

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 27, 2016

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

1. **Welcome and Chairperson Business:** Chairman Hammer welcomed members to the meeting.

A. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Young encouraged members to focus on the great things about America. We are problem solvers and work on one issue and move to the next. He also feels he is a Utah patriot. To work and live in Utah is great. He feels the students are incredible in Utah. From his 42 years in education, he keeps returning because of the people. He feels the Executive Committee is the best kept secret in providing service to students. He then led members in the pledge of allegiance.

B. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Darrington quoted Edmond Burke, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." Mr. Darrington said it is easy to sit back and remain in our comfort zone, but this group makes tough decisions. It would be easier to do nothing, but he appreciated the work of this group. He then offered a prayer.

C. Minutes of March 16 (summary on UHSAA website):

MOTION: Mr. Bruce motioned to approve the minutes of March 16. Mr. Penrod second. Motion carried.

D. Additional Items for Today's Meeting: Mr. Cuff said the appeals process would be discussed in the executive session with Mr. Van Wagoner.

E. Moratoriums, Deadlines, etc.: Mr. Hammer reminded members of dates and deadlines.

2. **USOE Report:** Ms. Mayne reported that credit for athletics has been released and there are no changes including no changes in funding for athletic classes. She reported the USBA is in a worldwide search for a state superintendent.

3. **BOT Report:** Mr. Penrod reported on the March 24 meeting.

- Winter Champions were recognized
- Basketball endowment game report
- NFHS courses: nfhslearn.com
- Winter activities reports
- Winter ejection report
- Sportsmanship initiative increases awareness
- 2016-2017 Calendar was reviewed
- Battle of the Fans winners were announced and congratulated
- Dare to Lead Student Leadership Conference on Thursday, June 16, at Murray HS

- Unified Sports
- Register My Athlete – electronic submission for Academic All-State
- 2017-2019 format and procedures were approved
- Classification and region placement will be in November
- NFHS Today articles were provided
- Luncheon to honor the Circle of Fame inductees, Heart of the Arts, Spirit of Sport and Super Fan recipients.

4. Activity Report:

A. Solo and Ensemble Festivals: Ms. Monkres reported the event would be on Saturday, April 30. Orem and Northridge HS will be the host sites. There are no split regions and schedules are posted. Any changes need to be made with region chairs who will contact the site directors.

B. Theatre/Drama: Mr. Bishop reported the competitions have been completed. All feedback has been positive. Mr. Madsen and Mr. Henrie helped at the 1A/2A site. He reported that the 1A/2A is discussing moving tourney from SVC next year to high schools.

C. Speech/Debate: Mr. Taylor said the Debate competition was held last month. There will be rule changes coming before the next EC meeting.

5. Calendar:

A. 2015-2016 (p. 130 and on UHSAA website): Mr. Taylor reported the calendar has links to the live streamed events. EC Members were asked to sign up for spring tournament assignments. Ms. Monkres reminded members of a few AP conflicts listed on page 131. Friday, May 13 is a mistake for 2A boys' tennis because they only play on Saturday.

B. 2016-2017 (pp. 132-137 and on UHSAA website): Mr. Taylor reported that additional sites have been added for theatre. UVU is available for wrestling.

(1) Football: Mr. Bishop reported that Weber State has a game on the November 5 and regions were to discuss the option of semis on Thursday, Friday (November 3, 4) and the championship at SUU on Saturday, November 12.

(2) 3A Basketball: Mr. Bishop reported that he is meeting with Utah State if 3A is interested in their site. 3A Committee said their first option would be Utah State and the Maverik Center second option.

(3) 2A Basketball: Mr. Woolstenhulme said 2A had issues with hotels for basketball in Richfield. His region would like to rotate. It was 3 to 1 to stay at Richfield.

(4) 1A Golf: Mr. Wood pointed out 1A boys' golf is on Tuesday, May 16, and Wednesday, May 17.

(5) Summer Moratorium: The 2016 Summer Moratorium is July 5-11. The 2017 Summer Moratorium is suggested to be June 26-July 2 (Monday-Sunday). Please discuss in regions.

Mr. Brantley said American Fork is willing to take a fine for breaking the summer moratorium and is encouraging other schools to join them. Ms. Monkres said the UMEA supports the UHSAA Summer Moratorium. The staff has had many calls from concerned individuals. Mr. Brantley said it is a big celebration for a retiring band director at the city parade.

MOTION: Mr. Darrington motioned for a one-year exemption for band for this year's summer moratorium and to encourage discussion with the BOT to exempt activities from the summer moratorium. Mr. Madsen second. Motion carried.

