

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 20, 2016

Members present: Ryck Astle, Tom Sherwood, Tim Brantley, Greg Wilkey, Robert McDaniel, Mike Browning, John Penrod, Mike Mees, Trevor Wilson, Wade Murdock, Royd Darrington, Randy Madsen, Craig Morris, Bob Peterson, Wade Woolstenhulme, Stan Young, George Bruce, Jim Wood, Craig Hammer, Linda Mayne, Marc Hunter, Rob Cuff, Kim Monkres, Ryan Bishop, Josh Taylor and Jeff Cluff. Excused: Roberta Hardy. Minutes: Jeanne Widerburg.

1. **Welcome and Chairperson Business:** Chairman Hammer welcomed members to the meeting. He excused Rod Belnap and welcomed Fremont's Athletic Director, Corey Melaney, who was representing him. He excused Roberta Hardy and welcomed Linda Mayne from the USOE Office. Ms. Mayne will be the new representative from the USOE Office.

A. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Brantley quoted Harry S. Truman, 33rd President of the United States. He served in WWI and was President during WWII making the hard decision to bomb Japan. He served during difficult times and difficult situations. Mr. Truman said, "America was not built on fear, but America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand." Mr. Brantley said participants in sports and activities learn to overcome their fears when it can be challenging. He then led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

B. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Astle said at the 2000 Olympic Games in Australia a 21-year old athlete represented the West Africa nation in the 100 meter freestyle swim. He had never been in a 50 meter pool prior to the Olympics. His time was double that of the winner that year. He said his country did not send him to start the race, his country sent him to finish the race. He completed his purpose so he could return home honorably. Mr. Astle said in our lives nothing can take the place of persistence and determination. He then offered a prayer.

C. Chairman's General Observations: Mr. Hammer is grateful for the relationships he has developed over his 33-year career. He had the opportunity to visit a former basketball player of his and watched him win a game in double overtime at Murray HS. Just days prior to that, he attended a funeral of a former student. He said it was the highest of highs and lowest of lows. Life is fragile. He thanked the members for their service and stressed the importance of the unbelievable impact they have on students' lives.

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting – November 11, 2015 (summary on UHSAA website):

MOTION: Mr. Peterson motioned to approve the minutes of November 11. Mr. Sherwood second. Motion carried.

E. Additional Agenda Items for Today's Meeting: None

F. Academic All-State Deadlines, UHSAA Moratoriums, etc.: Mr. Hammer asked members to refer to the Ready Reference Calendar and the UHSAA website. Please discuss this information at region meetings.

G. Updated Handbook on Website: The most updated version of the handbook is online.

H. Winter Sports Assignment Sheets: Ms. Monkres asked members to sign up for assignments at the winter events.

I. Distinguished Service Luncheon (p.88): Mr. Cuff said today's event is the highlight of the year. It is nice to honor individuals who provide incredible service to the students of Utah.

2. **BOT Meeting Report:** Mr. Penrod reported on the November 19 meeting.

- Football endowment game report
- 2015-2016 Calendar, 2016-2017 Calendar is coming
- BOT approved to continue catastrophic insurance
- Fall activities report
- Five new school applications, staff will do site visits
- Sportsmanship – Battle of the Fans
- Spirit of Sport and Heart of the Arts
- Sponsorship update
- BOT elections at USBA Conference
- Realignment
- 2015 Distinguished Service Award recipients were announced

3. **USOE Report:** Ms. Mayne reported she was representing Brad Smith. She has been involved in athletics most of her life. Currently, there is an interim superintendent, Dr. Dixon. Ms. Mayne is a specialist in Health, PE and Driver Education. She is please to be serving. Mr. Cuff appreciated her attendance and welcomed her to bring any items to the meeting of interest from the USOE.

4. **Fall Activities Report:**

A. Fall Results (pp. 89-90): Mr. Cuff congratulated the fall championship winners. He sent letters of congratulations to all coaches and sent copies to the athletic directors, principals, superintendents and BOT member representatives.

B. Financial Report: Mr. Cuff reported that 80% of the UHSAA revenue comes from post-season events, 15-20% comes from corporate sponsorship and less than 5% comes from membership fees and dues.

