

MINUTES

North Dakota High School Activities Association

April 2, 2019, Valley City, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on April 2, 2019 in Valley City. President Schafer called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Members present: Privratsky, Schafer, Sorlie, Baxley, Vollmer, Strand, Rerick, Brandt, Carlson, Jordan

Members absent: Baesler

Motion by Jordan to approve the agenda. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon removing the Jamestown and Litchville-Marion coop in boys swimming & diving, motion by Vollmer to approve the consent agenda. Second by Privratsky. Motion carried unanimously.

Jamestown and Litchville-Marion will re-submit a request for girls swimming & diving coop instead of boys swimming & diving coop.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 17, 2019
2. Financial Report
 - a. Balance sheet
 - i. January 2019
 - ii. February 2019
 - b. Budget
 - i. January 2019
 - ii. February 2019
 - c. Savings/investments
 - i. January 2019
 - ii. February 2019
 - d. Fall Sports Financial Report
3. Coop Dissolutions
 - a. Dickinson and Bismarck Public Schools in boys soccer, 9-12, 2019-20
4. Coop Applications
 - a. May-Port-CG and Thompson in boys hockey, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee
 - b. Harvey and Maddock in wrestling, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee

Executive Board chair, Ben Schafer, reported on committee actions.

1. School violations
 1. St. John High School self-reported allowing a sixth-grade student to participate in a varsity meet. Prescribed penalty was administered with a letter of reprimand and forfeiture of contests in which the ineligible student participated
 2. Mandaree High School self-reported use of an ineligible participant in boys basketball. Prescribed penalty was administered with a letter of reprimand and forfeiture of games in which the ineligible student participated
 3. Watford City High School self-reported use of an ineligible participant in wrestling. Prescribed penalty was administered with a letter of reprimand and forfeiture of matches/meets in which the ineligible student participated
 4. Milnor High School self-reported attending a speech meet within seven days of region meet. Prescribed penalty was administered with a letter of reprimand and forfeiture of meet
2. Coop reclassifications
 1. Solen High School and Standing Rock High School had Fort Yates added to their softball coop.
 2. New Salem-Almont High School requested a change to the grade configuration of their football coop. They currently have a grade 9-12 coop which began in 2003. They have, however been operating under the understanding they were in a grade 7-12 coop. They requested a change to 7-12 coop and the Executive Board approved their request.

Motion by Jordan to approve the executive board report. Second by Strand. Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Schafer, Football Committee Chair, provided a recommended timeline for the 2021 and 2022 football plan.

NDHSAA Football Plan for 2021 and 2022 Seasons

September 26, 2019	Finalize survey for member schools
September 27, 2019	Survey sent to member schools
October 18, 2019	Survey results shared with membership
January 16, 2020	Complete guidelines
January 17, 2020	Guidelines sent to member schools
April 1, 2020	Send out preliminary division assignments and request feedback
June 1, 2020	All requests for football coop dissolutions due
September 15, 2020	Deadline for new football cooperative agreements
September 17, 2020	Deadline for requests to field an independent 6-man team
September 17, 2020	Deadline for requests to move up a division
September 18, 2020	Football Committee meets & finalizes recommended plan
September 21, 2020	Preliminary region assignments sent to member schools
September 24, 2020	Board addresses coop applications & finalizes plan
September 25, 2020	Final plan sent to member schools

Motion by Vollmer to approve the football committee report. Second by Baxley. Motion carried unanimously.

Fetsch, provided recommendations from the Combined Tournament Committee

Change in ticket prices as follows:

- Football:
 - Change One Day Finals - 4 games
 - Adult \$14.50 - Student \$6.50
- Hockey:
 - Add to East Region:
 - Daily (Friday, Saturday) Adult \$10.00 – Student \$5
 - Add to West Region:
 - Daily (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) Adult \$10.00 – Student \$5
 - Remove from West Region:
 - 2 games same site

Motion by Vollmer to approve ticket price changes as recommended. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommended site changes:

- Gymnastics:
 - Move 2019-20 from Jamestown to Dickinson
 - Move 2020-21 from Dickinson to Jamestown
- Class B Girls Basketball
 - Move 2019-20 from Minot to Grand Forks
 - Move 2020-21 from Grand Forks to Minot

Motion by Jordan to approve recommended site changes. Second by Baxley. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommended the following State Track Meet pass allotment change:

New Method

Level 1: 1-2 athletes – 1 coach/1 student manager
 Level 2: 3-8 athletes – 2 coach /1 student manager
 Level 3: 9-14 athletes – 3 coach/2 student manager
 Level 4: 15-20 athletes – 4 coach/2 student manager
 Level 5: 21-29 athletes – 5 coach/2 student manager
 Level 6: 30 or more athletes – 6 coach/2 student manager

New Method

Level 1: 47 teams 47 coach/47 student manger
 Level 2: 76 teams 152 coach/76 student manager
 Level 3: 35 teams 105 coach/70 student manager
 Level 4: 10 teams 40 coach/20 student manager

