

**MINUTES****North Dakota High School Activities Association  
January 29, 2021, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association began their meeting on January 29, 2021 via conference call. President Jordan called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

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

Members absent: Bertsch,

Others present: Patti Aanensen, Larimore High School Athletic Director and NDIAAA President; Carissa Wigginton, Fargo Forum.

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

Motion by Johnson to approve the consent agenda. Second by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Consent Agenda
  - a. Coop Applications
    - (1) South Prairie and Max in volleyball, 7-12, 2021-22, late fee
    - (2) South Prairie and Max in girls basketball, 7-12, 2021-22, no late fee

Paul Jundt, Combined Tournament Committee Chair, provided a report on winter sports postseason modification recommendations.

#### Boys Swimming and Diving

- One-day meet to be held on Saturday, March 6. Swimming will be held in Bismarck and diving held in Mandan.
- Tickets will be sold only through school preorders at \$20/ticket.
- The same process/format will be used as with the girls state meet in the fall.

#### Class B Region Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament changes

- Class B Girls Region Tournament changes:
  - Region 1 – site TBD
  - Region 4 – site TBD
- Class B Boys Region Tournament changes:
  - Region 2 – Dates March 8, 9, 11, 2021
  - Region 4 – site TBD
- No third-place games.
- Tickets - \$10/game.

#### Class A Region Basketball Tournaments date and format changes:

- East Region - Boys and Girls
  - Dates: March 2, 4 and 6, 2021
    - March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at higher seeds
    - March 6<sup>th</sup> in Fargo at Sanford Health Athletic Complex/Scheels Center.
- West Region - Boys and Girls
  - Dates: March 2, 4 and 6, 2021
    - March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at higher seeds
    - March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Bismarck Civic Center
- Game times to be determined. Flexibility in scheduling will allow local teams to play earlier games to ease travel concerns.
- Tickets - \$10/game for first two rounds and \$10/session for final day.

#### Class A State Basketball Tournament date and format changes.

- Thursday, March 11
  - Boys quarterfinals held at Bismarck Events Center televised on XTRA.
- Friday, March 12
  - Girls quarterfinals held at Bismarck Events Center televised on XTRA.
- Saturday, March 13
  - Girls semifinals held at Bismarck Events Center televised on ABC.
  - Boys semifinals to follow, also televised on ABC.
- Sunday, March 14
  - Girls championship to be held at Bismarck Events Center with Boys championship to follow.
  - No third-place games to be held.
  - All tickets - \$20/session – single-day ticket vs. single game sessions TBD

State B Girls and Boys Basketball

- The venue will be cleared after each game.
- Fetsch will be meeting with Minot State staff on February 1 to continue ticketing discussions.
- Games 1-4, 7-8, and 11-12 will be televised on ABC. Games 5-6, 9-10 will be streamed on inforum.com with no announcers.
- All single-game sessions/tickets - \$20

Johnson indicated NDHSAA is working to provide opportunities for students in North Dakota keeping in mind we are in a pandemic. Jordan echoed the opinion the NDSHAA Staff and Board have worked diligently to provide these opportunities. Diegel questioned if there would be tickets available for the Class B Boys Basketball Tournament for the general public. Fetsch outlined the tentative plan and indicated NDHSAA is working closely with Minot State University and their ticket provider to offer the best scenario for schools and fans. Motion by Baxley to approve the Tournament Committee report. Second by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

The current NDHSAA Guidelines and Recommendations for Sports/Activities was discussed. Verbiage has been updated to reflect the current green risk level. Rerick questioned if we will receive any guidance from NFHS for spring sports. Fetsch indicated NDHSAA has not yet received suggested COVID accommodations for spring sports but expects to in the near future.

A letter of resignation was received from Brenda Schell, NDHSAA Assistant Director. Motion by Rerick to accept Schell's resignation. Second by Schoch. Rerick indicated the role Brenda has in the office was built entirely by her as it was a new position when she started. She has provided guidance and support for technology throughout NDHSAA and their member schools. The Board thanked Schell for what she done to provide support to NDHSAA member schools. Motion carried unanimously.

Fetsch provided a legislative update.

- HB 1075 would eliminate restrictions on activities during the fall administrator conference was approved by the House.
- SB 2060 which would permit ND licensed, practicing chiropractors to perform preparticipation evaluations for participation in sports has been amended with reference to preparticipation evaluations removed.
- HB 1298 – Transgender bill allowing individuals to participate in athletics only under the sex assigned at birth. First committee meeting was on Monday. Fetsch has received several inquiries on this subject. He has provided information to current NDHSAA policy when requested. Baesler stated six states have introduced similar legislation this year.

Next Board meeting to be determined.

Meeting adjourned January 29, 2021 at 2:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Schell  
Assistant Director

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