- Baseball Highest in the last five years
- Girls' Soccer Highest in the last five years
- Volleyball Second best in the last five years
- 1A/2A/3A Football Highest in the last three years with new format
- 3AA/4A/5A Football Second highest in the last three years with new format

Overall, the fall activities revenue was second highest in the last five years so we are down about 10K from last year, but 8K up from what was budgeted. This revenue helps us to support all the activities that the Association sponsors and keeps costs down for membership schools.

5. **Calendar:**

A. 2015-2016 (pp. 91-92 and UHSAA website): Mr. Taylor stated winter tournaments begin the following week with wrestling duals. The UHSAA calendar indicates the ability to buy tickets online or if the tournament is being streamed.

- (1) 1A Debate New site – Intermountain Christian
- 4A Debate New site – Highland HS

B. 2016-2017 Calendar: Mr. Taylor said the tentative calendar will be posted after today's meeting. Regions were asked to review the calendar and discuss sites and any TBA's on the calendar as a classification. If members would like the staff to explore different site options, please notify them. The staff will reevaluate the two sites for 4A/5A Boys' Basketball after this year's tournament. Ms. Mayne was asked to check on the future funding for the ACT Test to help with the considerations of that tournament.

(1) Golf: Mr. Bishop provided a list of the girls' golf tournament. The UPGA is proposing for Boys' Golf (next fall) to be played at Soldier Hollow again. They will change the course for the classifications. The UPGA felt the media coverage was better, the official's situation was better, and there was less controversy at one location with their entire staff and volunteers. Mr. Bishop said this will help the UPGA and the coaches' association was overwhelming positive about Soldier Hollow. Mr. Hammer asked members to discuss this in region meetings. Mr. Bishop felt the rotations would continue after this next year.

6. **NFHS Summer Conference:** Mr. Cuff announced the NFHS Summer Conference will be June 28-July 2, 2016. The conference will be held in Reno, Nevada. Mr. Bart Thompson will be hosting the conference at the Peppermill Casino. Mr. Wilson, Mr. Mees, Mr. Penrod, Mr. Browning, Mr. McDaniel, Mr. Wilkey, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Belnap and Mr. Astle were interested in attending. If any others were interested in attending they were asked to contact Mr. Cuff. The Board of Trustees will allow only twelve members to attend as per the UHSAA Budget. Mr. Cuff would like a commitment of those who plan to attend at the next meeting.

7. **UIAAA:** Mr. Hunter reported the UIAAA AD Conference will be held April 13-16, 2016. This will be the last year of paper CAA testing. The NIAAA is going to electronic testing. LTC courses will be offered on February 8, LTC Course 630 (Contest Management) and 630 (Emergency Management of Athletic Events) will be offered at the UHSAA Office. One course costs \$85 and two courses is \$160. LTC 630 will be taught in the morning and LTC 631 in the afternoon. Lunch will be served.

A. NIAAA Conference: Mr. Hunter reported that Ted Peterson, Weber HS AD, was awarded the federation citation and Bud Campbell was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Mr. Hunter announced that Rich Barton, Richfield HS AD, is the president elect of NIAAA in 2017. This is a huge deal for Utah! The next conference will be held in Nashville, TN. Utah is in the running to host the conference in 2021.

8. **Staff Items:**

A. Drill Team Items:

(1) Region Schedule (p.97): Ms. Monkres announced the competition personnel are being paid through Arbiter Sports. Region 7 will not be using the Arbiter system.

(2) State Drill @ UVU: Ms. Monkres reminded members it is the semifinals and finals format. 4A, 5A will be held on Thursday, 2A, 3A on Friday and all finals and 1A will be held on Saturday. There are seven pages of information on the website including brackets, performance schedule, etc. Only overall results (all three routines) are used to qualify for state. All semifinal results will be given to coaches on Saturday at the finals. Teams start with a clean slate on Saturday. If a school doesn't qualify for finals, they will receive their score sheets after semifinals are complete.

Ms. Monkres discussed parents sleeping over at schools for early seating. She feels there will be plenty of seating with the new format. She asked for administration support at drill team

especially at the beginning of each pod for crowd control and to please encourage parents to arrive when their athlete is performing.

