

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
September 26, 2019, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on September 26, 2019 in Valley City. President Privratsky called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

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

Members absent: Baesler

Others present: Harold Rotunda, NDHSAA auditor

President Privratsky welcomed new members to the Board and thanked all for their service.

Motion by Strand to approve. Second by Baxley. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. June 10-11, 2019
2. Financial Reports
 - a. Balance sheet
 - i. May 2019
 - ii. June 2019
 - iii. July 2019
 - iv. August 2019
 - b. Budget
 - i. May 2019
 - ii. June 2019
 - iii. July 2019
 - iv. August 2019
 - c. Savings/investments
 - i. May 2019
 - ii. June 2019
 - iii. July 2019
 - iv. August 2019
 - d. Spring Sports Financial
 - e. Coop Dissolutions
 - i. Cavalier and North Border in boys golf, 2019-20
 - ii. Wahpeton and Rosholt (SD) in girls swimming, 2019-20
 - iii. Turtle Mountain Community and Bottineau in wrestling, 2019-20
 - f. Coop Applications
 - i. Mohall-Langsford-Sherwood, Westhope, and Newburg in baseball, 7-12, 2019-20, late fee
 - ii. New Salem-Almont and Flasher in wrestling, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee
 - iii. Milnor, North Sargent, and Sargent Central in boys track, 7-12, 2019-20, late fee
 - iv. Milnor, North Sargent, and Sargent Central in girls track, 7-12, 2019-20, late fee
 - v. Hazen, Beulah, and New Salem-Almont in boys hockey, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee
 - vi. Milnor, North Sargent, and Sargent Central in boys basketball, 7-8, 2019-20, late fee
 - vii. Milnor, North Sargent, and Sargent Central in girls basketball, 7-8, 2019-20, late fee
 - viii. Milnor, North Sargent, and Sargent Central in volleyball, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
 - ix. Milnor, North Sargent, and Sargent Central in boys basketball, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
 - x. Milnor, North Sargent, and Sargent Central in girls basketball, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
 - xi. Dakota Prairie, Midkota, and Lakota in softball, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee

- xii. Linton, Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock, Strasburg, and Zeeland in football, 7-8, 2020-21, no fee
- xiii. Milnor and North Sargent in music, 7-12, 2019-20, no fee

Harold Rotunda, NDHSAA auditor, provided the Board with a 2018-19 fiscal year audit report. Motion by Carlson to accept the auditor's report. Second by Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Privratsky Executive Board Committee Chair, provided a committee report

1. School violations
 1. Fargo Davies self-reported an out of season coaching violation in girls basketball. Letter of reprimand to be issued.
 2. Shiloh Christian self-reported an out of season coaching violation in football. Letter of reprimand to be issued.
 3. New Rockford-Sheyenne self-reported the use of an ineligible transfer student in a varsity volleyball contest. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of contest in which the ineligible student participated.
 4. South Prairie self-reported an individual exceeded the daily volleyball match limit. Prescribed penalty administered with letter of reprimand and forfeiture of contest in which the ineligible student participated, and head varsity coach suspended for next match.
2. The committee recommends allowing a coop request for Wahpeton, Breckenridge (MN), and St. Mary's (MN) girls swimming to go forward to the NDHSAA Board with a \$500 fee. Any students from St. Mary's (MN) are not eligible immediately and will remain ineligible until the \$500 fee is received by NDHSAA.
3. An individual will not be allowed to obtain a media pass at NDHSAA post season activities due to unpaid media fees from 2018/19. The committee also directed Fetsch to notify NDHSAA schools of the unpaid fees.

Motion by Carlson to approve. Second by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the following request for coop:

Wahpeton, Breckenridge (MN), and St. Mary's (MN) girls swimming, 2019/20, \$500 late fee

Motion by Brandt to approve coop. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeremy Brandt, Finance/Personnel & Policy Committee chair, provided a committee report.

1. Building and grounds update.
 1. Staff discussed office security of NDHSAA buildings and grounds. Fetsch will investigate digital security system for the two NDHSAA entry ways. Privratsky requested as part of the report to allow Fetsch authority to complete this upon receiving additional information and bids.
 2. There are issues with water seepage and damage to the NDHSAA office roof due to the flat roof design. Fetsch will investigate the addition of a second story to the NDHSAA building with the inclusion a gable roof. He will report back to the NDHSAA Board at a later date.
2. There was a lawsuit against the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) concerning whether officials were employees of PIAA or independent contractors. PIAA was successful in defending the position officials are independent contractors. This case could have ramifications in other state associations and recommended sending PIAA \$1,000 for assistance in legal fees.
3. Honigs contacted NDHSAA regarding an agreement for official's apparel. This non-exclusive agreement will provide a 10% discount to NDHSAA officials on apparel with an additional 5% of the cost of apparel returned to NDHSAA. The committee recommends entering into this non-exclusive agreement with Honigs.
4. Brand indicated from conversations with Fetsch, 82% of eligibility questions in August 2018 were from parents. Fetsch developed a Parent Inquiry Form to streamline the process of parent inquiries and assure the chain of command is followed with contact with local school administration before contact with NDHSAA.

5. Supporting sponsorships were discussed. The North Dakota Army National Guard will not be a supporting sponsor in 2019/20. The committee felt there was not a need to solicit additional sponsors at this time. However, if offers are brought to the attention of NDHSAA, they will be investigated.

Motion by Sorlie to approve. Second by Strand. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Rerick, Football Committee Chair, provided a 2021 and 2022 football plan report. The committee created a survey to be sent to Class A Athletic Directors and Class B Superintendents concerning the 2021 and 2022 football plan. Motion by Baxley to approve the football committee report. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mitch Carlson, Constitution & By-Laws Committee Chair, provided a committee report.

