

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 28, 2016

Members present: Ryck Astle, Tom Sherwood, Rhonda Bromley, Greg Wilkey, Robert McDaniel, Mike Browning, John Penrod, Mike Mees, Trever Wilson, Robert Henke, 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. Excused: Rod Belnap.  
Minutes: Jeanne Widerburg.

**1. Welcome and Chairperson Business:** Chairman Hammer welcomed members to the meeting. He thanked the members for their support of the Association and staff especially in regards to the State School Board proposals. He excused Rod Belnap.

A. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Wilson shared his experience with his Ukrainian daughter. They visited Independence Square in Kiev which was the sight of protests two years ago and the government ordered snipers to shoot at the protestors. Over 100 people died at those protests. His daughter and husband were a couple of blocks away helping people who were injured. While visiting the square, he noticed his 16-year old daughter touching a cement barrier that had a break away from a bullet and she had a tear running down her face. Mr. Wilson is grateful to live in this country even with the turmoil we are facing. We are a blessed people. He then led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

B. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Wood said he had been reflecting on the many tragedies his community and surrounding communities had faced recently. He was impressed with the youth and their support in helping dig out flooded basements and clearing mud off ball fields. He watched as students with connections with activities reached out to those students who maybe didn't have those connections. He encouraged members to remember the goodness of the youth and refocus when tragedy hits on what we are trying to accomplish. It is amazing to touch the lives of the future and see the great things that are happening. He then offered a prayer.

C. Chairman's General Observations (including Section 7/8 Meeting): Mr. Hammer said the Section 7/8 Meeting was very beneficial. The attendees were aware of the issues UHSAA was facing and were very supportive. They discussed issues that pertained to all the Associations in Section 7/8. There were several breakout session including transfer rules. California is similar to Utah in the first entry transfer rule. California gives them one more free transfer, but the student misses 50% of the games in the same sport. Arizona also adopted the 50% rule. Their transfers went from 5000 to 1500. He felt they received good information at the Section Meeting. He noted that Utah has more representation than any other state with 30 on the Board of Trustees and 23 on the Executive Committee. Oregon hosts the Section 7/8 Meeting next year and Utah hosts the following year.

Mr. Cuff reported on the NFHS campaign on "My Reason Why." This campaign promotes high school activities nationwide. The NFHS Foundation is sponsoring the campaign and schools will hear more regarding this in the next few weeks. One of the topics discussed at the Section Meeting was about concussions. Mr. Cuff feels good knowing Utah has a Sports Medicine Committee in place. Dr. Weenig presented at the UHSAA Summit along with Dr. Colby Hansen. He feels the UHSAA is a pioneer in many areas and states look to Utah. For example, many states have adopted the Super Fan Award. Everyone is dealing with the same issues just at different degrees.

Ms. Monkres felt the discussion on transfers was very helpful. Utah does not have the most strict transfer rule, but there are ideas to be explored as we move forward. Arizona's rule seems to have deterred significant numbers of transfers. The other topic of interest was adding sports to an Association.

D. Minutes of August 10, 2016 (summary on UHSAA website):

**MOTION:** Mr. Browning motioned to approve the minutes of August 10, 2016. Mr. Sherwood second. Motion carried.

E. Ready Reference Calendar Guides (refer to UHSA website): Mr. Hammer reminded members to be aware of Academic All-State deadlines, eligibility lists, etc. Any adjustments to the Christmas Moratorium needed to be received by November 1. The UEA Convention is being held October 20-21.

F. Member School Dues, Catastrophic Insurance, By-Laws Confirmation: Ms. Widerburg reminded members all items were due. Please remind schools to send in their fees.

G. Fall Sports Assignment Sheets: Sheets will be distributed to classifications for fall sports assignments.

2. **USBE Report:** Ms. Mayne said it has been an interesting month. She said the legal staff had sent the rule proposals to her to review. Ms. Mayne said the School Board is diligent in managing many issues and work hard on due diligence. All of us want the best outcome for students. She compared the situation to riding a tandem bicycle. The person on the back is watching what is happening and the person on the front is responsible for what does happen. She appreciated the Association's members demonstration of teamwork in approaching the State Board. She feels the outcome will be good and they had addressed valid issues. The State Board is looking for solutions. She pointed out they are concerned with transfers because the student has to prove themselves right in the transfer. It is somewhat of a negative approach. She said the legal team and Board were impressed by the quality of the Association. Superintendent Dickson sent her best wishes. Revision 4 of the State Board Rule was distributed to members.

3. **BOT Meeting Report:** Mr. Penrod reported.