(3) UVU: Ms. Monkres received a message from UVU asking for the drill team in 2017 to be moved up. Mr. Cuff said it is difficult for drill team because of invitationals and holidays. Ms. Monkres said the Maverik Center might be an option but the expenses would be higher. Members indicated they would prefer to not move the date. Ms. Monkres will discuss it again with UVU.

B. Sportsmanship Items: Ms. Monkres reported the Student Leadership Conference is at Murray HS on Thursday, June 16. She asked for suggestions for a guest speaker.

(1) Battle of the Fans: The due date has been moved to February 1. Entries can be sent to teamphoto@uhsaa.org.

(2) Sportsmanship (p. 98): Tom Wharton went to the Highland/East rivalry game looking for racism issues. The article was positive. The Association is working to handle the allegations of racism. Mr. Bishop and Mr. Cluff met with the coaches and will be meeting with officials. The coaches will be invited to attend the officials' meeting. If the administrators continue to feel there is problem, they will report directly to the Executive Committee.

(3) Sportsmanship Banners: Ms. Monkres has ordered banners for the new schools. If schools need the initial banner replaced, she is placing an order and needs to hear from those schools. The school will be responsible to pay the replacement banner cost of approximately \$95.

(4) Water Canyon: Ms. Monkres attended the very first basketball game at Water Canyon in Hilldale, Utah. She said it was such a fun sight to see elementary students tailgating. They had hot dogs (1000) and pizza and there was a high level of excitement. They played against Escalante. The opening of the doors for the game was the first time they had seen the gym. It was fun! Mr. Hammer said the community has never experienced anything like this. The facility seats 700. He appreciates the patience of Region 20. Ms. Monkres said Water Canyon is receiving more students daily because of the excitement in the community.

C. Unified Sports: Mr. Taylor asked members to watch for an email confirming if their school is participating in unified sports and then the school will receive participation information letters. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Taylor or Special Olympics. Special Olympics will pay coach stipends and help with travel costs. Please encourage schools to participate. Schools can combine to create a team.

D. Academic All-State: Mr. Taylor said we still receive phone calls on missed deadlines. He suggested schools push the UHSAA reminder for deadlines to parents and athletes through the arbiter and then the burden doesn't remain with the school to meet the deadline.

E. Ejection Report (pp. 99-101): Mr. Cluff referred members to pp. 99-101 for the ejection report and comparison of previous seasons. All ejected coaches and players have completed the required NFHS course. He thanked schools for following through with the process.

F. Coaches Concerns: Mr. Cluff reported there was a meeting with some basketball coaches and officials on January 5 regarding racial bias concerns. This issue will be addressed at the upcoming Monday night meeting for officials and the coaches have been invited to attend. There are six meetings during the season.

G. Spring Rules Clinics (p. 102): The baseball live rules clinic will be held on February 8 at Murray HS at 6 pm. Coaches are welcome to attend that meeting or the Baseball Coaches Association is meeting on Saturday, February 6, in Park City.

H. Spring Schedules: Spring schedules were due on January 15. He asked schools to input schedules that are available and complete the remainder as soon as possible.

I. Sub-Varsity Football: Mr. Cluff said there is a concern of availability of officials for the 3:30 time slot for football games. It was asked if schools would consider starting sub-varsity games later in the day or to move games to a single site and play double headers. Mr. Bishop said transportation could become an issue moving games later.

Some regions are using a fifth official on the JV game to help train back judges. It has been proposed a fifth official be used in JV for training. It would cost schools about \$250 over the football season. Mr. Cluff said they are working to attract and retain additional officials. Members were asked to discuss this in their region meetings for consideration.

9. UHSAA Current Items:

A. Wrestling Championships: Mr. Vande Veegaete reported post season activities begin next week with 4A/5A wrestling duals at the Maverik Center. Please encourage schools to send in their results ASAP. The top four in regions will compete on Wednesday, January 27, at a region championship site. The region winner will host three other schools. This will be a ticketed UHSAA event. Winners from the region championship sites will compete at the Maverik Center on Thursday, January 28, for semifinals and finals.

The following week, the division matches begin. The host schools need to schedule officials. Mr. Vande Veegaete is available to help with any questions or concerns. Michelle Call said she is willing to help any division set up the meet using TRACK software for \$100. If schools are not using TRACK, the information needs to be communicated with Mr. Taylor, Ms. Call or Mr. Vande Veegaete. Schedules are available online on the UHSAA website.

