

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association****June 7, 2022 9:00 am CDT – Valley City, NDHSAA Office**

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

Audience: Patti Aanenson, Athletic Director – Larimore; Matt Bakke, Superintendent – Devils Lake; Chad Berger Principal/Athletic Director – Napoleon; Mark Berg, Superintendent – Gackle-Streeter

President Rerick called the meeting to order at 9:01 am CDT.

Motion by Fridley to approve the agenda, seconded by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

Rerick presented the consent agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. April 26, 2022
2. Financial Reports
 - a. Balance sheet
 - i. April 2022
 - ii. May 2022
 - b. Budget
 - i. April 2022
 - ii. May 2022
 - c. Savings/Investments
 - i. April 2022
 - ii. May 2022
 - d. Winter Sports
 - e. Fine Arts
3. Coop Dissolutions
 - a. Kidder County and Sterling in girls basketball, 7-8, 2022-23
 - b. Leeds and Maddock in football, 7-12, 2023-24
 - c. Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza and Lewis & Clark-Berthold in football, 7-8, 2022-23
 - d. Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza and Des Lacs-Burlington in boys wrestling, 7-12, 2022-23
 - e. Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza and Des Lacs-Burlington in girls wrestling, 7-12, 2022-23
 - f. Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza and Des Lacs-Burlington in boys track and field, 7-12, 2022-23
 - g. Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza and Des Lacs-Burlington in girls track and field, 7-12, 2022-23
 - h. Parshall and Lewis & Clark-Berthold in baseball, 7-12, 2022-23
 - i. Des Lacs-Burlington and Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza in softball, 7-12, 2022-23
4. Coop Applications
 - a. Devils Lake and Starkweather in girls wrestling, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee
 - b. Dickinson and New England in boys swimming, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee
 - c. Dickinson and New England in girls swimming, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee
 - d. Standing Rock and Fort Yates in football, 7-8, 2022-23, no fee
 - e. Standing Rock and Fort Yates in volleyball, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee
 - f. Standing Rock and Fort Yates in wrestling, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee
 - g. Standing Rock and Fort Yates in boys golf, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee
 - h. Standing Rock and Fort Yates in girls golf, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee
 - i. Standing Rock and Fort Yates in boys track, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee
 - j. Standing Rock and Fort Yates in girls track, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee
 - k. Standing Rock, Solen, and Fort Yates in boys cross country, 7-12, 2022-23, late fee
 - l. Standing Rock, Solen and Fort Yates in girls cross country, 7-12, 2022-23, late fee
 - m. Standing Rock and Fort Yates in boys basketball, 7-12, 2022-23, late fee
 - n. Standing Rock and Fort Yates in girls basketball, 7-12, 2022-23, late fee
 - o. Kenmare and Bowbells in boys cross country, 7-12, 2022-23, late fee
 - p. Kenmare and Bowbells in girls cross country, 7-12, 2022-23, late fee
 - q. Mandan and New Salem-Almont in girls soccer, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee
 - r. Parshall & Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza in football, 7-8, 2022-23, late fee

- s. Parshall & Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza in boys basketball, 7-12, 2022-23, late fee
- t. Parshall & Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza in baseball, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee
- u. Parshall & Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza in boys track and field, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee
- v. Parshall & Lewis & Clark North Shore-Plaza in girls track and field, 7-12, 2022-23, no fee
- w. Hazen and Underwood in boys hockey, 9-12, 2022-23, no fee

Motion by Brandt to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Clooten. Motion carried unanimously.

Rerick presented the Athletic Review Grid to the Board.

Class B District Chairs	
Announce region senior athletes of the year during state tournament award ceremonies.	YES 8-1
Add individual awards for state qualifiers at region tournaments for individual sports.	YES 8-1
Wrestling	
Class A & B	
Eliminate regulation prohibiting an individual from competing in a JV exhibition match and varsity dual on the same day.	YES 9-0
Class B	
Add a 7 th place match at the state dual tournament.	YES 9-0
Hockey	
Girls	
Move the entire girls season one week later. Season would begin and end one week later than boys.	NO 0-9
Basketball	
Class A & B	
Change coaching box from 14' to 28'.	YES 8-1
Class A	
Add a 5th place team plaque at state tournaments.	YES 9-0
Athletic Review Recommendations	
Girls Hockey	
Move the entire girls season one week later. Season would begin and end one week later than boys on an experimental basis for 2022-23 and 2023-24 season.	YES 9-0

Rerick presented the Fine Arts Review Grid to the Board.