1. Review Article XIV, Section XI concerning the possession of tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances.
 1. Recommend Strand get feedback from the North Dakota Secondary School Principal Association at their winter meeting to provide additional information and potential language to bring back to the Board.
2. Review Article XIV, Section IXb, #10 concerning the participation of seventh and eighth grade students attending a parochial school.
 1. Recommend removal of interpretation #10 of Article XIV, Section IXb to mirror current practice.

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

Mark Rerick, Realignment Committee Chair, provided a committee report

1. Reviewed a request from Glen Ullin-Hebron for a realignment for volleyball, girls basketball and boys basketball from Region 7 to Region 5. Board wants to keep a minimum of 12 teams in each region. Recommendation to deny Glen Ullin-Hebron request.
2. Region placement
 - a. Northwood wrestling – placed in Region 2
 - b. Kidder County boys and girls golf – placed in Region 1

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

Baxley provided the Board with an Awards and Canvassing Committee report.

1. There were no Distinguished Service nominations for committee review.
2. Recommended re-naming the Distinguished Service award the Robert D. King Award.

Motion by Jundt to approve the Awards and Canvassing Committee report. Second by Strand. Motion carried unanimously.

Board reviewed the previously tabled request to move Class B girls golf from a spring sport to a fall sport. In the Spring of 2019, Class B administrators were surveyed with 67.8% in favor of moving Class B girls golf from spring to fall. Fletschock provided further information to the Board.

Motion by Jordan to move Class B girls golf from the spring to the fall beginning fall 2021 mirroring the Class A Girls golf schedule. Second by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

Athletic Review recommendations were presented for Board consideration.

NDHSAA Board of Directors will Y: approve or N: deny (y-n)	Com	Review	Board
Golf			
Class A Boys and Class B Boys and Girls			
1. Add new regulation that states: <u>A golfer is able to replace a broken club, if not damaged due to disgust, and if it does not interrupt play.</u>		Y (10-0)	Y (10-0)
Tennis			

1. Add new regulation that states: <u>A player may not use or wear any technology within a match unless for medical reasons. If a player is wearing technology, that player will be asked to remove it. A player using technology will be penalized as per unsportsmanlike conduct.</u>		Y(10-0)	Y (10-0)
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The Board reviewed a recommended update to the NDHSAA preparticipation physical form from the NDHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee for use beginning in the 2020-21 school year. Motion by Sorlie to approve the NDHSAA preparticipation physical form as presented. Second by Jundt. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff member Brenda Schell provided the Board with an update on the approved NDHSAA strategic plan.

The following 2019-20 region site changes were recommended:

1. 2019 Region 8 Volleyball site from Ray to Stanley
2. 2019 Region 1 Volleyball Tournament site from Central Cass to Fargo Civic Center
3. 2020 Region 1 Girls Basketball Tournament – Dates changed from Feb. 24, 25, and 27 to Feb. 24, 25, and 28

Motion by Sorlie to approve 2019-20 region tournament dates and sites as recommended. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from Michael Breker, Shanley High School Athletic Director, requesting permission for Shanley's speech team to participate in an out-of-state meet prior to the NDHSAA speech season. Bubach provided additional information to the Board. Motion by Baxley to allow all speech teams to attend the John Edie Holiday Debates hosted by Blake in the 2019/20 school year with annual review. Topic will be forwarded to speech advisory. Second by Sorlie. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed correspondence to include a letter from Central Cass concerning moving the Class B Boys golf season to the fall.

Representative Reports

Rerick questioned if the NDHSAA Strategic Plan needs to be re-visited. Privratsky directed the NDHSAA staff to review the Strategic Plan to see if the goals are still applicable.

Informational Items

1. Fall tournament awards presentation schedule was distributed for sign-up.
2. Rooming lists were distributed for sign-up.
 - a. October General Assembly – Bismarck
 - b. December Board of Directors Meeting – Valley City
3. A draft of the General Assembly agenda was distributed.
4. Fetsch provided a 2018-19 apparel report

Executive Director's Report

1. Meeting Recaps
 - a. Fall Region Administrator meetings were completed in September with 162 schools represented
 - b. New Administrator Orientation was held in August in Valley City. Twenty-one administrators in attendance.
 - c. Section V
 - i. NFHS is creating Student Leadership courses.
 - ii. There is heightened awareness concerning cyber security.
 - iii. There is a trend across the nation indicating a loss of association sponsorships.
2. Hardship Waiver Report
 - a. Fetsch has processed four hardships to date with three approved.
3. Fetsch indicated about 50 schools have signed up for HeadStrong concussion insurance.
4. Fetsch requested the Board review NDHSAA post-season out-of-state games.

- a. Privratsky stated if teams are participating in NDHSAA sponsored post-season sports and activities, if at all possible, they should be played within North Dakota. Present Board policy gives NDHSAA staff authority to set locations for post season play.
Motion by Carlson to create Board regulation that states All NDHSAA sponsored postseason events shall be played In North Dakota unless not possible due to "Acts of God".
Second by Baxley. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Fetsch indicated President Privratsky would like to host the June 2020 meeting in Devils Lake.
Motion by Jordan to move the June 2020 Board meeting to Devils Lake. Second by Strand.
Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from Shanley High School for an exception to the out of season participation for a boys swim participant to attend a Junior National Championship to be held December 11-14, 2019, which is during the NDHSAA boys swim & dive season. Motion to approve by Rerick. Second by Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

NDHSAA General Assembly meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2019 at 8:30 am at the Ramkota in Bismarck, ND.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2019 at the NDHSAA office in Valley City.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____