Bills have been sent to schools for the Wrestling Weight Management Fees.

B. Lacrosse Association: Mr. Hammer asked members to report their regions' interest in lacrosse.

1A		Did not support
Region 15	Mr. Peterson	Support
Region 14	Mr. Morris	Support, not all schools participating
Region 11	Mr. Murdock	2 out of 5 schools would support
Region 10	Mr. Wilson	No support
Region 9	Mr. Mees	The sport is growing and active in their region
Region 8	Mr. Penrod	3 out of 7 schools would support
Region 7	Mr. Browning	2 out of 8 schools would support
Region 6	Mr. McDaniel	2 out of 7 schools would support
Region 5	Mr. Wilkey	1 school would support
Region 4	Mr. Brantley	fully supportive, but concerns for facilities
Region 3	Mr. Sherwood	fully supportive, continue using current facilities
Region 2	Mr. Astle	No support due to facilities and costs
Region 1	Mr. Melaney	No support

Mr. Penrod they want lacrosse, but there are no facilities. Mr. Sherwood asked how the other states handle facility issues as they adopt lacrosse. The most recent adoptions were in Colorado and Ohio. Mr. Cuff said California is the only lacrosse state in Section 7.

Mr. Hammer feels the next step is to survey the schools through the AD's. It would make the most sense to start lacrosse with the new realignment. We are not pushing back a decision, but we need to make sure it is done right. Mr. Morris said there are 40+ schools already participating in lacrosse. How many of those schools are not interested in sanctioning? Fremont wants to keep it club because of costs. Mr. Sherwood said he is concerned because lacrosse already uses jerseys with his school's name, practice on his fields and posters line the halls of the school and he has no jurisdiction. They are a chartered club. He rents the fields at a lower rate because of legislation. Mr. Hammer said when soccer was adopted they just made it work. The early years were challenging. Mr. Morris asked if the EC could recommend the BOT hears the presentation from the lacrosse association. He reminded members there is lots of support and thousands of students are participating. Mr. Hammer thinks the survey will help the EC determine their recommendation. Mr. Hunter was asked to have UIAAA survey the schools. Mr. Morris would be a good resource to help structure the questions and information on the survey. The survey results should be available in April. Mr. Taylor will be the contact for the UHSAA staff and Mr. Jamie Sheetz, Park City AD, will be the UIAAA contact.

C. Volleyball tournament (3A): Ms. Monkres asked if 3A is willing to schedule the 3A tournament on Wednesday and Thursday moving forward. 1A/2A would be on Friday and Saturday.

MOTION: Mr. Madsen motioned to have the 3A Volleyball Tournament on Wednesday and Thursday moving forward. Mr. Murdock second. Motion carried.

D. UHSAA Moratoriums: Mr. Bishop reported the moratorium is July 5-11, 2016 (Tuesday-Monday). These dates were to stay off of July 4. Currently, there are not any adjustment requests. If an adjustment request is made, it is for the entire school. The deadline for requests is June 1.

E. NFHS Network (p. 103): Mr. Taylor reported the NFHS Network will stream the wrestling finals at UVU and swimming championships. Schools can sign up and stream their school's regular season and region events. Post season media rights are held by the UHSAA. Please clear through the UHSAA before sending a "NFHS" crew to post season events in case the rights are owned by another media entity.

Drill team and basketball will be streamed by Deseret Digital.

10. Reports:

A. NFHS Winter Meeting: Mr. Cuff said he attended the NFHS Winter Meeting for all State Executive Directors. It was quite a sacrifice to attend because it was held in Hawaii. The beaches were miserable and there wasn't much to do for fun after the meetings, but he suffered through for the good of the Association! He said it was interesting agenda because they discussed what the NFHS story is and how best to tell the story. The NFHS is considering three different PR groups to promote nationally education-based activities with PSA's and commercials. What makes high school activities different should be that they thrive on participation and inclusion, sportsmanship and citizenship. Part of the story is recruiting and retaining officials. The majority of short-lived officials quit because they are not having fun

because of being berated, belittled and sportsmanship issues from the stands. Participation in high school activities should be fun. Leadership, community, relationships and the need to belong are important. All these things are the high school story and it need to be shared. More will be revealed at the summer conference.

