

**MINUTES****North Dakota High School Activities Association  
August 14, 2020, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association began their meeting on August 14, 2020 via conference call. President Jordan called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Members present: Jordan, Schoch, Bertsch, Johnson, Rerick, Brandt, Jundt, Baxley, Diegel, Fridley, Baesler  
Others present: Patti Aanenson - Larimore, Gloria Odden, Strasburg Superintendent, Brent Kleinsasser, Strasburg Athletic Director, Trudy Fraase, Zeeland Superintendent

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

Motion by Johnson to approve the consent agenda for the approval of minutes and financial reports. Second by Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1) Consent Agenda
  - a) Approval of Minutes
    - i) August 7, 2020
  - b) Financial Reports
    - i) Balance Sheet
      - (1) July 2020
    - ii) Budget
      - (1) July 2020
    - iii) Savings/Investments
      - (1) July 2020

Executive Board report was given by Rerick concerning coop requests.

## Coop Dissolutions

- 1) Strasburg and Zeeland in football, 7-12, 2020-21

## Coop Applications

- 1) Linton, Strasburg, and Zeeland in football, 9-12, 2020-21, non-compliance fees (emergency coop)
- 2) Linton, Strasburg, and Zeeland in football, 9-12, 2021-22, no fee

The Executive Board recommended approval of an emergency co-op for Linton, Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock, Strasburg and Zeeland in football for the 2020 season with a guarantee of a two-year coop and late and non-compliance fees dependent on approval from the superintendents of all four schools. The Linton, Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock, Strasburg, Zeeland co-op will compete in 9-man, Region 4 in 2020 and the 11B division beginning in 2021.

- Seniors from Strasburg and Zeeland will be varsity eligible once non-compliance fees are paid as per football guidelines. Underclassmen from Strasburg Zeeland will be eligible for only sub varsity competition in 2020 once non-compliance fees are paid. The Linton/HMB/Strasburg/Zeeland co-op will compete in 9-man, Region 4 in 2020 and the 11B division beginning in 2021.
- A \$500 late coop fee will apply.
- An approved emergency coop will be ineligible to opt down a division for the two seasons following the emergency season.

Motion by Diegel to approve the emergency coop for Linton, Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock, Strasburg and Zeeland in football for the 2020 season as proposed. Second by Baesler. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Diegel to dissolve the Strasburg and Zeeland coop in football contingent on approval of the Linton, Hazelton-Moffit-Braddock, Strasburg and Zeeland Superintendents. Second by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

Brandt asked how many athletes would be affected by this emergency coop. Gloria Odden, Strasburg Superintendent, indicated at this time two senior boys and two sophomores in Strasburg and Zeeland would like to participate. Zeeland was a bit out of the loop on this and questioned what the actual fees are for emergency football coops. Fetsch indicated the coop fees are based on the number of players. None of the players in the coop are eligible until fees are paid. Bubach indicated in the past, emergency football coops have had a \$500 late coop fee in addition to the per player fee outlined in the emergency football coop. Motion carried (10-0) Jundt abstained.

Late coop applications were reviewed and recommended passing.

1. Mandan and School of the Holy Family in boys tennis, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee

## 2. Mandan and School of the Holy Family in girls swimming &amp; diving, 7-12, 2020-21, no fee

Motion by Bertsch to approve the late coops by Holy family. Second by Fridley. Motion carried (10-0) Jundt abstained.

The Board reviewed a request from Calvin Kraft, Enderlin AD, on behalf of Region 1, 9-Man football schools regarding playoff qualification regulations. Motion by Rerick to deny Region 1 request. Second by Brandt . Motion carried unanimously.

Region administrator meetings scheduled for September were discussed. Three of the four sites planned are not available for use due to COVID-19. Two sites scheduled for meetings remain closed and the third site, the NDIAAAA conference, has been moved to a virtual format. The NDIAAAA conference schedule includes the NDHSAA fall administrator meeting beginning at 10:00 am on September 21, 2020. Fetsch recommended NDHSAA staff provide an additional online fall administrator meeting on September 22, 2020 at 10:00 am. Motion by Bertsch to approve moving Mandatory Fall Administrator Meetings to a virtual format as per the schedule presented. Second by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

## Executive Director Report

- a. Health Unit reports
  - (1) Fetsch was in contact with Governor Burgum's office concerning the timing of reporting of K-12 COVID-19 cases to schools and the NDHSAA.
- b. Several hardships are under investigation.
- c. Media committee will be contacted in the next couple weeks regarding post season rights fees in no attendance or limited attendance scenarios.
- d. Reported letters are received daily concerning the sponsorship of fall NDHSAA sports and activities.
- e. Fall sports are underway across the state and the nation.
  - (1) Golf tournament in Valley City was scheduled for today and was rained out.
  - (2) Next week North Dakota should be moving forward with regular season football games.
  - (3) Utah was the first state last night to have high school football games.

## Representative Reports

Baesler updated the Board on COVID-19 contact tracing. Many additional contact tracers are being hired by North Dakota Department of Health. A section of contact tracers dedicated to ND schools contact tracing has been developed. All COVID-19 school coordinators will be shared by DPI with the ND Dept. of Health. ND Dept. of Health was not planning on contacting schools until schools start. However, that has changed to immediately contacting the COVID-19 coordinator in schools affected due to schools beginning sport and activity practices before the first day of school. A new COVID-19 testing registration form for event testing and static testing (consistent testing dates by local public health units) has been created. The form includes questions to verify people associated with K-12 settings either as a student or an employee and their school affiliation(s). Contact tracers will now find out through the tracing process that there is an association to K-12 students or employees. There are still challenges to tests conducted at a private provider or local walk in clinics as those tests are not following the same registration process or form.

Johnson indicated Valley City School District requested COVID-19 testing for all school employees from the ND Department of Health and was turned down due to the availability of tests and the lack of ability to do widespread testing.

Jordan questioned if any schools were allowing home fans and not allowing visiting team fans to attend contests. Fetsch indicated he was not aware of any at this time. Johnson stated he would like to acknowledge the work and effort by NDHSAA Executive Director and staff for their hard work through this time. He also wanted to acknowledge all the Athletic Directors in the state for working diligently for the kids of North Dakota.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 1:00 pm CDT via conference call. Meeting adjourned August 14, 2020 at 9:53 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Schell  
Assistant Director

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