(6) Moratorium Adjustment: Mr. Bishop reported that Grantsville has requested a moratorium adjustment from 4:00 pm on July 4 to 4:00 pm July 11.

MOTION: Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the moratorium adjustment for Grantsville. Mr. Bruce second. Motion carried.

(7) 3A Tennis: Ms. Monkres reported that 2015-2016 tennis is at St. George and ending at Dixie HS. There will be two days at both sites and then they will consolidate.

(8) Girls' Tennis: Ms. Monkres said there is a conflict on Saturday with the Race for the Cure. It has been suggested that the tournament be moved to Tuesday through Friday to accommodate that conflict.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to move 3A, 4A and 5A girls' tennis to Tuesday through Friday. Mr. Penrod second. Motion carried.

(9) Divisional Wrestling Sites: Schools wanting to host divisional wrestling should submit their requests so it can be decided in June.

MOTION: Mr. Peterson motioned to approve the 2016-2017 calendar. Mr. Sherwood second. Motion carried.

6. **UIAAA:** Mr. Hunter announced that two of the golf winners at the UIAAA Conference were Mr. Sherwood and Mr. Hammer. He said nine EC members attended the conference and he thanked them for their support. They may add an additional class next year to each session. The conference next year is April 5-8, 2017 and April 18-21, 2018. In the future, they will be sharing the information from the conference on a portal.

A. Lacrosse Survey: Mr. Hunter said they are working with Mr. Morris on the survey and Mr. Morris read the questions to be included on the survey. Mr. Jamie Sheetz is the contact on UIAAA. The survey will be going out to schools soon. Mr. Woolstenhulme said the survey is asking questions from the principal and coaches, but ultimately this will be a school board decision to add a sport.

B. Shot Clock: Mr. Hunter said they are proposing a shot clock for 4A and 5A girls' and boys' basketball on Monday. The shot clock costs and location for clock is being discussed and they are preparing for a survey. It won't be a quick process.

C. UIAAA Cross Country: Mr. Hunter asked for an exception for the UIAAA Cross Country meet for a 1:00 start time. It was allowed last year and they would like to ask for the exception again this year. The meet provides funds for the UIAAA student scholarships.

MOTION: Mr. Penrod motioned to sanction for one-year the UIAAA Cross Country meet for a 1:00 pm start time. Mr. Peterson second. Motion carried.

7. Follow Up Items of Previous Meetings:

A. Finalize Pairings and Qualifiers for 2016-2017 State Tournaments: Mr. Taylor stated the bracket pairings are listed on the UHSAA website. They have been updated for wrestling divisions based on points from last year. They are subject to change based on who hosts the

divisions. 1A needs to determine their pairings for wrestling. 1A/2A need to reconfigure the pairings if there are changes in schools participating. Please remember rotations and be mindful of travel and sharing the burden. The staff would like to make the changes as soon as possible.

B. Wrestling: Mr. Cuff announced that Dave Vande Veegaete will no longer be the wrestling director. Other commitments keep him from continuing in the position. Mr. Vande Veegaete thanked members for their support in the great sport of wrestling. He has enjoyed the opportunity as wrestling director. He then introduced Chad Blevins who is currently a coach at Mountain View and president of the Wrestling Coaches' Association. Mr. Blevins will be the new wrestling director. Mr. Vande Veegaete said he will continue to support and help in any way he can. Mr. Cuff thanked him for his help this year. Mr. Vande Veegaete received a round of applause.

Mr. Blevins said he appreciates the opportunity to be the wrestling director. He is very supportive of wrestling and has enjoyed watching all of Utah's teams compete. He wants to keep the unity between clubs and high school organizations and continuity between small and large schools. Mr. Cuff welcomed Mr. Blevins. Mr. Blevins received a round of applause.

Mr. Taylor discussed the proposed change to the 4A/5A post-season wrestling schedule. The dates proposed are not available at venues. Currently, the individual wrestling tournament is scheduled for February 8-11 at UVU. The 4A/5A dual tournament is calendared for one-day on January 25.

