, Forum Communications, Stacey Anderson, WDAY TV, Jody Norstedt, WDAY TV and Gelaine Orvik, NDHSCA

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

The Board was previously supplied minutes of the March 22, 2013 meeting for review. Motion by Brannan to approve minutes as read. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship dissolution requests:

1. Minnewaukan and Devils Lake in boys' cross country, 7-12, 2013-14
Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Minnewaukan and Devils Lake in girls' cross country, 7-12, 2013-14
Motion by Olson to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Edmore and Park River in boys' track, 7-12, 2013-14
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Edmore and Park River in girls track, 7-12, 2013-14
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Hettinger and Bowman County in boys' cross country, 7-12, 2013-14
Motion by Helvik to approve. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Hettinger and Bowman County in girls' cross country, 7-12, 2013-14
Motion by Helvik to approve. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed cooperative sponsorship applications:

1. Midkota and Kensal in volleyball, 7-12, 2013-14, late fee
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Midkota and Kensal in girls' basketball, 7-12, 2013-14, late fee
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Midkota and Kensal in boys' basketball, 7-12, 2013-14, late fee
Motion by Wiberg to approve. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Jamestown and Griggs County Central, boys' hockey, 9-12, 2013-14, no fee
Motion by Helvik to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Jamestown and Griggs County Central, girls' hockey, 7-12, 2013-14, no fee
Motion by Helvik to approve. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Hettinger, Scranton, Richardton-Taylor, Hebron, Mott-Regent, and Bison SD in wrestling, 7-12, 2013-14, no fee
Motion by Martin to approve. Second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Napoleon, Gackle-Streeter, Kidder County-Steele, and Kidder County-Tappen in wrestling 7-12, 2013-14, no fee
Motion by Ham to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Four Winds, Tate Topa, and Minnewaukan in boys' cross country, 7-12, 2013-14, late fee
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Four Winds, Tate Topa, and Minnewaukan in girls' cross country, 7-12, 2013-14, late fee
Motion by Auch to approve. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Turtle Mountain Community Schools and Dunseith in wrestling, 7-12, 2013-14, late fee
Motion by Roaldson to approve. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

The media committee presented a five year television contract with Forum Communications for Board approval. Stacey Anderson, WDAY TV addressed the group on behalf of WDAY TV and Forum Communications as Mark Prather, WDAY General Manager and Sue Eider, WDAY Television Operations Manager were not able to attend. Anderson indicated WDAY TV is happy to be back broadcasting NDHSAA events. The Board reviewed the television contract as presented. Anderson addressed any questions from the Board.

Targeted bulleted points from the March meeting were addressed.

- Language was added to include "in a timely manner" for response time for tournament management concerning ideal timelines.
- Language was added to provide copies of televised games to NDHSAA for archival purposes to include "not for re-sale. Any use by other media outlets once this contract has ended, Forum Communications Company will be given credit in any usage, television, web, etc. "
- Language was added to public service announcements to include "produce and" provide and also "and promotional" announcements.
- Language was revised concerning the streaming of games during a televised tournament game to include "NDHSAA will not allow other media outlets to televise or stream games during their broadcast. If Forum Communications is not televising a state basketball tournament game, NDHSAA will be allowed to authorize televising a regional basketball tournament game(s)."

It was noted the proposed contract contains no webcasting rights. Concern was voiced by not allowing other media outlets to televise or stream games during the broadcast of a tournament game, NDHSAA would not be allowed to stream any other games at the time of a broadcast tournament. Sylling indicated Forum Communications does not view NDHSAA as a media outlet, therefore only other media outlets would be covered by this point. Games streamed on NDHSAA would not be included. The media committee reinforced NDHSAA's streaming rights for tournaments are maintained through this agreement. If NDHSAA were to hire a media company to stream tournaments, they would be considered a media outlet. Currently the Metro Tournament Committee, Bismarck Public Schools, Minot Public Schools web stream non-broadcast tournament games and they would not be considered media outlets. The television contract as presented protects profitability for Forum Communications Company and maintains accessibility for NDHSAA. Forum Communications Company is willing to collaborate with NDHSAA on web streaming.

