

**MINUTES****North Dakota High School Activities Association****November 24, 2020, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association began their meeting November 24, 2020 via conference call. President Jordan called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Members present: Jordan, Diegel, Schoch, Johnson, Brandt, Fridley, Jundt, Bertsch, Rerick

Members absent: Baesler, Baxley

Others present: Patti Aanensen, Larimore, Kal Triplett, Larimore – Eric Peterson, Forum Publications

Motion by Brandt to approve the agenda. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Brandt to approve the consent agenda. Second by Rerick. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. November 16, 2020
  - b. November 17, 2020
2. Coop Applications
  - a. Devils Lake and Dakota Prairie in boys hockey, 7-12, 2021-22, no fee
  - b. Devils Lake and Dakota Prairie in girls hockey, 7-12, 2021-22, no fee

Return to competition guidelines were reviewed by the Board. The guidelines previously approved by the Board were edited to follow ND Executive Order 2020-43 and the North Dakota Department of Health Order 2020-08. Fridley indicated he believes NDHSAA needs to give member schools guidance. Schoch indicated his school would be limiting fans to one parent per player. Jordan discussed different fan limits allowed at each school. Rerick and Johnson indicated the EDC schools differed in their approach to fan limits following state and local protocol in the fall and schools worked together to make different fan limit implementations work. Jordan observed regions did a good job of creating their limits by working together in the fall.

Fetsch indicated the guidelines state ND Smart Restart Large Gathering Protocols shall be followed for regular season crowd limitations. Local school districts may choose to implement more stringent limitations for regular season contests. Diegel was concerned about the NDHSAA office fielding calls from parents indicating too many fans were in attendance at contests. Fetsch indicated any questions on fan limits would need to be presented by a member school. Jundt questioned the NDHSAA Board taking a stance on crowd limitations. Fridley indicated he felt it is the responsibility of the Board to create guidance. Jordan believes NDHSAA needs to take a stance and encourage our schools to do the same.

Fetsch discussed guidance for member school regular season tournaments and fine arts events as listed in the Return to Competition Guidelines.

Diegel strongly supports the guidelines as presented. These guidelines will work to allow our member school students to participate in a winter season. Motion by Fridley to approve the edited guidelines. Second by Diegel. Johnson indicated it is the Board's responsibility to support the ND Department of Health and Governor Burgum in order to provide an avenue for our students to participate. Roll Call Vote: Diegel - yes, Schoch - yes, Johnson - yes, Brandt - yes, Fridley - yes, Jundt - no, Bertsch - yes, Rerick - yes, Jordan – yes. Motion carried (8-1).

The wrestling regulation concerning an extension of the 14-day appeal period following the date of initial assessment was discussed. No action taken.

Next Board meeting will be held December 3, 2020 via conference call. Meeting adjourned November 24, 2020 at 2:43 pm. Statewide member school update is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, 2020 at 8:00 am CST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Schell  
Assistant Director

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_