C. Dual Wrestling Tournament (4A/5A) (p. 138): Mr. Blevins said the dual tournament was great, but the fan base was not great. The proposed change is for one-day tournament on Wednesday, January 25, at a high school site. Eight mats are needed for the tournament. Mr. Astle asked if Jordan HS has enough seating. Mr. Taylor said based on last year's attendance they would. Mr. Sherwood said an all day tournament at a school on a school day would not be possible because of classes and parking. Mr. Blevins said a Saturday is too close to a divisional tournament. It was felt a week day would bring up the attendance. With a one-day tournament, more schools will be brought together. Mr. Sherwood said in his region the schools were fighting to NOT participate because it was too close to the individual tournament. Mr. Vande Veegaete said the coaches were concerned to travel for one match. Mr. Sherwood said many schools sent their JV teams. Mr. Vande Veegaete would hope they would give it one more year. Mr. Belnap said coaches were concerned for injuries and which tournament is really the "big" one. His region is willing to go another year with the duals. Mr. Sherwood asked if it would be possible to hold the duals earlier in the year. Mr. Blevins said if it was held earlier it would take away the merit of the dual competition. Mr. Brantley said if it is not supported they would question why keep it. Mr. Wilkey's region would support a two-day tournament. Mr. McDaniel said it is difficult to miss more school. His region sent mostly JV teams. Mr. Browning said the region feels the season is really long. Mr. Blevins said the season is not long, but compact. Mr. Penrod said his region was concerned because of three straight weeks with duals, division and state. They suggested holding the duals earlier. Mr. Sherwood said the problem is the season isn't over and they haven't been seeded. Mr. McDaniel asked how it could work on a weekday with school in session and parking. Mr. Blevins said weigh-ins would begin around 10:00 and wrestling matches would begin about 12:30 or 1:00. Mr. Sherwood said it would work at his school with that time schedule. Mr. Cuff asked about bringing the top two instead of top four. Mr. Brantley felt his region would not want two because their region had the top four spots. It was discussed to compromise and have three teams. Mr. Sherwood would be willing to host under those questions.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to approve the wrestling duals at a high school for 4A/5A on Wednesday, January 25, with a 12-team format for each classification. Jordan HS will host the event. Mr. Astle second. Mr. Blevins said the coaches were unanimous having a one-day tournament. Motion carried.

D. Wrestling Divisionals – Wednesday, February 1 and Thursday, February 2.

E. Unified Sports – UHSAA/SOUT State Events (pp. 139-142): Mr. Taylor reported twelve soccer teams and fifteen to eighteen track teams are participating in Unified Sports. The State Unified Soccer meet will be on May 7 at Hillcrest and May 18 at Copper Hills for track. He invited members to attend.

F. Football:

(1) Spring Restrictions/Summer Camps (meeting handout): Restrictions change for this spring to allow coaches to work with athletes. A few years ago, some coaches requested to allow coaches to take All-Star teams in the spring to a 7 on 7 tournament in Las Vegas. The exception was given based on two kids per school on the team. Now, there are four teams that participate. The issue is that some of those kids are showing up to enroll at the high school where the coach at the tournament is coaching (undue influence). The exception is not in writing and coaches that don't attend are very concerned and it is a hot topic. Mr. Bishop felt it needs to be like basketball all year round or it needs to be shut down. It has become more difficult with the new spring restriction rule. A new policy needs to be in place for next spring (2017). Mr. Browning asked for a summary to take to regions to discuss and bring back in June for discussion.

G. Coaches' Certification: Mr. Bishop reminded that new coaches need CPR, first aid, concussion training (NFHS), background check and Fundamentals of Coaching (unless PE major/minor, or coaching emphasis or dance minor). The five components are listed in the UHSAA Handbook.

H. Executive Committee Terms (pp. 143-144): Mr. Cuff reviewed with members their terms. Mr. Brantley will not be returning for Region 4 because he moving to a district position next year in Human Resources. The replacement will be announced soon. Mr. Murdock will not be returning for Region 11 and Bob Henke will be the replacement for one year.

I. Board of Trustees Terms (pp. 145-146): Mr. Cuff provided their information. The 5A principal representative will be Garrett Muse and 3A will be Rick Nielsen. Charter schools will have an election in two weeks to select their representative.

J. NFHS Summer Conference: Those attending the conference can request the conference stipend. If you are unable to attend, please contact Ms. Widerburg.

8. Legal/Legislative Report (executive session):

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

MOTION: Mr. McDaniel motioned to leave executive session. Mr. Penrod second. Motion carried.

9. Staff Items:

A. Sportsmanship Items: Ms. Monkres reported the recommended criteria for 2016-2017 Sportsmanship Award is posted on the website under the ABOUT tab.

(1) School Sportsmanship Award Applications: Applications are due by Friday, June 3, 2016 (p. 147).

B. Dare2lead Student Leadership Conference: The conference will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at Murray HS (p. 148). Registration is due by Friday, April 29, 2016. Chaperones stay for free and students can book a hotel if they are two hours from school for \$25.

