

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
January 26, 2015, Bismarck, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on January 26, 2015 in Bismarck. President Hall called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members present: Wiberg, Hall, Bertsch, Brannan, Martin, Rinas, Stedman, Roaldson, Dahlen, Manley

Members absent: Baesler

Upon additions to the agenda, motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously. Upon additions to the consent agenda, motion by Stedman to approve. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent agenda items:

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. November 21, 2014
- b. Financial Report
 - (1) Balance sheet
 - a. October 2014
 - b. November 2014
 - (2) Budget
 - (3) Savings/investments
 - a. October 2014
 - b. November 2014
 - (4) Fall Sports Financial Report
- c. Coop Dissolutions
 - (1) South Prairie and Minot in boys' cross country, 7-8, 2015-16
 - (2) South Prairie and Minot in girls' cross country, 7-8, 2015-16
 - (3) South Prairie and Minot in boys' golf, 7-8, 2015-16
 - (4) South Prairie and Minot in girls' golf, 7-8, 2015-16
 - (5) South Prairie and Minot in boys' soccer, 7-8, 2015-16
 - (6) South Prairie and Minot in girls' soccer, 7-8, 2015-16
 - (7) South Prairie and Minot in boys' tennis, 7-8, 2015-16
 - (8) South Prairie and Minot in girls' tennis, 7-8, 2015-16
 - (9) South Prairie and Minot in boys' track and field, 7-8, 2015-16
 - (10) South Prairie and Minot in girls' track and field, 7-8, 2015-16
- d. Coop Applications
 - (1) Max, Garrison, and White Shield in baseball, 7-12, 2014-15, no fee

President Hall reported on executive board committee actions.

- (a) Request for coop application between South Prairie and Bishop Ryan in softball, 7-8, 2014-15, no fee, Request denied due to application received after deadline.
- (b) Lisbon High School self-reported a violation of basketball regulation. Teams participating in a C squad tournament did not wait one hour between games as required by regulation. Letter of reprimand for the schools involved (Lisbon, Central Cass, LaMoure, Valley City).

Motion by Rinas to approve executive committee report. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

Constitution & By-Laws committee chair, Steve Hall, reported to the Board concerning Board interpretation on enrollment count date and the proposed academic eligibility By-Law amendment to Part II: Article XIV - Section IV, Section V and Section VIII of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws and Part IV: Article III, Section XI of the NDHSAA Jr. High and 7th and 8th Grade By-Laws. This proposed amendment is aligned with the goals of our Strategic Plan. If passed, interpretations will need to be

addressed. In November, Watford City requested a Board of Directors determination as to what date the student enrollment count would be used for determining classification. The deadline for schools to report fall enrollment to the ND Department of Instruction is September 10th. ND DPI requires an additional report in November or December that may have more accurate numbers. The committee will do additional research to see if a later report would be feasible to use for enrollment counts. The committee agreed the same enrollment numbers should be used in determining the football plan and school classification. When the decision is made as to what report to use, this will become Board interpretation. The committee will bring this back to the Board at a later date upon completing research to the availability of different reports. Baesler indicated there is discussion at the legislative session concerning the eligibility of students charged with a felony. Baesler brought this issue to the committee with a request to research the issue in the future before it becomes mandated by the legislature.

Motion by Martin to approve Constitution & By-Laws committee report. Second by Roaldson. Motion carried unanimously.

Tournament committee chair Hall reported state tournament site recommendations for 2015-16 through 2021-22 and region sites for 2015-16

(1) Tournament sites changes include:

- (a) 2015-16
 - i. A Softball – move from Grand Forks to Jamestown
 - ii. B Softball – move from Grand Forks to Fargo
- (b) 2016-17
 - i. B Girls' Basketball – move from Minot to Grand Forks
 - ii. B Boys' Basketball – move from Fargo to Minot
 - iii. A Softball – move from West Fargo to Mandan
 - iv. B Softball – move from West Fargo to Jamestown
- (c) 2017-18
 - i. Boys' Tennis – move from Fargo to Grand Forks
 - ii. Girls' Swimming – move from Mandan to Bismarck
 - iii. Volleyball – move from Minot to Fargo
 - iv. B Girls' Basketball – move from Grand Forks to Minot
 - v. Boys' Swimming – move from Mandan to Bismarck
 - vi. A Basketball – move from Bismarck to Fargo
 - vii. B Boys' Basketball – move from Minot to Bismarck
 - viii. A Softball – move from Jamestown to Fargo
 - ix. B Softball – move from Jamestown to Mandan
- (d) 2018-19
 - i. Boys' Tennis – move from Bismarck to Grand Forks
 - ii. B Boys' Basketball – move from Fargo to Minot
 - iii. Girls' Tennis – move from Minot to Grand Forks
 - iv. A Baseball – move from Jamestown to Minot
 - v. B Softball – move from Minot to Fargo
- (e) 2019-20
 - i. Girls' Swimming – move from Grand Forks to Bismarck
 - ii. Boys' Swimming – move from Grand Forks to Bismarck
 - iii. Girls' Tennis – move from Fargo to Grand Forks
 - iv. A Softball – move from West Fargo to Mandan
 - v. B Softball – move from West Fargo to Jamestown
- (f) 2020-21
 - i. A Softball – move from Jamestown to Mandan
 - ii. B Softball – move from Jamestown to Fargo