B. Sports Medicine Committee: Mr. Bishop reported the committee met on January 11. Dr. Karl Weenig, Utah County, is interested in feedback about the “Anyone Can Save a Life” program. Mr. Bishop asked members to share any feedback or experiences he could share with Mr. Weenig. Mr. Bishop reported the bulk of the meeting was reviewing the Sports Medicine tab on the UHSAA website. Concussion protocol forms were updated. Additional links will be coming. The Committee would like to require a “hands-on” component for CPR. The card would need to specify it was hands-on training. This will need to be discussed with the Constitution By-Law Committee.

C. Theatre Committee: Mr. Bishop reported the committee held a conference call in December. The region and state dates are included on the calendar.

D. Speech Committee: Mr. Taylor reported the committee held a conference call to confirm sties. Tournament host sites and directors are ready.

E. 1A Athletics: Mr. Young said they needed to discuss a new baseball format. They would like to have a 16-team tournament, single elimination, two weekends. Region 18 is against the proposal. Mr. Cluff said his concern is pitching. Discussion continued. Mr. Cuff reminded them they went to Spanish Fork Recreation because of inadequate fields at 1A schools. Now you want to go back to those fields? 1A continued discussion after the meeting.

F. 2A Athletics: Mr. Peterson said they are concerned with the golf rotation and new realignment.

G. 3A Athletics: Mr. Murdock reported 3A basketball is ready. There will be 2 championship games at the Centrum and 4 consolation games off site on Saturday. If boys and girls are both in they will be scheduled at the same site.

H. 4A Athletics: Mr. Browning had nothing to report.

I. 5A Athletics: Mr. Sherwood had nothing to report.

11. New Member School Applications for 2016-2017: Mr. Cuff said representatives from the new member school applications were present to answer any questions and provide any new information. The members will be asked to make a recommendation to the BOT.

A. Skyridge High School (refer to pp. 76-77 purple): Principal Joel Perkins was present. Mr. Cuff and Mr. Cluff did a site visit. Mr. Perkins stated he needed to amend the application. As of last week, 9th grade will now be included in the high school. The number of seniors has been updated to 334, grades 10-12 to 1428 and grades 11-12 to 856. Mr. Perkins reported Lehi, grades 11-12, is 894 and Mr. Carlson, BOT member, will be petitioning to change Lehi’s classification. Mr. Perkins is requesting 4A, Region 7.

MOTION: Mr. Browning motioned to recommend to the BOT to accept Skyridge High School’s membership application with assignment to Region 7 in 4A for one year. Mr. Morris second. Motion carried.

B. Ridgeline High School (refer to pp. 78-79): Mr. Bob Henke, principal, and Cache School District Assistant Superintendent were present. Mr. Cuff and Mr. Bishop toured the school site. All facilities are available for the activities listed on the application. Mr. Henke said they do not have swim facilities on campus, but will be sharing with Mountain Crest. He stated their preference would be 3A, Region 11.

MOTION: Mr. Murdock motioned to recommend to the BOT to accept Ridgeline High School's membership application with assignment to Region 11 in 3A for one year. Mr. Woolstenhulme second. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson asked what football classification they would be assigned.

MOTION: Mr. Wilson motioned to recommend to the BOT to assign Ridgeline HS to 3AA football north. Mr. Murdock second. Motion carried.

C. Utah Military Academy (refer to pp. 80-81): Major Kit Workman, Commandant of Cadets and Casey Richardson, AD, were in attendance. Mr. Cuff said the school is located in the former Christian Heritage School in Riverdale. Mr. Bishop and Mr. Cuff were impressed with their hospitality, discipline and structure of the school. They would like to participate in baseball, girls' and boys' basketball, girls' and boys' cross country, girls' and boys' golf, boys' soccer, girls' and boys' track, volleyball, wrestling, music, speech/debate and drama. The enrollment of the upper three grades is 163. They are a charter school and currently participate in the USSA League for charters and privates not in the UHSAA Association. Major Workman reported they help prepare students prepare for college military academies. They feel the team participation is very important and are excited to become part of the UHSAA. They are currently upgrading dressing and locker rooms and in the beginning process of developing a permanent facility. They use the culture of the ROTC to help enhance the academic experience. Mr. Cuff said they would need contracts for soccer and baseball. They are working with the City for sites. Mr. Bruce voiced concern about the baseball field facility. Major Workman said they are committed to make it happen. They would have Independent Status for the first year. Major Workman requested 1A, Region 18, but would accept any assignment. Mr. Young said Region 17 would like to have them in their region and could build them into their schedule. Major Workman said they would be willing to go to Region 17 for one year.