Old Method

Level 1: 1-5 athletes – 1 coach/1 student manager
 Level 2: 6-10 athletes – 2 coach/2 student manager
 Level 3: 11-15 athletes – 3 coach/2 student manager
 Level 4: 16 or more athletes – 4 coach/2 student manager

Old Method

Level 1: 89 teams 89 Coach/89 student manager
 Level 2: 48 teams 96 coach/96 student manager
 Level 3: 24 teams 72 coach/48 student manager
 Level 4: 14 teams 64 coach/28 student manger

Level 5: 6 teams 30 coach/12 student manager

Level 6: 9 teams 54 coach/18 student manager

Totals: 428 coach/243 student managers

Totals: 321 coach/261 student managers

About **107** more coaches and **18** less student manager passes with new method.

Motion by Baxley to approve the Combined Tournament Committee report. Second by Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

Travis Jordan, Tournament Committee Chair, provided recommendations for 2020 winter region tournament sites and Fine Arts State Contest sites for future years as listed below.

BASKETBALL - Girls

Region 1	February 24-25-27, 2020	SCHEELS Center in the Sanford Health Athletic Complex
Region 2	February 24-25-27, 2020	Grand Forks Betty Engelstad Sioux Center
Region 3	February 24-25-27, 2020	Jamestown Civic Center
Region 4	February 24-25-27, 2020	Devils Lake
Region 5	February 24-25-27, 2020	Mandan High School
Region 6	February 24-25-27, 2020	Minot Auditorium
Region 7	February 24-25-27, 2020	Dickinson Trinity
Region 8	February 24-25-27, 2020	Ray

BASKETBALL - Boys & Girls Combined - Class A

East Region - Boys	March 3-5-6-7, 2020	Fargo
East Region - Girls	March 3-5-6-7, 2020	Fargo
West Region	March 5-6-7, 2020	Bismarck

BASKETBALL - Boys

Region 1	March 9-10-12, 2020	NDSCS
Region 2	March 9-10-12, 2020	Grand Forks Betty Engelstad Sioux Center
Region 3	March 9-10-12, 2020	Jamestown Civic Center
Region 4	March 9-10-12, 2020	Devils Lake
Region 5	March 9-10-12, 2020	Bismarck Event Center
Region 6	March 9-10-12, 2020	Minot State University Dome
Region 7	March 9-10-12, 2020	Dickinson Trinity
Region 8	March 9-10-12, 2020	New Town Event Center

HOCKEY - Boys

East Region	February 18-21-22, 2020	Grand Forks
West Region	February 20-21-22, 2020	Bismarck

Fine Arts Activity	2021-22	2022-23
State B Plays		University of Jamestown
State A Plays		Lake Region State College
State A Speech		Jamestown HS
State A Music	University of Jamestown	University of Jamestown
State B Speech		Mandan HS
State B Music	Minot State University	Minot State University

Motion by Privratsky to approve the tournament committee report. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Privratsky, Realignment Committee Chair, provided a draft of procedure for addition of a classification in a sport or activity. The committee will recommend a final draft in June.

Motion by Jordan to approve the realignment committee report. Second by Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Vollmer, Fine Arts & Academics Committee Chair, provided a report. The committee researched changing fine arts regions to an alignment similar to basketball. There was very little interest from schools in changing the region alignment. Recommend discontinuing the realignment study.

Motion by Strand to approve the fine arts & academics committee report. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Sorlie, Officials Committee Chair, provided a committee report. A letter of complaint was received from Bismarck Public Schools concerning a hockey official. The committee met by conference call to address incident between a coach and a hockey official. Moving forward, there are some potential rule book changes to the sport. Fetsch indicated he is working with MN on some hockey future hockey regulations. No action was taken against the official. It was noted 34 hockey

ejections were assessed this past season with 29 assessed after a whistle, not during play. The Board discussed how to bring sportsmanship back into hockey.

Motion by Strand to approve the officials committee report. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mitch Carlson provided Media Committee report. The existing media rate card was discussed. Specifically, the media rates for district basketball and volleyball tournaments. Currently NDHSAA is paid as per the rate card for district volleyball and basketball tournaments with the money collected returned to districts. The committee recommends elimination of District volleyball and District basketball from the media rate card as those tournaments are not under the control of NDHSAA. Also recommend NDHSAA staff review the amounts on the rate card and make recommendations to the Board.

Criteria to receive media credential was received. Staff will review and make a monetary threshold of previous broadcast recommendation to the Board.

Video streaming by individuals at state tournaments was discussed. The committee discussed where responsibility lies to address streaming issues at tournaments to which broadcast rights have been purchased lies with NDHSAA or the NDHSAA broadcast partner. Recommend Fetsch receive a determination from our attorney.