Activity:	Page number in regulations:	One-line request for rules change:	Exact rule with revisions (how it would read as revised):	Additional information/rationale:	
1 - Speech	Change in rating points on master ballot. Only have 3 choice per ranking.	Not in rule book	No page	In three round tournaments low rating point by a judge can remove the best competitor from first place. This has been an issue with new young students not giving higher than a 27.	YES 9-0

2 - Speech	Rewording of the introduction to tie breaking procedures for 3 round tournaments.	The following procedure is for Class A and Class B invitationals and regions that use (the three round, one judge per round.) format. Class B regions may use this format when a category has 8 or fewer participants.	originally on page 21	The introduction does currently fit the three round format	YES 9-0
3 - Speech	Add explanation of the qualifiers when breaking unbreakable ties in 3 round invitationals.	A. 1st place Class A and 2nd place Class B or vice versa both qualify (B. 1st place tie - 2 Class A and 2nd place Class B (or vice versa) all qualify. C. 1st place tie (2) Class A and 2 second place (2) Class B or vice versa all qualify	page 21 add sub point A	Gives tournament managers directions on tie breaking.	YES 9-0
4 - Speech	In order for an event to be state qualifying, there must be the required number of competitors in round 1 of the tournament. This applies to both formats (3 round 1 judge and 2 prelim and finals)	6. Individual events within a tournament will be counted as qualifiers if they meet the minimum number of actual participants. An entry must complete the first round and be legitimate to be counted toward qualifying numbers. This rule applies to both styles of tournament including 2 prelim and finals format and 3 round 1 judge format. Qualifying categories must have the minimum number of actual participants in round one.	18	Some concerns have been voiced about students being added in later rounds.	YES 9-0
5 - Speech	Notation that OT cannot be enforced if incorrect, unclear, or unallowed timing style has taken place	5. d. If questioned and the timer agrees that an error was made in timing, the penalty should not be enforced.	6	Judges are not always timing as they should be and making things clear to competitors.	YES 9-0
6 - Speech	Clarification is needed as to where to put an auto-5 or rank 9 competitor on the master ballot.	Discussion by advisory needed here	6	Frequent question brought up by new judges and coaches	YES 9-0
7 - Speech	Evaluate the suggested fees paid to judges, managers of regionals and state tournaments	Evaluate the pay stated in the regulations	page 22 and 23	Fees have not been evaluated since 2009 and 2011	YES 9-0
8 - Debate	State Qualification	Regular season tournaments may be one or two-days with a minimum of three preliminary rounds offered in all divisions. Only preliminary rounds will count towards state qualification. Prelim pairings may be determined by the tournament manager and hosting school. Regular season debate tournaments shall record student win/loss qualifier points to be used for state tournament quarterfinal bracket seeding (Win = 3pts, Loss = 1pt). A qualifier link will be managed by the NDHSAA Debate Rep, and shared with all coaches, and state manager. Any tabulation errors need to be communicated to the debate rep and tournament manager during the tabulation correction window for verification and correction. Tabulation sheets and schedule must be sent or tabroom.com access provided to the debate rep at the conclusion of the tournament. • Qualifier points will be awarded at ND school sponsored tournaments that have a minimum of 5 ND Schools competing. Out of state competitions are not eligible for ND State qualifier points. Debate in that division. In PF the rounds must	10-11	to address some limitations of the current regulation.	YES 9-0

