

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
April 17, 2023 – Valley City – NDHSAA Office**

Members present: Aanenson, Bakke, Baxley, Clooten, Diegel, Fridley, Johnson, Jordan, Jundt, Schoch

Members absent: Baesler

Audience: Tyler Hanson, Superintendent of Edgeley High School

President Schoch called the meeting to order on April 4, 2023, at 11:02 am CDT.

Schoch called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Aanenson to approve the agenda, seconded by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Schoch presented the consent agenda.

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. January 19, 2023
 - ii. January 27, 2023
 - iii. February 8, 2023
 - iv. February 22, 2023
- b. Financial Reports
 - i. Balance Sheet
 1. January 2023
 2. February 2023
 - ii. Budget
 1. January 2023
 2. February 2023
 - iii. Savings/Investments
 1. January 2023
 2. February 2023
- c. Coop Dissolutions
 - i. Wyndmere and Hankinson in girls basketball, 9-12, 2023-24
 - ii. Linton and Strasburg and Zeeland in speech, 7-12, 2023-24
- d. Coop Applications
 - i. Minot and Bishop Ryan in girls wrestling, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - ii. Belfield and Billings County in boys basketball, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - iii. Belfield and Billings County in girls basketball, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - iv. Lakota and Dakota Prairie in boys basketball, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - v. Lakota and Dakota Prairie in girls golf, 7-12, 2023-24, late fee
 - vi. Lakota and Dakota Prairie in boys golf, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - vii. South Prairie and Max in boys basketball, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee

Motion by Fridley to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Jundt. Motion carried unanimously.

Schoch presented the Executive Board report.

The Executive Board ruled on two school self-reports. Northern Cass reported their use of an ineligible wrestler during two regular season events. Northern Cass implemented the prescribed penalty by sitting the athlete and forfeiting all events the athlete participated in. The Executive Board will issue a letter of reprimand. Ellendale self-reported the use of an ineligible boys basketball player. Ellendale forfeited all events the player participated in. The Executive Board will issue a letter reprimand.

The Executive Board reviewed the three-division basketball surveys. The Executive Board recommended Division A follow all current Class B regulations.

The Executive Board reviewed a request from Beulah High School regarding sub-varsity football regulations. The Executive Board determined that no action is necessary as the request would not violate any rules or regulations currently in place.

The Executive Board reviewed the current Addition of a Classification in Sport or Activity Procedure and presented recommended changes to the Board. The Executive Board recommended further review of the changes presented.

The Executive Board reviewed the current Surrey baseball coop. Currently the coop exceeds the Class B student body limit of 325. Executive Board decided to allow coop to continue in Class B for this year. If numbers remain as they are currently, the coop will be forced up to Class A baseball for the 2023-24 season.

Motion by Baxley to approve the Executive Board report, seconded by Aanenson. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson presented the Finance, Personnel & Policy report.

The Committee reviewed Section VI of the NDHSAA Policy Manual relative to tournament solicitations and exhibits. The Committee recommends amending the current policy as presented.

VI. Solicitations

- A. Solicitations will be allowed at NDHSAA sponsored tournaments only upon approval from the NDHSAA Board of Directors.
- B. Tournament Managers will be allowed to sell merchandise at NDHSAA sponsored tournaments, provided the design has NDHSAA office approval. (Excluding state tournaments) NDHSAA shall receive 15% of gross sales.
- C. NDHSAA member schools may submit up to two student media pass requests for NDHSAA sponsored tournaments their school is participating in. School media passes are for students only.

VII. Exhibits (NDHSAA Board approved 3/9/01)

- a) All requests to establish exhibits at NDHSAA sponsored tournaments must have Tournament Manager and NDHSAA Executive Director approval.
- b) Booths shall be providers of information through display only. No sales shall be allowed at the site.
- c) In venues of limited space, educational booths shall have preference over all others. Other spaces shall be filled on a first come first served basis until full.
- d) All fees collected shall be divided equally between NDHSAA and tournament committees.
- e) Exhibit fees for athletic events shall be recommended by Tournament Managers and approved by the NDHSAA Executive Director.

Note: Special consideration may be given to host venues.

The Committee discussed the additional round of state qualifier basketball games in 2023-24. The Committee recommends a region tournament daily ticket price of \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students if one game is played at a site and the single session state tournament price of \$14.00 per adult and \$5.00 for students if two or more games are played at one site. The tentative plan is for four games to be played at each state qualifier site.

The Committee also recommends charging \$1,000 per game for third parties to televise or stream state qualifier basketball games, which matches the rate of a playoff football semi-final game. If an entity produces all four games at one site, the recommended rate is \$3,500. Finally, the Committee recommends established a manager fee of \$200 for managing a round of state qualifier games.

The Committee reviewed a request from Gerrells Sports Center to adjust ball prices for the final year of the current 3-year ball bid in 2023-24. Gerrells indicated pricing from multiple ball companies will be increasing significantly, making it virtually impossible for dealers to continue current pricing. The Committee recommends approval of the price adjustments.

The Committee discussed district basketball tournament financials beginning in 2023-24. The Committee recommends the NDHSAA provide four trophies, insurance, and state tournament tickets for the district chair and collects 20% of the gross admissions.