(g) 2021-22

NHDSAA	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	Proposed
Activity	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
"A" Girls Golf	Fargo	Mandan	Grand Forks	Jamestown	Wahpeton	Minot	Fargo
Boys Tennis	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Grand Forks
Boys Soccer	Mandan	Fargo	Jamestown	Grand Forks	Mandan	Fargo	Jamestown
Cross Country	Grand Forks	Jamestown	Valley City	Bismarck	Minot	Dickinson	Valley City
Girls Swimming	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck
Football	Fargo	Fargo	Fargo	Fargo	Fargo	Fargo	Fargo
Volleyball	Minot	Fargo	Fargo	Minot	Minot	Fargo	Fargo
Wrestling	Fargo	Fargo	Fargo	Fargo	Fargo	Fargo	Fargo
Gymnastics	Jamestown	Dickinson	Jamestown	Jamestown	Jamestown	Dickinson	Minot
Boys & Girls Hockey	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Grand Forks
"B" Girls' Basketball	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Minot	Minot	Grand Forks	Minot	Grand Forks
Boys Swimming	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck
"A" G & B Basketball	Bismarck	Bismarck	Fargo	Bismarck	Fargo	Bismarck	Fargo
"B" Boys' Basketball	Minot	Minot	Bismarck	Minot	Bismarck	Fargo	Bismarck
Girls Tennis	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Grand Forks
Track	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck
"B" Golf	Carrington	Mandan	Fargo	Jamestown	Carrington	Minot	Wahpeton
	Jamestown	Bismarck	Oxbow	Carrington	Jamestown	Minot	Wahpeton
"B" Baseball/ Softball	Fargo	Jamestown	Mandan	Fargo	Jamestown	Mandan	Minot
"A" Baseball/ Softball	Jamestown	Mandan	Fargo	Minot	Mandan	Fargo	Grand Forks
Girls Soccer	Mandan	Fargo	Bismarck	Jamestown	Grand Forks	Mandan	Fargo
"A" Boys Golf	Minot	Grand Forks	Dickinson	Fargo	Mandan	Wahpeton	Mandan
Proposed changes in sites are highlighted red							
New recommended sites are in Red BOLD							

Motion by Wiberg to approve state tournament site changes for 2015-16 through 2020-21 and add approved sites for 2021-22. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

Fall 2015 Region site recommendations.

GOLF - Girls A

Regions

East	Fargo
West	Bismarck

TENNIS - Boys**Regions**

East	Fargo
West	Bismarck

VOLLEYBALL**Regions - Class B**

Region 1	Enderlin
Region 2	Grafton
Region 3	Napoleon
Region 4	Devils Lake
Region 5	Shiloh
Region 6	Minot Audi
Region 7	Dickinson Trinity
Region 8	Ray

VOLLEYBALL**Regions - Class A**

East	Grand Forks Central
West	Bismarck

State A & B	Minot
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Motion by Martin to approve region tournament sites. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

The tournament committee recommended elimination of admission fees at region golf meets beginning Spring, 2015. Charging admission at region meets was not profitable. The cost of paying a ticket taker was higher than the admission fees received.

Motion by Roaldson to discontinue charging admission for A & B region golf meets. Second by Stedman. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance/Personnel Committee Report was given by committee chair, Brad Rinas.

Staff salary recommendations for 2015-16 included a 4% increase for professional staff with the exception of Fetsch and Morast who are in 2 year contracts. Hourly personnel would also be offered a 4% increase with a breakdown of \$.75 increase for Patty & Sue and \$.95 increase for Sharon. The varying amounts of increase will reduce the range of wages for hourly staff.

Motion by Manley to approve 4% salary increase for professional staff with the exception of Fetsch and Morast who are in 2-year contracts and offer hourly personnel a 4% wage increase with a breakdown of \$.75 increase for Patty & Sue and \$.95 increase for Sharon. Second by Stedman.