Motion by Helvik to accept the television contract as presented. Second by Martin. Roll Call Vote: Olson - yes, Auch - yes, Roaldson - yes, Martin - yes, Ham - yes, Brannan - yes, Helvik - yes, Hall - yes, Wiberg - yes, Baesler - yes, Ulland - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Ulland thanked the crew from Forum Communications, WDAY TV and the media committee for the positive undertaking for our association and the kids of North Dakota.

Sylling recommended moving the 2014/15 boys' soccer season one week earlier. Currently approved 2014 boys' soccer state tournament dates conflict with proposed NDCEL and NDEA conferences.

Motion by Olson to move the 2014/15 soccer season one week earlier. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Calendar dates for 2017/18 were added to the calendar previously approved through 2016-17.

Motion by Wiberg to approve proposed calendar dates for 2017/18. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Helvik, realignment committee chair provided the Board with a report concerning discussion of Class B districts and regions for basketball and volleyball. The realignment committee recommended creating a concept survey of schools for use in realignment of districts. Also discussed was the concept of a 2 year realignment plan similar to the football plan. The realignment committee may look at downsizing some regions so all regions have 14 or 15 teams. One option is to move to 8 districts with 14 or 15 teams in each district along with balancing the teams. Consensus was to allow Region 7 to conduct their current 2-year experiment with a super region and evaluate at the end of their experiment. There may be a need to rebalance districts before we have a complete overhaul of districts and regions. The committee recommends preparing a survey to send to schools before the end of school to gather information. NDHSAA staff will create the survey and obtain approval from the realignment committee before the survey is sent to schools.

Motion by Auch to approve the realignment committee report. Second by Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Auch, promotions and programs committee chair, made a recommendation to deny a Distinguished Service Award.

Motion by Helvik to approve the promotions & programs committee report. Second by Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Hall, tournament committee chair reported the actions of the Combined Tournament Committee at the April 10, 2013 meeting.

Committee recommendation to charge admission for region and state golf and tennis tournaments beginning in 2013/14 and to work with venues concerning implementation.

The ticket price recommendation similar to other sports, are as follows:

- State Golf--\$7 adults and \$4 students
- Regional Golf--\$7 adults and \$4 students
- State Tennis--\$7 adults and \$4 students
- Regional Tennis--\$7 adults and \$4 students

Motion by Martin to approve the tickets prices as presented. Second by Auch.

Discussion included the logistics of implementation and the rationale for the prices recommended. Logistics will have to be addressed with tournament managers. The ticket prices are similar to other region and state events. Tennis and golf are the only sporting events not currently charging admission. Motion carried.

Committee recommendation to make the following site changes

- 2013/14 State Girls' Tennis Tournament from Minot to Bismarck
- 2013/14 State Gymnastics Tournament from Minot to Bismarck
- 2012/13 State A Boys' Golf Tournament from Grand Forks to Hankinson

Motion by Roaldson to approve recommended site changes. Second by Helvik. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommend tournament policy manual include the requirement of fans at region and state tournaments to be in bleachers and not on the floor under baskets or volleyball end zones. Issues were created at 2012/13 region and state tournaments by having the fans too close to the court.

Motion by Helvik to approve requiring fans to be in the bleachers at region and state tournaments. Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.

The Combined Tournament Committee recommended the elimination of pre-tournament shoot-arounds and hit-arounds prior to the start of state tournaments for volleyball and basketball. This was placed on the Combined Tournament Committee agenda as per the request of prior Board action concerning a letter from an administrator at Century High School in Bismarck.

Motion by Ham to approve the elimination of shoot-arounds for basketball and pre-tournament hit-arounds for volleyball prior to the start of the state tournaments. Second by Martin. Discussion: This would eliminate all shoot-arounds and hit-arounds on Thursday, however it would allow shoot-arounds and hit-arounds after the first day of the tournament. Comments were made not all Class B coaches and athletic directors want this approved as not all Class B schools make it to region and state every year. Some schools would like to have this under local control.

Roll Call Vote: Auch - yes, Roaldson - yes, Ham - yes, Olson - yes, Brannan - yes, Martin - yes, Wiberg - yes, Helvik - no, Hall - yes, Baesler - yes, Ulland – yes. Motion carried. (10-1)

Motion by Auch to approve tournament committee report. Second by Helvik. Motion carried unanimously.

