

MINUTES**North Dakota High School Activities Association
September 28, 2023 – Valley City – NDHSAA Office**

Members present: Aanenson, Bakke, Baxley, Derr, Diegel, Fridley, Hanson, Johnson, Jordan, Lunde, Tescher

Audience: Mark Anderson, General Manager Farmers Union Insurance; Paul McDonald, Valley City Times Record; Rob Hunt Valley City High School Athletic Director.

President Johnson called the meeting to order on September 28, 2023, at 10:01 am CDT.

Johnson called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Aanenson to approve the agenda. Seconded by Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson presented the consent agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. June 6, 2023
 - b. August 16, 2023
 - c. September 5, 2023
2. Financial Reports
 - a. Balance Sheet
 - (1) June 2023
 - (2) July 2023
 - (3) August 2023
 - b. Budget
 - (1) June 2023
 - (2) July 2023
 - (3) August 2023
 - c. Savings/Investments
 - (1) June 2023
 - (2) July 2023
 - (3) August 2023
 - d. Spring Sports Financial
3. Coop Applications
 - a. Bismarck Public Schools and Shiloh Christian in boys soccer, 7-12, 2024-25, no fee
 - b. Bismarck Public Schools and Shiloh Christian in boys tennis, 7-12, 2024-25, no fee
 - c. Bismarck Public Schools and Shiloh Christian in girls wrestling, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - d. Devils Lake and Four Winds in boys wrestling, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - e. Devils Lake and Four Winds in girls wrestling, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - f. Dickinson and Hope Christian in girls wrestling, 7-12, 2023-24, late fee
 - g. Carrington and Midkota in girls wrestling, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - h. Ray and Williston in gymnastics, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - i. Minot and Nedrose in gymnastics, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - j. Minot and Nedrose in girls wrestling, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - k. Minot and Des Lacs-Burlington in girls soccer, 7-12, 2023-23, no fee
 - l. Beach and Golva in boys golf, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - m. Beach and Golva in boys track and field, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
 - n. Beach and Golva in girls track and field, 7-12, 2023-24, no fee
4. Coop Dissolutions
 - a. Parshall and New Town in boys golf, 2023-24
 - b. Parshall and New Town in girls golf, 2024-25

Motion by Derr to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Anderson, General Manager of Farmers Union Insurance, spoke. Mark reviewed the status of Farmers Union Insurance across the state and nation. President Johnson thanked Mark for Farmers Union Insurance's continued partnership with NDHSAA.

Johnson presented the Executive Board report.

The Executive Board discussed conducting a NFHS rules experiment regarding the use of electronic communication devices used in baseball and softball this spring.

Motion by Fridley to approve the application for the NFHS rules experiment in baseball and softball, seconded by Lunde. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Board reviewed the use of electronic signatures for preparticipation physical clearance forms. The Executive Board recommends updating the language in the Board interpretations for Section I, Article III.

Motion by Aanenson to approve the use of electronic signatures for preparticipation physical forms. Seconded by Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Board approved a daily adult cash ticket price of \$15.00 for the State Class B Girls Golf Tournament on September 25-26, 2023, in Mapleton and an adult two-day cash price of \$30.00. Digital ticketing is available for the event at a daily price of \$11.50 (including fees) and a two-day price of \$23.00 (including fees) for adults. The daily digital ticketing and cash price for students remains \$5.00 and the two-day ticket (both digital and cash) for students remains \$10.00. The Executive Board recommends using this format for select state tournaments for the fall season.

Motion by Fridley to approve the digital ticketing format for select state tournaments for this fall season. Seconded by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

The Executive Board reviewed the application of the penalty detailed Article XIV, Section IIIa regarding individual sports to clarify the penalty for individual sports.

Motion by Bakke to approve the Executive Board report. Seconded by Derr. Motion carried unanimously.

Jordan presented the Finance/Personnel and Policy Committee report.

The Committee reviewed applicants for the football and basketball classification committees and recommends the following individuals for appointment:

Football

Chair – Mitch Lunde – NDHSAA Board of Directors – AD – Minot
AAA – Logan Midthun – AD – West Fargo
AAA – Tanner Purintun – AD – St. Mary's
AA – Rob Hunt – AD – Valley City
AA – Jason Wiberg – AD – Devils Lake
A – Ethen Askvig – Principal/AD – Langdon
A – Steve Dangel – Principal – Garrison
9-Man – Chris Larson – Superintendent/AD – Milnor
9-Man – Ryan Larson – AD – Kidder County

Motion by Hanson to approve the football classification committee appointments. Seconded by Tescher. Motion carried unanimously.

Basketball

Chair – Patti Aanenson – NDHSAA Board of Directors – AD – Larimore
Division AA East – Reggie Jackson – AD – Shanley
Division AA West – Ben Lervick – AD – Century
Division A, Region 1 – Mike McCall – AD – Wahpeton
Division A, Region 2 – Dave Nelson – AD – Hillsboro
Division A, Region 3 – Scott Grochow – AD – Rugby
Division A, Region 4 – Jim Green – Principal – Watford City
Division B, Region 1 – Kayl Hamre – Principal – Enderlin
Division B, Region 2 – Randy Loing – Principal/AD – Rolla
Division B, Region 3 – Jenifer Hosman – Principal – Hebron
Division B, Region 4 – Wayne Fox – Superintendent – White Shield

Motion by Fridley to approve the basketball classification committee appointments. Seconded by Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Directors discussed having schools moved down to have a two-year maximum before re-applying. President Johnson directed Realignment and Finance/Personnel and Policy to review classification guidelines prior to the classification committee meeting.