Motion by Brandt to remove district volleyball and basketball from the media committee report. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Strand to approve the media committee report. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mitch Carlson provided a Constitution & By-Laws committee report. The committee reviewed Article XIV, Section X of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws. Currently a student in grades 9-12 is allowed to compete in a maximum of eight semesters of which the last two semesters must be consecutive. The committee discussed allowing students in grades 9-12 to compete in eight consecutive semesters and four semesters of competition for students in grades 7 and 8 with two semesters eligibility for 7th grade and two semesters eligibility in 8th grade. Committee recommended NDHSAA staff review the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws for ramifications of this change and bring necessary changes in wording to the Board for review. Committee will review again in June with the possibility of an amendment to the membership in October 2019.

The committee recommended the addition of a Board interpretation to Part II, Article V: Officers and Duties of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws to include:

NOTE: In the event of a tie vote, the Board shall conduct a vote between the tied candidates to determine the representative.

Motion by Jordan to approve the addition of a Board interpretation to Part II, Article V: Officers and Duties of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws. Second by Strand. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee recommended a change to Part IV, Article III: General Regulations, Section VI, IX, and X of the Junior High regulations. An updated draft will be presented to the Board in June 2019.

Motion by Vollmer to approve the Constitution & By-Laws committee report. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

The NDHSAA seven-year calendar was reviewed with changes recommended to prior years.

Changes to dates with prior approval:

2019-20:

Wrestling Opening Date - November 11, 2019

2023-24:

1. Boys Tennis Deadline for Play-In - October 2, 2023
2. B Boys and Girls Golf First Contest - March 29, 2024

2024-25:

1. Girls Swimming and Diving Dates
 - a. Opening Date - August 19, 2024
 - b. First Contest - August 30, 2024
 - c. State Tournament - November 15-16, 2024
2. A Boys and Girls Basketball Opening Date - November 25, 2024
3. A Boys and Girls Basketball East Region Tournament - March 4-6-7-8, 2025
4. A Boys Golf State Tournament - June 3-4, 2025

5. B Boys and Girls Golf First Contest - March 28, 2025

Girls A Golf Dates – Previously approved moving to first Monday in August each year.

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2024-25
Season Begins	Aug. 3, 2020	Aug. 2, 2021	Aug. 1, 2022	Aug. 5, 2024
First Contest	Aug. 7, 2020	Aug. 6, 2021	Aug. 5, 2022	Aug. 9, 2024
Region Deadline	Sept. 21, 2020	Sept. 20, 2021	Sept. 19, 2022	Sept. 23, 2024
State	Sept. 28-29, 2020	Sept. 27-28, 2021	Sept. 26-27, 2022	Sept. 30 - October 1, 2024

The committee also recommended approval of dates for 2025-26 as proposed via online NDHSAA Approved Calendar. Motion by Jordan to approve the seven-year calendar as presented. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from Calvin Dean, South Heart Superintendent, for the Board to survey member school administrators regarding interest in moving Class B Girls Golf to the Fall. Motion by Carlson to approve the request to survey member school administrators on interest in moving Class B Girls Golf to the Fall. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Fetsch brought forth the possibility to move the 2020 Class B District Chair Meeting from Friday morning to Saturday morning. Move to March 21, 2020. Motion by Jordan to approve the change of date for District Chairs to March 21, 2020. Second by Vollmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Correspondence

- Reviewed an email from Dan Wagner concerning the open enrollment and student eligibility.
- Sargent Central Superintendent Daniel Warcken letter commending the Girls Class B Basketball Tournament held in the Betty Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks.

Representative Reports

- Jordan questioned the process of providing rooms for Saturday night of each state tournament for officials.
- Schafer brought up the possibility of having an app for tournament scoring. Schafer questioned the tickets to each state tournament received by former Board members and other reserved tickets. Fetsch indicated, as per contracts, the NDHSAA television contract provider and Farmers Union Insurance receive tickets. Member school orders (4 per school), are also reserved in advance equaling approximately 500 total reserved tickets. School orders may move to other areas of the arenas to free up the center reserved sections for fans.
- Baxley provide a legislative update HB 1206 created a new conceal and carry license died yesterday but may pop up in a bill at a later time.
- Sorlie questioned the status of parade of athletes at state tournaments. Fetsch indicated there is a recommendation coming through District Chairs.

Executive Director's Report

- Hardship/Extra Semester Waiver Report
 - (1) 4 hardships: 3 have been approved and there will be one appeal.
- NFHS Summer Meeting discussion.
- Tentatively schedule for the June Board meeting was discussed. Committee meetings will be held the morning of June 10th with the Board meeting beginning at 1:00 pm. An open house will be held for Sue Carlsrud from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm with Board retirement supper Monday evening. Board will reconvene on Tuesday morning to conclude their Board meeting.
- NDOA met last week with the meeting mostly discussion items. There was no interest in the evaluation by coaches as recommended by District Chairs.

Next Meeting: June 10-11, 2019 in Valley City at the NDHSAA Office

Meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____