2013-14 Meeting Dates

August	7	Valley City
September	17	Valley City
October	16	Bismarck
October	17	General Assembly Meeting, Bismarck
November	22	Minot (Dist. Chr. and Board meeting)
January	25	Bismarck (Athletic Review A.M., Board P.M.)
January	27	Membership Meeting, Bismarck
March	21	Fargo (Dist. Chr. and Board meeting)
April	22	Valley City
June	11	Athletic Review Valley City
June	17-18	Valley City
June 28 - July 2		NFHS Summer Meeting—Boston

Motion by Hall to approve 2013/14 meeting dates. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter from Curt Jones, West Fargo High School requesting the Board consider moving spring tournaments later into the summer was discussed.

An email was also submitted by Curt Jones, West Fargo High School stating with the late request the likelihood of extending spring seasons this spring would be slim but has future recommendations to move the state tournament start dates for track, girls' soccer, baseball, softball and spring golf no earlier than the first Thursday in June and girls' tennis state tournament no earlier than one week before the other tournaments.

Motion by Ham to deny request to extend spring tournaments for 2012/13 and study alternatives for future changes looking for possible conflicts with facilities, coaches and other activities/functions. Second by Helvik.

Discussion:

The southwest and northeast areas are opposed to extending the 2012/13 seasons. This would have a huge impact on tournament venues, managers, workers and hosts, summer school, summer maintenance schedules, outside entities such as FFA, Boys' State, Girls' State, Governor's School, Teaching and Technology Conference, continuing education plans, and family vacations. This would put schools in a bind for contract extensions for coaches. Extending the seasons would not solve the problem created by Mother Nature.

Roll Call Vote:, Olson - yes, Auch - yes, Roaldson - yes, Martin - yes, Ham - yes, Brannan - yes, Helvik - yes, Hall - yes, Wiberg - yes, Baesler - yes, Ulland – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Wiberg provided a report of the tournament site recommendations for 2013-14. A change in the dates for the Region 2 Boys' Basketball Tournament was recommended due to a facility conflict at the Betty Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks. Date change from February 24, 25, 27, 2014 to February 24, 25, 28, 2014.

Motion by Olson to change Region Boys' basketball dates for Region 2 to February 24, 25, 28, 2014. Second by Helvik. Motion carried unanimously.

The placement of the Region 3 boys' basketball tournament was questioned. The placement of region tournaments are based on recommendations from each district. If districts do not agree on the region site, the decision is left to the NDHSAA Board.

NDSCS is the recommendation for the girls' basketball Region 1 tournament. The districts did not agree. The recommendation is to choose the larger venue.

Recommendation to hold the first two nights of the Region 6 Girls' Basketball Tournament at the Minot Auditorium with the championship night at Minot High School due to a conflict with the State A Boys' & Girls' State tourney.

Motion by Martin to approve moving third night of the Region 6 Girls' Basketball Tournament to Minot High School (March 13, 2014). Second by Auch. Motion carried unanimously.

The Region 5 volleyball tournament received two invitations. The more centrally located location is recommended.

Motion by Brannan to approve the tournament committee report. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration was requested to approve Fine Arts sites as proposed below.

2013/14 - 2016/17 NDHSAA State Fine Arts Sites:				
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
State B Plays	Jamestown College	Jamestown College	Jamestown College	Jamestown College
State Debate	Fargo-Metro Schools	Fargo-Metro Schools	Fargo-Metro Schools	Fargo-Metro Schools
State A Plays	NDSU	LRSC	LRSC	LRSC
State A Speech	Jamestown HS	Jamestown HS	Jamestown HS	Jamestown HS
State A Music	Jamestown College	VCSU	Jamestown College	Jamestown College
State B Speech	Mandan HS	Mandan HS	Mandan HS	Mandan HS
State B Music	BSC	BSC	Minot State University	Minot State University

Motion by Wiberg to approve fine arts sites as proposed. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.

Central Cass High School requested a waiver of a speech regulation. By regulation, students are limited to the number of events they may qualify for at the state meet. The regulation also states even if a student pre-qualifies for a category, the student must participate in the category they pre-qualified in at the region meet. Casselton had a student that pre-qualified for a category and did not enter the same category he/she pre-qualified in for region speech.