MOTION: Mr. Young motioned to recommend to the BOT to accept Utah Military Academy's membership application with assignment to Region 17 in 1A for one year. Mr. Bruce second. Motion carried.

D. Freedom Preparatory Academy: Mr. Buddy Ivie, principal, was in attendance. They are requesting activities only and consideration as an associate member. Mr. Ivie reported they do not specialize in arts and they compete in charter leagues. Their enrollment numbers are down and they have not been able to secure contracts for fields. They would like to petition later to become a full member. Mr. Cuff said associate members are assigned by geographic location. The closest region would be Region 8 in 4A. Mr. Ivie said they would prefer not to travel.

MOTION: Mr. Penrod motioned to recommend to the BOT to accept Freedom Preparatory Academy's membership application as an associate member and assigned to Region 8 in 4A. Mr. Browning second. Motion carried.

E. Weber Innovation High School (refer to pp. 83a-84b): Tabled. Weber Innovation High School will make a request at a future date.

Mr. Cuff encouraged members to start inviting new member schools to region meetings and involve them in planning meetings.

F. Mountain Crest and Lehi HS Discussion: The EC members discussed how the building of new schools affected the enrollment of Mountain Crest and Lehi. Both schools and their districts have petitioned to move down in their classification assignment. Mr. Penrod reminded members when the two-year alignment was adopted, it was with the thought schools would only need to wait for one year for a new alignment assignment. It was discussed that schools have their schedules set and it would create difficulties for several schools. Mr. Penrod pointed out that it would entail changing 120 schedules. Mr. Sherwood stated that precedence is that the school finishes out the realignment cycle. Chairman Boyle wants to know how the Executive Committee feels about changes during mid-realignment.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to recommend to the BOT to not change Mountain Crest or Lehi's current classification. Mr. Penrod second. Motion carried.

12. Legal/Legislative Report (executive session):

MOTION: Mr. Penrod motioned to go into executive session to discuss legal and legislative issues. Mr. Wood second. Motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. Bruce motioned to leave executive session. Mr. Young second. Motion carried.

Distinguished Service Luncheon

13. **Realignment:** Mr. Cuff stated the time table for the 2017-2019 realignment was found on page 104. The Realignment Committee has made a recommendation to the Executive Committee for consideration of format and procedures and range of member schools in each classification. Realignment will be on the March agenda. A public hearing (March 23) will be held prior to the Board of Trustees meeting on March 24. There must be two considerations. Mr. Cuff thanked the members of the Realignment Committee for their service.

Mr. Penrod read the Realignment Committee's recommendation (meeting handout) which was approved unanimously. Mr. Peterson asked what happened to the three-year cycle proposal. It was determined it was easier with enrollment changes, new schools and schedules (head to head in football) to leave it a two-year alignment. The number of regions would remain the same. Members were encouraged not to look at school names on the charts provided because the information is based on October 1, 2014 enrollments. Mr. Young asked if geography was considered with three regions. Mr. Cuff said that is why the proposal states, "as feasible as possible" so those issues can be considered. Mr. Peterson said there are communication and organizational problems with divisions. The classification names will be 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, and 6A. Mr. Wilkey said Region 5 was concerned with six classifications. Mr. Penrod said there would be 24 schools in a classification and if the number of schools keeps growing, it would move up to 32 schools. Mr. Sherwood said six classifications addresses the ratio disparity in the small classifications. He thinks it is an issue for the rural schools. Mr. Morris said the philosophy of smaller ratios creates a more level playing field and to try to balance the number of schools in a region. Mr. Wilson felt it will help 3A to have more schools in their regions. Mr. Morris is concerned that too many are looking at the charts that have been distributed. These

numbers don't include 10 new schools and will look much different with the Oct 1 count of 2016. Mr. Hammer said he has seen the pendulum swing from travel concerns to ratios with the growth in Utah. Most states do not have the representation Utah has on their boards. He suggested that a recommendation is needed for the BOT. The EC will have another opportunity in March to discuss it again.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to accept the Realignment Committee's proposal for 2017-2019 realignment for format and procedures as read from the meeting handout and accept it as a preliminary recommendation to the Board of Trustees. Mr. McDaniel second. Motion carried. In favor: 13, opposed: 5, 2 not present.