Motion by Aanenson to approve the Finance/Personnel and Policy Committee report. Seconded by Bakke. Motion carried unanimously.

Fridley presented the Realignment Committee report.

Nelson County/Midkota baseball requested to move from Class B Region 3 to Class B Region 2. The committee recommended approving this request.

Motion by Derr to move Nelson County/Midkota from Class B Region 3 to Class B Region 2. Seconded by Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee reviewed preliminary football regions for 2024-25.

Motion by Tescher to approve the preliminary football regions for 2024-25. Seconded by Derr. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee recommended placing Minot North softball in Class A West for the 2024 season.

The committee discussed two contingency plans for the football calendar if the by-law amendment to Part II – Article XIII – Section I passes.

Motion by Aanenson to approve the Realignment Committee report. Seconded by Diegel. Motion carried unanimously.

Fletschock presented the North Dakota Officials Association meeting minutes.

Fetsch presented a report on the Region Administrators Meetings.

Bubach presented the results of a recent tennis survey regarding the regulations proposal put forth by Valley City High School and tabled during the August 16, 2023, Board of Directors meeting.

Motion by Fridley to approve the Valley City High School proposal as presented, to be implemented in 2024-25. Seconded by Derr.

Johnson called for roll call vote.

Diegel, yes; Tescher, yes; Hanson, yes; Jordan, yes; Baxley, yes; Aanenson, yes; Fridley, yes; Bakke, yes; Derr, yes; Lunde, no; Johnson, yes.

Motion passed 10-1.

Fridley presented the Athletic Review grid.

Class A & B - Boys and Girls Golf

1. Edit to 15a - Each team will have up to 2 coaches for the teams 6 players. <u>Once the school has reached more than 6 players at a tournament or have qualified more than 6 for a State Tournament an additional coach is granted for the next 4 players and is to coach only those individuals.</u>	YES (11-0)
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2. Edit to 15c, which prohibits coaches on the green, tee box or bunker -- <u>Coaches are allowed on the teeing ground. The teeing ground is defined as the area 2 club lengths behind the tee marker once the entire group has arrived at the teeing ground. The coaches are allowed to walk across the green but are not allowed to read the green. As well the coach may rake the player or competitors bunker once they have played from said bunker. These points are done in an effort to speed up play.</u> Coaches will be allowed contact with players following play of a hole between the green and the next tee box.	YES (11-0)
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3. Delete 15f - Coaches will be allowed contact with players following play of a hole between the green and the next tee box.	YES (11-0)
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4. New 15j - <u>A coach may operate a push cart for their player or a fellow competitor while they attend to a personal need, nutrition, or clothing need.</u>	YES (11-0)
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5. Edit to 16a - Stay at least <u>10 yards</u> ahead or behind the golfers except when assisting the players when looking for golf balls.	YES (11-0)
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6. New to 16a - <u>It is allowable to provide hydration/nutrition, sprays, clothes, etc. but no advice on the round is to be given.</u>	YES (11-0)
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7. New 16d - <u>Once a player has finished their round they will follow the spectator guidelines. Rationale: To limit chaos at the end of the rounds</u>	YES (11-0)
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Baseball & Softball

1. For all NDHSAA State Tournament games, a maximum of 18 players may dress and play in a game	YES (11-0)
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Girls Soccer

2. There will be a minimum of 5 balls required at each regular season match. It is also highly recommended that 4 ball shaggers also be at each regular season match.	YES (11-0)
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Victory Christian School in Jamestown applied for NDHSAA membership.

Motion by Lunde to approve NDHSAA membership to Victory Christian School. Seconded by Fridley. Motion carried unanimously.

President Johnson dismissed himself from the board room prior to the next agenda item and relinquished control to Vice President Jordan.

Valley City High School notified the Board that they will be Class B in 2025-26. As part of the notification, Valley City requested to expedite the transition to one year, joining Class B in 2024-25.

Motion by Lunde to deny Valley City High School's request to expedite transition to Class B. Seconded by Diegel.

Jordan called for a roll call vote.

Tescher, yes; Bakke, yes; Hanson, yes; Derr, yes; Fridley, yes; Jordan, yes; Baxley, yes; Aanenson, yes; Diegel, yes; Lunde, yes.

Motion passed 10-0.

President Johnson resumed control of the Board.

Fridley requests the Board consider waiving coaches testing fines for fall sports due to the transition to Dragonfly. Johnson deferred this to the Executive Board.

Johnson reviewed the board retreat.

The Board of Directors reviewed the General Assembly agenda.

Fetsch presented his Executive Director report. Fetsch has ruled on six hardship applications since the last Board meeting. Digital ticketing was a success at Class B State Girls Golf. Fetsch reviewed the NFHS Sections 4 and 5 meeting.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 10:00 am CT in Valley City at the NDHSAA office.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Nickolas Walton
Assistant Director

Signed: _____ Approved Date: _____