Motion by Martin to deny request made by Central Cass High School to allow a waiver of the speech regulations. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon analysis of MVP and NDHSAA websites by the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Brian Bolitho, AIA Director of Business Media and Jason Urasky, AIA programmer, recommended a remake of the NDHSAA and MVP websites with a common code base for the NDHSAA to manage and control. This opportunity would allow the NDHSAA to start with a modern framework allowing easier management and user interface. As previously directed by the Board, Sylling met with the Arizona Executive Director to contract for services to aid in the creation of a website redesign. AIA will charge us a maximum flat fee of \$27,500 to develop what we need. Maintenance costs would be agreed upon at completion. NDHSAA staff will determine what is needed and identify domain names. The plan includes a minimum of two websites. What is maintained on each site will be determined by collaboration with NDHSAA staff and AIA programmers. This is in line with our Strategic Plan. If the need is there, money can be obtained out of our reserves. AIA was confident a revision could be realized by August 1, 2013.

Motion by Auch to approve agreement with the Arizona Interscholastic Association for \$27,500 to re-develop the NDHSAA websites. Second by Ham. Motion carried unanimously.

Board correspondence included a letter from Sue DuBois regarding state boys' and girls' basketball tournaments.

In representative reports:

- Martin would like to invite ND Special Olympics to a future Board meeting to discuss the letter received in October concerning inclusion of special education students into sports and activities.
- Ham would like to see conversations regarding summer coaching and the definition of what constitutes a camp.
- Baelser indicated Senate Bill 2320 passed changing law enforcement reporting to schools of other offenses, specifically sexual offenses, from a "may report" to a "shall report". Law enforcement must now report sexual offense charges to schools. Century Code (12.1-32-15) Recommendation to refer to the Constitution & By-Laws committee.
- Brannan commented the northwest region suggested it is time for girls' and boys' Class B golf to move to the fall.
- Olson questioned why we are in the business of dictating what is done in schools in June and July. Suggested NDHSAA take a serious look at summer regulations.

Executive Secretary's Report

- AIG issued a catastrophic insurance refund for 2009/10 of \$10,183.35. If claims are down, NDHSAA receives a rebate and the claims were lower in 2009/10. NDHSAA also received a refund from NDIRF for \$2,748.
- A letter was sent to a school concerning sportsmanship at a state tournament. The school responded by thanking NDHSAA for the letter. This letter will assist them in implementing the changes needed. No recommended changes in action by the Board will indicate acceptance.
- Allegations of racial slurs at the State B Girls' Tournament were reported. Sylling contacted schools involved requesting investigation into the allegations. Upon Sylling's request, both schools conducted investigations including phone conversation with the Superintendent from the other school, email statement from tournament managers, conversations with tournament

workers. As a result of the investigation, there was no proof of racial slurs coming from the current student body of the schools implicated.

- Sylling will be receiving a request from a member school to investigate an allegation of the use of an ineligible player by another member school.

- NFHS Network report.
 - NFHS Network is a webcasting network patterned after the Big 10 Network. NFHS is requesting NDHSAA allow Tier 2 rights to the NFHS Network. That would include webstreaming of anything not covered by the NDHSAA television contract. NFHS Network was approved by the NFHS Board, providing 26 states initially sign on. The NFHS Network would gain 30% of revenues from sponsorship and 70% of revenues from subscriptions. NDHSAA would receive an annual rights payment of \$35,000 for years one through three. After years one through three there would be a percentage of the entire contract based on a previously agreed upon formula.
 - The NFHS Network contract would be with Play-on Sports. A limited liability corporation is being formed made up of state associations and the NFHS. Legal review of those documents will be completed by each state before finalization. This would fit into the NDHSAA strategic plan. Final approval for NDHSAA to join the NFHS Network will be on the June agenda. Contracts will be reviewed by legal counsel before presentation to the Board.
 - NDHSAA would retain rights to any events not chosen to be put into the NFHS Network

Next Meeting June 18-19, 2013 in the Valley City Office with retirement supper held on June 18th.

President Ulland declared the meeting adjourned at 12:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant to the Executive Secretary

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____