C. Officiating Update: Mr. Cluff reported the process for ejection confirmation will be sent by email and principals will acknowledge they have received the email and an email will be generated and sent back to the UHSAA that the process will be followed by the school. The hard copy ejection form is no longer returned to the UHSAA office.

D. Baseball Items: Mr. Cluff reminded members of the 14-inning rule. Please put safety first and follow the pitching rule.

Mr. Cluff reported a situation where a suspended game, in which 5.5 innings had been played with the visitors winning 7 to 2, was being debated if it was a completed game. The region handbook said if a game is suspended it is played at a later date. The NFHS/UHSAA rule states if five innings are played and then suspended, it is considered complete unless the game is tied. A region rule cannot supersede the NFHS/UHSAA rule.

E. Region Disciplinary Reports: Mr. Cuff said he is receiving fewer and fewer reports. He is hopeful there are fewer infractions, but also is concerned regions are not reporting. When a decision is made in the region that needs to be reported to the Executive Committee, it needs to be submitted online in a Disciplinary Report.

10. Realignment:

A. Timetable (p. 149): The BOT will consider classification and region placement in November. A public hearing will be held in December and another BOT meeting in December to finalize the member school placement.

B. Board of Trustees Approvals (pp. 150-151): The BOT approved the format and procedures at their last meeting. Mr. Cuff reviewed the changes the BOT made to format and procedures.

Mr. Young reported on a 1A, 2A, 3A meeting that was held and the proposal that was developed to align charter and private schools. The BOT wanted the EC to discuss the proposal with their regions and determine if they wanted to recommend the proposal to the BOT. Mr. Young reported they developed a range for charter and private schools to be placed in an appropriate classification. He discussed the ranges. This would allow consideration for worldwide recruiting to put those schools in a proper classification. He said the transfer rule was also a major discussion. Mr. Cuff said it was discussed in the Constitution By-Law Committee and they will be meeting again on Tuesday, May 3, to discuss changes to the transfer rule.

Mr. Morris said the proposal was presented as a good will for an even playing field. The basic consensus was that something needed to be done. The proposal is basically a multiplier. The

criteria is unclear and the factors not known. Mr. Darrington felt that changes to the transfer rule will not completely resolve the issues with private and charter schools.

Mr. Taylor said the reason the multiplier has not been adopted is because any number is arbitrary. It cannot be defended. Mr. Young said that is why a range was determined. Mr. Morris said the range is based on population. Mr. Bruce said it will affect some schools, but not all, no matter the number that is determined. Mr. Morris said the ranges are arbitrary.

Mr. Cuff said he has a scheduled meeting with state legislators because they were told about this proposal and proposed changes to the transfer rule. He will invite legislators to the next Constitution By-Law meeting.

Mr. Hammer said the discussion regarding the transfer rule included proposals that underclassman could play sub-varsity only if they transfer. Hardship waivers would only allow sub-varsity. Mr. Cuff said it was debated what to do for seniors. Mr. Hammer said there needs to be compromise. Another proposal was for a student to sit out for a certain number of days. Mr. Sherwood said Utah heavily supports parent rights. In some states they allow athletes to participate wherever they are the first day of school. Please discuss in regions.

11. Reports:

A. 1A Athletics: Mr. Young reported that Utah Military Academy will participate independently for baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, boys' soccer, track and wrestling.

B. 2A Athletics: Mr. Peterson wanted to discuss region responsibilities, violations and reporting. He reviewed Section 4 of the UHSAA Handbook. Reporting is through the online reports as discussed earlier.

C. 3A Athletics: Mr. Mees asked about adding a 4X8 relay to state track. Scott Stucki at Hillcrest HS is the coaches' association president. A proposal from the coaches would be the first step.

D. 4A Athletics: Nothing to report

E. 5A Athletics: Mr. Taylor reported the Legacy Event Center would be available Friday, February 17 and Saturday, February 18, for the 4A/5A tournament instead of Wednesday February 8 and Thursday, February 9. It might be something to explore. Mr. Bishop said the Legacy Event Center could not accommodate 4A/5A state. That ended the discussion.

12. For the Good of the Order:

A. Articles: Mr. Cuff provided articles for members.

B. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, at 9:00 am. Mr. Hammer said the UASSP Conference is being held in Park City on June 8. The members determined that the next meeting would be on Friday, June 10, at 9:00 am. The Sportsmanship Committee will meet on June 9 at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30. There will be a hearing on May 10 at 10:00 am for Summit Academy for select members of the Executive Committee.