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North Dakota High School Activities Association

April 14, 2020, Valley City, ND

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on April 14, 2020 in Valley City. President Privratsky called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Members present: Schoch, Privratsky, Brandt, Jordan, Strand, Rerick, Jundt, Sorlie, Baxley, Baesler, Carlson

Others present: Cory Erickson, Hillsboro Banner, Eric Peterson, Inforum, Jason Schwabe, Thompson High School

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

Motion by Strand to approve the minutes from March 31, 2020. Second by Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeremy Brandt, Finance/Personnel Committee chair, provided a committee report. The committee met April 2, 2020 and discussed NDHSAA eligibility for a loan via the Federal CARES Act. The committee directed Fetsch to submit an application for the CARES Act loan. The application was processed April 8, 2020. Motion by Carlson to approve the Finance/Personnel Committee report. Second by Jundt. Motion carried unanimously.

Travis Jordan, Tournament Committee chair, provided the Board with a committee report. The committee recommended extending the indefinite suspension of spring sports in accordance with Governor Burgum's Executive Order 2020-10 requiring the closure of all public and non-public K-12 school facilities indefinitely, as well as Federal social distancing guidelines. Motion by Baxley to approve the Tournament Committee report. Second by Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

The Tournament Committee met April 8, 2020 and recommended state basketball tournaments and fine arts contests also remain suspended indefinitely. The Board of Directors will re-evaluate on May 1, 2020 regarding the resumption of spring sports, state basketball tournaments, and fine arts contests be considered only if a return to in-person K-12 instruction is imminent. Motion by Carlson to approve the Tournament Committee report from April 8, 2020. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

Travis Jordan, Combined Tournament Committee chair, provided a report.

The committee reviewed the 7-year state tournament site rotation with the following recommendations:

1. State Tournament Sites

- a. In the event 2020 spring sports are cancelled, the committee recommends moving all spring state tournament sites from 2019-20 through 2026-27 to one year later.
- b. Discussed the option of holding the NDHSAA State Volleyball Tournament in Bismarck. Dave Zittleman, Bismarck AD indicated the tournament would need to be held utilizing two sites, the Bismarck Event Center Arena and Exhibit Hall similar to the setup used for hosting the Class A Combined Basketball Tournament.
 - i. Recommend moving 2021-22 State Volleyball Tournament from Minot to Bismarck
 - ii. Recommend moving 2022-23 State Volleyball Tournament from Minot to Bismarck
 - iii. Recommend moving 2024-25 State Volleyball Tournament from Minot to Bismarck
 - iv. Recommend moving 2026-27 State Volleyball Tournament from Minot to Bismarck
- c. 2020-21 State B Golf
 - i. Move Class B Girls Golf from Minot to Jamestown
 - ii. Move Class B Boys Golf from Minot to Carrington

The committee discussed the option of a three-day state track & field meet. More committee work needs to be done; there is a need for additional feedback. With the suspension of spring sports for the current year, the first possible year to hold a three-day state track meet would be the 2021-22 meet. Discussion will continue at the December Combined Tournament Committee meeting.

Other Tournament Committee Discussion Items:

- 50/50 draws at region/state tournaments were discussed. Committee consensus was they are in favor only if the 50/50 draw was for an NDHSAA cause, not local groups.
- Region wrestling tournament pass allowance was discussed. Morast suggested the region wrestling tournament passes be treated similar to the state tournament. Region passes would be based on the number of wrestlers as per the state tournament regulations. Committee recommended region wrestling tournament passes be based on the number of wrestlers on each team similar to the state tournament. Regulation will be drafted for approval next winter, prior region wrestling tournaments.
- NDHSAA will provide a standard PA script regarding live streaming at tournaments.

Motion by Strand to approve the Combined Tournament Committee report. Second by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Rerick provided the Board with an esports report. The committee directed NDHSAA staff to create regulations. The committee will meet again in May with a recommendation for the full Board at the regularly scheduled June 2020 meeting. Motion by Jordan to approve the esports committee report. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Correspondence

1. EDC track coaches indicate a desire to have a spring season and their willingness to help.

Other

1. No decision has been made by the NFHS concerning the NFHS Summer Meeting. More information is expected later in the week.
2. Baesler provided information on decisions Governor Burgum is making concerning COVID-19.
 - a. Indicated Governor Burgum is watching 2 matrices at this time.
 - i. Direction from President Trump on social distancing.
 - ii. 14 consecutive days of decreased COVID-19 cases.
 - b. May 1, 2020 may be a good day to re-evaluate the situation.
 - c. Baesler noted what the NDHSAA Board is doing at this time is commendable.

Motion by Jordan to have a Board meeting on May 1, 2020 at 1:00 pm. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Board meeting will be May 1, 2020 at 1:00 pm via conference call.

The June Board meeting is scheduled for June 8-9, 2020 at the Woodland Resort in Devils Lake.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:31 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____