Brannan questioned whether 4% was enough of an increase for staff. Brannan indicated the NDHSAA staff does an exemplary job and questioned if a 4% increase was enough to retain current staff. Dahlen questioned what NDHSAA salaries are in comparison to school districts. Brannan believes the salaries are low in comparison. Consensus was to gather more information on comparison to schools in North Dakota and with other state associations.

Manley rescinded his motion. Second rescinded by Stedman. Redirect staff salary recommendations back to Finance and Personnel Committee for further review and action at the March Board meeting.

Rinas provided information on bids for the NDHSAA calendar and the NDHSAA Member School Directory. NDHSAA received an offer for a 3-year calendar bid extension from WRP Inc., Moorhead, MN for the current price of \$2,944 per year for 3 years. NDHSAA received an offer for a 2-year Member School Directory contract extension from Valley Officeworks for the current price of \$2,824 for the first year and \$2,908 the second year of the contract. Bubach informed the Board that advertising is sold in the Member School Directory which recoups some if not all of the costs of production.

Motion by Wiberg to approve calendar and directory bid extensions as proposed. Second by Dahlen. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Wiberg, media committee chair, provided a report regarding the creation of region and state volleyball and wrestling radio broadcast fees. Recommendation to create region and state volleyball radio broadcast fees using the same fee structure as basketball and hockey as follows:

Regional Contests

- a. \$10.00 per game
- b. \$20.00 final game only
- c. \$75.00 complete tournament

State Contests

- a. \$30.00 per game (if less than 8 games)
- b. \$50.00 final game only
- c. \$200.00 complete tournament (minimum 8 games)

Motion by Roaldson to place the region and state volleyball tournament broadcast rates at the same level as boys' and girls' basketball and hockey. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee recommended additional research concerning the wrestling radio broadcast fees.

Steve Brannan, canvassing committee member provided a tally of votes for the NDHSAA Board representative positions of Class A West and Class B Northwest. Class B Northwest: Ben Schafer – 77 votes, Dave Schock – 62 votes; Class A West: Mark Vollmer - 126 votes

Motion by Martin to approve canvassing committee report. Second by Bertsch. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board will report the election results to member schools at the general membership meeting on January 27, 2015.

Brad Rinas, realignment committee chair, provided recommendations to the Board regarding placement of Ray and Heart River (South Heart/Belfield) into softball regions.

Recommend placing Ray and Heart River in west region and balance how many teams qualify for the State Class B Softball Tournament from each region to four teams from the east and four teams from the west instead of five teams from the east and three teams from the west.

Motion by Manley to approve realignment committee report. Second by Brannan. Motion carried unanimously.

District Chair Recommendations

	Adv.	Athletic	NDHSAA
	Com	Review	Board
		1/14/2015	1/26/2015

District Chair Recommendations--November 21, 2014--Minot			
1. Request the NFHS to move the Fall online testing windows earlier	14-2		0-10 (N)
2. Require statewide competitor numbers for cross country	11-3		0-10 (N)
3. Require statewide competitor numbers for track and field	11-3		0-10 (N)
Athletic Review			
	Adv.	Athletic	NDHSAA
	Com	Review	Board
		1/14/2015	1/26/2015
Cross Country:			
1. Set start times for the State Meet at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm	x	0-10 (N)	0-10 (N)
Boys Soccer:			
1. Provide six game balls for the state soccer tournament	x	9-1 (Y)	10-0 (Y)
Football:			
AAA			
No recommendations			
AA			
No recommendations			
A			
No recommendations			
9-Man			
1. 9-man playoff bracket for 2015 and 2016 (see advisory notes)	x	10-0 (Y)	10-0 (Y)
All Football Divisions			
1. Eliminate the regulation stating "visiting team shall be opposite home fans' primary seating area"	x	10-0 (Y)	10-0 (Y)
2. Institute contact practice regulations (see below)	x	10-0 (Y)	10-0 (Y)
Class A Girls' Golf:			
1. Change the number of qualifying teams from top 2/3 at region meet to top six teams at region meet.	x	10-0 (Y)	9-0 (Y)
Boys' Tennis:			
1. Change the 9 daily practice requirement to 7 daily practices	x	0-10 (N)	0-10 (N)
2. For team-day court assignments, the East #1 seed shall be assigned the indoor courts if used in even years and the West #1 seed shall be assigned the indoor courts if used in odd years.	x	10-0 (Y)	10-0 (Y)
Volleyball:			
Class A			
1. Reinstate pre-tournament hit-arounds	x	8-2 (Y)	9-1 (Y)
Class B			
No recommendations			
Athletic Review Recommendations			
3 hour window between start times of the A & B State Cross Country Meets with start times to be decided by the tournament management and the NDHSAA office.		10-0 (Y)	10-0 (Y)

Football Contact Practice Regulations

DEFINITION OF CONTACT PRACTICE:

- Contact Practice:
 - Drill or scrimmage is run in game like conditions and is the only time that players are taken to the ground.
 - Drill is run at assigned speed through the moment of contact.