		<p>have been completed with the same partner. (e.g. must have competed 21 rounds in Div. II LD in order to be eligible for Div. II LD, cannot be eligible for other divisions) Should weather affect the attendance of schools. The total number of rounds required for consideration will be reduced by 4 rounds for each weather occurrence. Students must compete in 50% of offered rounds in the division in which they qualify. (Should weather affect the attendance of schools, the number of offered rounds at that tournament will not be calculated into the percentage for the school/s unable to attend). Coaches will have the discretion to move students in events and divisions but must declare which event/division a student would like to be considered in for state qualification in by January 16th by emailing the debate representative and state manager, if the student has competed in more than one event or division during the season. Failure of a coach to declare a division for a student will result in only being eligible for Division 1 in the last event competed in before the declaration deadline. Should a student compete in more than 75% off all offered rounds in their declared division, the tournament with the lowest winning percentage will be removed from that student's percentage total. • State Debate shall have two divisions (I & II) of LD and PF competition, quarterfinal brackets shall be seeded by regular season rounds win/loss record, or win/loss power ranking based on point system (W=3pts, L=1pt; Total Points/Total Rounds) • Should a power ranking tie occur for State quarterfinal placement, the tie shall be broken on these criteria: 1. If competitors met head-to-head, winner receives preference 2. Competitor with most number rounds receives preference 3. Strength of opposition at all tournaments 4. flip a coin • State Debate shall be a one-day tournament beginning with a quarterfinal round. Winners of the quarter final round will advance to the Championship bracket, with others moving into the Consolation bracket. Consolation rounds will be judged by a single judge and will not count towards the team award. Consolation winners may be announced during state awards ceremony.</p>			
9 - Play	Scripts for competition will be brought to the competition rather than mailing to manager in advance.	Scripts must be given to the site manager on the day of regional/state competition.	No page number currently	Mailing or emailing the scripts are not necessary for the manager to complete their duties.	YES 9-0
10 - Play	Language Content form needs to be submitted at time of registration.	"Language Content" form is on the website under One-Act Plays. Each play director must fax or email form to the manager by the registration date.	6	Currently the "Language Content" form is not part of the required forms listing in the handbook.	YES 9-0

Rerick presented the Executive Board Report. Williston girls soccer used a non-registered official. The official will be dropped a certification level, to probationary, in 2022-23. May-Port-CG baseball committed a pitch count violation. The game was forfeited and the coach will be suspended for May-Port-CG's next varsity baseball game.

Motion by Schoch to approve the Executive Board Report as presented, seconded by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Brandt presented the Finance/Personnel and Policy committee report. The committee is recommending a team payment amount of \$658,004 for the 2021-22.

Motion by Johnson to approve the 2021-22 team payment amount, seconded by Clooten. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee recommends approving the finalized 2022-23 budget, balanced at \$2.4 million. The committee also recommends continuing to waive membership dues within the budget through 2022-23.

Motion by Fridley to approve the 2022-23 budget as presented, seconded by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee reviewed awards costs and recommends providing a team trophy for every game/match played on the final day of state team tournaments and region medals for each individual who qualifies for a state tournament in an individual sport.

Motion by Diegel to approve the awards costs as presented, seconded by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee recommends extending the current Executive Staff contracts an additional year.

Motion by Fridley to approve the extension of staff contracts as presented, seconded by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

The Finance/Personnel and Policy committee discussed auditors and recommended continuing with current NDHSAA auditor Harold Rotunda. No board action is necessary.

Mark Anderson gave a presentation on behalf of Farmers Union Insurance, the NDHSAA's Premier Partner. Anderson said their staff is traveling again. Anderson discussed how their branding is changing and evolving as they grow and expand. He also highlighted how their business districts operate and utilize their agents. Mark reviewed some of their new agents. He described how climate change and storm severity impacts where their policies are concentrated. President Rerick and Executive Director Fetsch thanked Mark and Farmers Union Insurance for their continued support of NDHSAA sports and activities.

Napoleon High School is appealing an Executive Board decision to suspend their varsity girls basketball coach from their first varsity game of the 2022-23 season. The penalty was administered during the April 26, 2022 Board meeting due to practicing at the region tournament site after their district tournament was completed. Napoleon contested prior to that meeting there was no prescribed penalty for the infraction and thus should not be penalized.