A. Rural Schools Rule: Members received a copy of the Rural Schools Rule proposal. The rule would only apply to 1A-3A to protect competitiveness in the small schools. Any school in classification 1A-3A that is located within a 15-mile radius of 4 or more other high schools will play up one classification. Schools that have the ability to draw students from other schools have an advantage over the rural schools that cannot attract other students because of the rural isolation.

Schools that have been moved up a classification because of the Rural School Rule may petition to move back down one classification if (1) all the schools in the affected region agree and (2) a majority of BOT members in the affected classification agree to let them move down.

B. Wasatch Academy Rule: If a school specializes in a sport or activity, the school can be asked to go independent or move to a higher classification.

Mr. Cuff explained the proposal was to address the rural vs urban discussion. For example, charters and privates located in an urban area. Mr. Mees said the success of the urban private/charters is changing and leaves the rural schools at a disadvantage. Mr. Darrington stated that rural schools will not draw students and creates a disadvantage. Mr. Bruce understands the purpose of the proposal, but it will affect '25' schools that live by the rules for the 'five' that do not. Mr. Cuff said it was discussed if it is a realignment issue or a Constitution By-Law issue. It has been suggested that if a student transfers they be ineligible for an automatic 45-90 days of the sport season. Mr. Morris said current rules cover recruiting, but it is difficult to accuse schools of recruiting. Mr. Darrington thinks the schools are going by the rules, but the very nature of their location causes the disadvantage. Mr. Cuff said 100% of the schools would petition to move down. We would have to show evidence or it would be considered subjective and arbitrary. The proposal could be discussed in Constitution By-Laws Committee.

The Rural School Rule and the Wasatch Academy Rule didn't pass due to lack of a motion.

14. For the Good of the Order:

A. BOT Election Results (effective July 1, 2016):

- Region 1 Dean Oborn, Weber School District, was reelected
- Region 4 Scott Carlson, Alpine School District, was reappointed
- Region 6 Belinda Johnson, Murray School District, was reelected
- Region 7 Michelle Kaufusi, Provo District, was reelected
- Region 8 Blake Baird, Wasatch School District, was elected
- Region 13 Jeff Schena, Millard School District, was elected
- Region 20 Mike Savage, Garfield School District, was reelected

Mr. Cuff reminded members that an appointment for a 5A and 3A principal on the BOT needs to be made by the March meeting.

B. UHSAA Super Fans:

- 1A Lamont and Karen Ellett, Wayne HS
- 2A Ken and Connie Mortensen, Delta HS
- 3A Bert and Grace Christensen, Richfield HS
- 4A Gilbert Cordova, Judge Memorial HS
- 5A Howard Walker, Pleasant Grove HS

C. UHSAA Circle of Fame:

- Kerry Anderson Wayne HS, wrestling coach, official
- Roger Dupaix Skyline HS, football coach
- Becky Anderson UHSAA Asst. Director, Murray coach, 1st softball championship, volleyball and basketball

MOTION: Mr. Bruce motioned to approve the Super Fan and Circle of Fame nominees. Mr. Peterson second. Motion carried.

D. Spirit of Sport Award and Heart of the Arts Award:

- Kelsie Albee, Manti HS, will be the recipient of the Heart of the Arts Award. Kelsie has participated with forensics and is currently fighting cancer.
- Matthew Beecher, Davis HS, will be the recipient of the Spirit of Sport Award. Matt has participated in track and field and football. He was born missing his left forearm and has been an inspiration to many.

MOTION: Mr. Penrod motioned to approve the Spirit of Sport and Heart of the Arts recipients. Mr. Browning second. Motion carried.

E. Articles: Mr. Cuff included articles to support education-based activities and efforts to minimize risk and concussions. Please share with the regions.

F. Sleepy Ridge: The owner gave free golf passes to the members. Mr. Bishop thanked them for their hospitality.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45. Next meeting: March 16 at 9:00 a.m. at the UHSAA Office.