The Committee discussed increasing the per diem rate in the NDHSAA policy manual. No action was taken.

The Committee briefly discussed developing an emerging activities definition. No action is recommended.

The Committee reviewed two bids from event timing companies for the 2023 NDHSAA State Cross Country Meet. Heroes Timing was selected with possibility for an extended contract.

The Committee discussed 2023-24 staff contracts and will continue discussion at an upcoming Committee meeting.

Motion by Jundt to approve the Finance, Personnel & Policy Committee report as presented with exception on the per diem to be tabled until June, seconded by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Clouten provided the Constitution & By-Laws Committee report.

The Committee recommends a first reading of the following amendments to the junior high regulations in Part IV of the NDHSAA Constitution regarding ninth grade teams. The Committee will review the proposed changes again prior to the June 2023 NDHSAA Board of Directors meeting and plans to have a recommendation ready for action at that time.

Motion by Jordan to approve the Constitution & By-Laws Committee report as presented, seconded by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Diegel presented the Tournament Committee report.

The Tournament Committee recommended approving 2023-24 region sites as presented on the NDHSAA Tournament Sites calendar.

Motion by Clouten to approve the Tournament Committee report as presented, seconded by Aanenson. Motion carried unanimously.

Diegel presented the Combined Tournament Committee.

The Combined Tournament Committee discussed tournament hospitality rooms, print programs, and the future of the Class B Parade of Champions.

Motion by Fridley to approve the Combined Tournament Committee report as presented, seconded by Aanenson. Motion carried unanimously.

Fridley provided the Media Committee report.

The Committee reviewed Tier I and Tier II television contract requests for proposal (RFP) drafts that have been updated to reflect three division state basketball tournament formats. Current television contracts with Forum Communications (Tier I) and BEK Sports (Tier II) run through the 2023-24 school year. The Committee will meet again, as needed, prior to the June NDHSAA Board of Directors meeting to determine a timeline for the release of RFPs for 2024-29 television contracts.

Motion by Diegel to approve the Media Committee report as presented, seconded by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

Jundt presented the Eligibility Committee report.

The Eligibility Committee investigated one hardship appeal which was denied.

Motion by Aanenson to approve the Eligibility Committee report, seconded by Clooten. Motion carried unanimously.

Schoch called for a recess at 12:11 pm CDT.

Schoch called the meeting back to order at 12:35 pm CDT.

The Board of Directors discussed the establishment of a sportsmanship and citizenship committee.

Motion by Diegel to establish Baxley as chair with the assistance of Bakke of a committee for sportsmanship and citizenship committee, seconded by Clooten. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Directors reviewed the seven-year calendar.

Motion by Baxley to approve the seven-year calendar as presented, seconded by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

Rugby High School requested to add the Down Under Track meet to the list of exempt out-of-season events that an athlete can participate in.

Motion by Jundt, to approve Rugby's request to add the Down Under Track meet to the exempt list, seconded by Clooten. Motion carried unanimously.

Central Cass High School requested to move up to Class A in boy boys wrestling beginning in the 2023-24 season.

Motion by Aanenson to approve Central Cass High School's request to move up to Class A in boys wrestling 2023-24, seconded by Jundt. Motion carried unanimously.

Larimore High School requested that NDHSAA extend all 2022-23 spring seasons by 2 weeks.

Motion by Johnson to deny this request but Executive Board to further study this issue, seconded by Bakke. Motion carried unanimously.

Edgeley High School requested reinstatement of the stand-alone football realignment Committee.

Johnson recommends utilizing the upcoming reclassification Committee for football as well as basketball.

Motion by Clooten to create a standalone football Committee with stakeholders from all four football divisions, seconded by Bakke.

Schoch called for a vote.

Bakke, yes; Clooten, yes; Fridley, no; Schoch, no; Jordan, no; Johnson, no; Baxley, no; Jundt, no; Aanenson, no; Diegel, no.

Motion failed.

Motion by Johnson to direct Realignment to comprehensively reevaluate the football survey and report to the board, seconded by Jordan.

Schoch called for vote.

Fridley, yes; Clooten, yes; Aanenson, yes; Bakke, yes; Baxley, yes; Jordan, yes; Diegel, yes; Johnson, yes; Schoch, yes; Jundt, yes.

Motion carried.

Capstone Classic Academy filed a New Member School Application to begin in 2023-24 school year.

Motion by Jundt to approve Capstone Classic Academy's New Member School Application, seconded by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

Fetsch pointed out that the currently scheduled April 2024 Board of Directors meeting date conflicts with the Easter holiday. Fetsch recommended moving the meeting from April 2 to April 9, 2024.

Motion by Fridley to move the April 2024 Board of Directors meeting from April 2, 2024, to April 9, 2024, seconded by Jundt. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson would like the Executive Board to discuss Board Member attendance.

Fetsch presented his Executive Director report.

Fetsch noted that there is a three-division volleyball plan currently being developed.

Fetsch investigated two hardship applications, both were approved.

Fetsch will be attending the NFHS Legal Meeting later this week.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6 at 10:00 am CDT in Valley City.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Nickolas Walton
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: _____