

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association****July 31, 2020, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association began their meeting on July 31, 2020 via conference call. President Jordan called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

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

Others present: Patti Aanenson - Larimore,

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

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

- 1) Consent Agenda
 - a) Approval of Minutes
 - i) July 24, 2020
 - b) Coop Applications Mandatory Fall Admin Meeting requirement
 - i) Bismarck St. Mary's and School of the Holy Family in baseball, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
 - ii) Bismarck St. Mary's and School of the Holy Family in boys basketball, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
 - iii) Bismarck St. Mary's and School of the Holy Family in boys track and field, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
 - iv) Bismarck St. Mary's and School of the Holy Family in girls basketball, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
 - v) Bismarck St. Mary's and School of the Holy Family in girls soccer, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
 - vi) Bismarck St. Mary's and School of the Holy Family in girls tennis, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
 - vii) Bismarck St. Mary's and School of the Holy Family in girls track and field, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
 - viii) Bismarck St. Mary's and School of the Holy Family in speech, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
 - ix) Bismarck St. Mary's and School of the Holy Family in wrestling, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee

Executive Board Report

Travis Jordan, Executive Board Chair, provided a committee report. The School of the Holy Family in Mandan, previously a K-6 school moved to a K-9 school for 2020-21 and would like to coop with Bismarck St. Mary's High School. Reviewed were the coop applications received after the June 1st deadline.

- 1) Late coop applications
 - a) Bismarck St. Mary's and School of the Holy Family in boys soccer, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
 - b) Bismarck St. Mary's and School of the Holy Family in girls golf, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
 - c) Bismarck St. Mary's and School of the Holy Family in volleyball, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
- 2) Emergency football coop application
 - . Bismarck St. Mary's and School of the Holy Family in football, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee
- 3) Late coop fee waiver request

Executive Board recommends approving the late coops and waiving late fees. Motion by Schoch to approve the Executive Committee report. Second by Jundt. Motion carried unanimously.

NDHSAA executive staff members shared reports from recent NDHSCA coach advisory meetings.

Fletschock indicated coaches were very open to doing whatever needed to be done to keep sports going this fall.

- Golf advisory discussed courses may have additional limitations, reducing the number of golfers at state and implementing a shotgun start at state.
- Cross country advisory discussed reducing the number of teams at regular season meets, making sure meet hosts look at numbers of runners instead of just number of teams, change state meet schedule and limiting the number of runners.
- Football advisory discussed expanding playoffs if needed, daily logs, travel, how long to sit out if positive.

Morast stated the soccer, swim and volleyball advisory members were also very open to whatever adjustments needed to compete.

- Swim advisory discussed lowering standards for this year only to provide for more qualifiers at state, however did not recommend lowering standards at this time. Morast indicated there may be a limit of fans in West Fargo for the state tournament. .

Schell indicated tennis advisory requested more specific guidelines for the actual playing of tennis matches. The advisory created guidelines and shared them within their group. Upon group approval, Schell will share the guidelines with Athletic Directors and the Board for approval.

The Board reviewed requests from Center-Stanton Superintendent/AD Tracy Peterson and New Salem-Almont High School AD Jerome Slag requesting the elimination of all regular season volleyball tournaments for the 2020 season. Morast indicated Region 7 decided they are not going to go to any tournaments. Jundt indicated he would support staying with the plan in place and leave these to local control. Other Board members indicated they were in favor of similar directives. If the Board were to take action on this, other sports would need to be addressed in a similar manner. The Board recommendation to leave the decision of participating in volleyball tournaments under local control is still the best option. The Board felt back to school plans are left to local control and sports should be handled the same. Volleyball should be treated in a similar fashion to all sports. Motion by Rerick to allow a regular season match limit of 18-matches and no tournaments for volleyball teams with districts who choose not to participate in tournaments. Second by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Report

Fetsch indicated NDHSAA staff held two administrator meetings this past week with 100 ADs online at the first meeting and about 150 administrators for the second. Updates to membership will be provided each Wednesday going forward. Out of state coops will be dealt with on a case by case basis. There may be some changes that will need to be made on coops that include Minnesota teams. Minnesota will have a Board meeting next Tuesday providing their member schools with additional guidance. The majority of inquiries Fetsch has received from parents have asked if COVID-19 transfers would constitute a hardship. At this time, there is no change to the transfer rule.

Representative Reports

- Rerick has had schools inquire with measures to social distance then require them to come in close contact to take a picture. Motion by Rerick to waive the fine for the requirement for a picture and cutline due to COVID-19. Second by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will be held August 7, 2020 at 1:00 pm via conference call.
Meeting was adjourned July 31, 2020 at 9:37 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Schell
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: ____/____/____