- Restricted Contact/Non Contact:
 - Teaching safe and proper techniques (block, shed, tackle) involving shoulder pads, and wearing helmets for protection.
 - Contact above the hips only with hands, shoulders and chest
 - Keep the head out.
 - Use quick whistle; no gang tackling or cut blocking/low tackling.
 - Players stay on their feet when involved with contact.
 - Drill is run at assigned speed until the moment of contact.
 - Drill is run against a bag or another soft contact surface.

PRESEASON:

- A maximum of four **Contact Practices** per week, with unlimited **Restricted Contact/Non Contact** practices per week. **Contact Practices** are only allowed once a day on days with two practice sessions.
- These regulations are in addition to the prior preseason regulation: The first three days for each individual are for conditioning and while shoulder pads and helmets can be worn, there shall be no inter-player contact.

INSEASON:

- A maximum of two **Contact Practices** per calendar week.

The Board reviewed the Class A Review meeting notes.

Jason Wiberg, Devils Lake High School AD presented a request to allow basketball participation one day early in order to fill out the brackets for the Lake Region Girls' Basketball Tournament in December of 2015. They will have 9 practices in before the beginning of the tournament.

Motion by Brannan to approve. Second by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from Randy Johnson, Hazen Athletic Director, on behalf of Region VII schools to extend the approved 2-year super-region format indefinitely.

Motion by Rinas to approve the Region VII request to extend the super-region format indefinitely. Second by Wiberg. Motion carried unanimously.

The general membership meeting agenda was discussed. President Hall will chair the meeting. The meeting start time has been moved to 8:00 am on January 27, 2015 due to a scheduling conflict with a NDASA breakfast meeting with the state legislators.

The Board reviewed Board correspondence including a letter from Kindred High School administration regarding the appeal of a student's eligibility that was reviewed by the Board at their November 2014 meeting. An additional letter included in Board packets from another Kindred High School staff member was also reviewed.

Representative Reports

Rinas informed the Board they are investigating moving to a super-region format and questioned staff as to the specifics concerning the super-region tournaments around the state.

Roaldson reported patrons question NDHSAA allowing coops within larger Class A schools. There is some public perception that some schools are using the coops for a competitive advantage rather than a participation opportunity.

Manley's area is concerned with the decline of girls' basketball participation in general. A possible solution suggested was to shorten the volleyball season. There is also talk in his area of putting together a 3-division football plan for the Board to consider for the 2017 & 2018 football plan.

Executive Director's Report

1. NFHS Network Fall Report – The week of state volleyball, North Dakota was 10th in the country as far as visits to the NFHS Network. There are currently 44 states in NFHS Network. North Dakota referred 7,000 visitors to the NFHS Network site resulting in 506 new subscriptions during the fall season. NDHSAA NOW was the 10th highest referral site to the NFHS Network on the fall report.
2. NFHS Winter Meeting Report: The meeting was dominated by talk of a class action lawsuit against the Illinois Association from a former football player in regard to concussion management. Illinois and their attorneys drafted a common interest agreement with the request that all other states join in this agreement. Executive Director Fetsch forwarded the agreement to NDHSAA legal counsel for review and suggestions. There may be a conference call board meeting before the March board meeting to discuss participating in the common interest agreement. NFHS PSAs were received by Fetsch at the winter meeting and were sent to all media outlets in North Dakota.
3. NDHSAA introduced a Local Officials Program on January 12, 2015 to help our member schools in areas where there is a shortage of officials. The new program now has 15 new officials.
4. A sign-up sheet for winter state tournament award presenters was passed.
5. The boys and girls' Class B basketball seeding will be broadcast live on state television.
6. The NFHS Summer Meeting was discussed. The meeting will be held in New Orleans June 28 through July 2, 2015. Fetsch will need to know in March if Board members and spouses are planning on attending.

The next regularly scheduled NDHSAA Board meeting will be held March 20, 2015 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck with Class B District Chairs beginning at 9:00 am, realignment committee at 11:00 am and the NDHSAA Board of Directors meeting beginning at 1:00 pm.

President Hall declared the meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____