

Executive Committee Meeting Summary
August 7, 2014

1. Chairman Craig Hammer welcomed everyone to the first meeting and introduced five new members of the Executive Committee: Rod Belnap, Fremont HS, Region 1; Mike Browning, Orem HS, Region 7; Wade Murdock, Morgan HS, Region 10; Bill Gochis, Tooele HS, Region 11; Roberta Hardy, Pinnacle HS, Region 19.
2. There are six new member schools for 2014-15. They are American Heritage, American Preparatory, Ashcreek Ranch, Lake Powell, Providence Hall and Venture. There are 142 total UHSAA member schools and 103 member schools participate in football.
3. Mr. Martell Menlove, USOE State Superintendent, discussed the timeline for his replacement is now set for the first of October. He also answered questions from members of the Executive Committee.
4. Chairman Hammer and UHSAA Staff provided an orientation of UHSAA procedures and materials and Executive Committee roles and responsibilities.
5. Mr. Rob Cuff, Executive Director, explained that catastrophic insurance will continue for the 2014-15 school year as per Board of Trustees decision in June. The UHSAA Foundation will fund \$123,000 and the UHSAA budget will fund \$40,000 of the \$163,000 premium. This will be the fifth year that schools have been reimbursed for paid premiums. Schools will be reimbursed 100% of the premium this year.
6. The UHSAA/UIAAA administrators' training meeting will be held in the UHSAA offices on September 22. The training is very helpful for new Athletic Directors, principals and assistant principals who supervise athletics. A course is taught by the athletic directors, the UIAAA discusses items from their organization and the UHSAA staff provides training on state association items.
7. Mr. Josh Taylor discussed the improved UHSAA website (www.uhsaa.org) and provided training for the information found there. He also discussed the new RegisterMyAthlete program and answered questions from the Committee.
8. Region rules and etiquette clinics for golf were discussed. The deadline for 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A boys is September 15. The deadline for 1A boys and all girls' golf is April 15.
9. Mr. Ryan Bishop emphasized the importance and responsibility of districts and/or schools to track coaches' education. He discussed the criteria for coaching certification and importance of having certified coaches working with student athletes.

10. The Executive Committee will have further discussion with regions and coaches on the number of days football contact should be allowed per week and the amount of time per day. The Committee will also have further discussion with regions regarding the first Summer Moratorium held in July. More discussion will follow on these two items at the next Executive Committee meeting.
11. Ms. Kim Monkres reviewed the statewide sportsmanship program. Details regarding the sportsmanship program can be found on the UHSAA website, including the criteria for earning the 2015 star. This is the fifth year for the sportsmanship program which has provided the opportunity for schools to earn yearly stars. When a school receives five stars, it will be recognized as a “five star sportsmanship school.” Every school can be a winner when it comes to good sportsmanship. All member schools are invited to TEAM-up to Raise the Bar, Earn Your Star because Sportsmanship Matters!
12. The 2014 UHSAA/UIAAA Student Leadership Conference, Dare to Lead, was reviewed and discussed. A highlight video can be found on the UHSAA website. With the help of many individuals, including the UHSAA Sportsmanship Committee, the conference was once again a tremendous success. Students have raised several hundred dollars for Special Olympics Utah and the effort continues in each community. Team work and leadership skills were learned and applied. Students from all parts of the state were asked and challenged to make a difference by taking the information and implementing it into their schools and regions.
13. The 2015 UHSAA/UIAAA Student Leadership Conference, Dare to Lead, was announced for Thursday, June 18, 2015, at Murray High School. The conference will allow for each member school to select a male and female student to participate in the one-day event. It will provide motivational speakers, activities and interactive group discussions on the issues facing education-based athletics and activities. In addition, the student leaders will participate in a community service project.
14. Mr. Jeff Cluff, UHSAA Supervisor of Officials, discussed the procedures made regarding a required background check for game officials prior to officiating. The background check takes place when the official registers on-line to officiate. All officials’ items, training and testing are located on the Arbiter website (www.uhsaa.arbitersports.com) where officials currently receive their game assignments and other officiating announcements.
15. Mr. Mark VanWagoner, UHSAA Legal Counsel, discussed legal items in an executive session.