Rerick called for a roll call vote to overturn the Executive Board's decision to suspend Napoleon's head girls basketball coach from their next varsity game: Brandt, no; Clooten, no; Diegel, yes; Fridley, no; Johnson, no; Jordan, no; Jundt, no; Rerick, no; Schoch, no. The appeal fails 1 – 8.

Diegel presented the Media committee's report regarding television contracts. The committee currently recommends offering current television partners a one-year extension of their current contracts, through the 2024-25 school year.

Motion by Diegel to approve the one-year extension, seconded by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson presented the Constitution and By-Law Committee report. Johnson presented the final reading for changes to Article VIII – Amateurism.

Motion by Clooten to approve changes to Article VIII – Amateurism as presented, seconded by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson continued with the final reading of changes to Article XIV, Section IV – Rules of Eligibility.

Motion by Brandt to approve changes to Article XIV, Section IV – Rules of Eligibility as presented, seconded by Schoch. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson presented the final reading of changes to Article III, Section IX – Contests.

Motion by Clooten to approve changes to Article III, Section IX – Contests, seconded by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson finished the Constitution and By-Law committee's report by reporting the committee determined that an August 1, 2022 golf tournament was not exempt from Article XIV, Section III.

Motion by Schoch to approve the committee report as presented, seconded by Clooten. Motion carried unanimously.

Fridley presented the Tournament committee report. The committee reviewed and recommends changes to the 2023 Spring sports region tournament sites as shown on the NDHSAA Tournament Sites calendar.

Motion by Jordan to approve the changes to the 2023 spring region tournament sites as presented, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Tournament committee recommends moving the 2022 boys East Region boys tennis tournament to Grand Forks and 2022 boys state tennis tournament to Minot due to a lack of hotels in Grand Forks on the weekend of state.

Motion by Schoch to approve moving the 2022 boys East Region tennis tournament to Grand Forks and 2022 boys state tennis tournament to Minot, seconded by Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommend moving the 2023 State A Baseball/Softball from Grand Forks to Fargo and West Fargo due to an upcoming renovation of Kraft Field in Grand Forks. Future spring tournament changes are also recommended to balance East/West and overlapping of tournament sites.

Motion by Diegel to approve changes to the State A Baseball/Softball schedule as presented, seconded by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee discussed introducing individuals during state tournament awards ceremonies. The committee has no recommendation and will refer to the full Board of Directors for discussion. Fridley highlighted that the largest outlier for this is football due to major time constraints with television broadcasting. This is to be added to Tournament Committee's agenda for the September Board meeting.

Minot North High School made a request to become a member school. Minot North will begin having 9th graders, housed at Minot Central campus, and will have separate teams beginning as soon as possible. They have additionally requested immediate coops with Minot High School in all activities except girls golf, which they plan to have a varsity team beginning in 2022-23. Minot North would like to sponsor separate 9th grade teams where possible with students being elevated to Junior varsity and Varsity teams where appropriate. The application also states that Minot North High be allowed to immediately dissolve any of these coop agreements at any time with notice to the NDHSAA Executive Director.

Motion by Schoch to approve membership of Minot North High School as presented, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jundt to nominate Schoch to be Board president and Johnson to be vice president for the 2022-23 school year, seconded by Brandt. Motion carried unanimously.

Diegel shared a concern about amenities at some tournaments. He acknowledges that many of these issues are not necessarily the NDHSAA's responsibility but he is worried about how it reflects on the association. Rerick posed that there may need to be greater discussion regarding this at Combined Tournament Committee.

Johnson expressed his appreciation to President Rerick for his work as president and a board member. He also extends thanks to the rest of the board and staff for a great year.

Executive Director Fetsch heard two hardships, both were denied. He heard 1 extra semester appeal which he granted. He has one hardship going into the 2022-23 school year which will be heard over the summer. Fetsch will be coordinating with board members regarding NFHS Summer Meeting.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2022 at the Valley City office. The New Board Member orientation is scheduled for July 18, 2022 also in Valley City.

President Rerick adjourned the meeting at 11:22 am CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Nickolas Walton
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: _____