- New members were welcomed by Chair Betts
- Four new members schools
- Orientation on procedures and policies of the Board
- Calendar and UHSAA updated website were discussed
- BOT elections and terms of office
- Catastrophic insurance – schools reimbursed at 100%
- Sportsmanship Program
- Dare to Lead Student Conference
- Corporate Sponsors, media rights
- Coach certification
- Officials, background checks
- Baseball NFHS pitch count rule
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual UHSAA Summit
- Legal Items
- Wasatch Academy – JV Independent Boys' Basketball
- Summer Moratorium – July 2-8 (July 4 exception for parades)

- Audit/Budget reviewed and approved

4. **Region Visits (p. 60):** Mr. Cuff reviewed staff member assignments to regions. Please work with staff member to schedule visits. He encouraged members to invite their BOT representative to their region meetings.

A. Regions and Classifications (150 total schools) (p. 7 yellow): Mr. Cuff reported that letters were mailed to schools to request self-containment information for the realignment. Private schools were sent enrollment information. The districts received a letter regarding alternative school counts. Hopefully, October 1 counts can be received for the November 17 BOT Meeting. Self-containment numbers are students primarily self-contained – these students would not be participating.

B. UHSAA Summit: Mr. Cuff was pleased with the 2<sup>nd</sup> UHSAA Summit. There were three breakout sessions and two general sessions. Dr. Weenig and Dr. Colby Hansen presented regarding sport safety. An education source for training coaches is [nfhslearn.com](http://nfhslearn.com). Mr. Monkres appreciates the participation and nice to meet face-to-face. The staff is open to topic suggestions. Mr. Cuff said they are interested in topics for the breakout session at the UIAAA AD Conference, too. The USOUT (Special Olympics) presented about Unified Sports in soccer and track. The UHSAA appreciates the partnership with USOUT. Schools are allowed to combine to field teams.

Mr. Bruce asked how members provide medical personnel on the sidelines. Discussion regarding trainers and that some hospitals help provide the personnel. Mr. Bruce was referred back to his district and a medical partnership. Mr. Bishop said that Representative Paul Ray is running legislation this year to allocate funds for certified trainers in every school.

5. **Football Endowment Games Report:** Mr. Cuff reported that 52 games were held and the financial report would be given in November. He encouraged member schools to schedule decent matchups to contribute to the endowment fund. The UHSAA Foundation Board does not want to eat at the core and is counting on funds coming from the endowment games to cover most of the reimbursement. Schools have been given an extra game for the endowment. The Foundation has reimbursed schools at 100% for catastrophic insurance for six of the past seven years. The other year was reimbursed at 80%. UHSAA subsidizes \$40,000 of the premiums. A region game can work for basketball endowment game, but not football because it is held the first week of the football season.

6. **Calendar (refer to UHSAA website for updates):** Mr. Taylor reported that Alta is willing to host the 4A Wrestling Duals for a 16-team tournament.

**MOTION:** Mr. Sherwood motioned to hold the 4A Wrestling Duals at Alta. Ms. Bromley second. Motion approved.

A. Divisionals: Mr. Taylor said the 4A/5A region divisionals will be held at Legacy Event Center. This is NOT a state event and will be run by 8 regions. 2A will be held at Sevier Valley Center, 3A South at Juab, 3A North at Tooele. 1A will be determined later.

B. Debate:

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| 1A | Salem Hills HS |
| 2A | USU Eastern    |
| 3A | Stansbury HS   |

4A Timpview HS

5A Lehi HS

C. Theatre:

1A TBD (Utah County)

2A Richfield HS possibly

3A Cedar City HS

4A Corner Canyon, Murray HS

5A Riverton, Bingham HS

**7. Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings and Other Items:**

A. Sportsmanship Items:

(1) Meeting Report: Ms. Monkres said the committee met and she distributed the new “Raise the Bar” criteria for 2016-2017. She reviewed the changes. Schools brought before UHSAA for a sportsmanship related issue could be denied the Sportsmanship Award. The Sportsmanship Award could be withheld from a school at the request of the region or division. Schools have also been encouraged to participate in the NFHS #MyReasonWhy Campaign.

(2) Battle of the Fans: The program will continue again this school year.

(3) Dare2Lead Student Leadership Conference: The Sixth Annual Student Leadership Conference will be held Saturday, August 5, 2017, at Murray or Jordan HS. The date has been changed to try to “gear up” for the new school year and the availability of AD’s.

B. Music Meeting Report: Ms. Monkres reported their meeting was postponed until October 11 at 3:30 pm.

C. Baseball Pitch Count Rule (pp. 64-65): Mr. Cluff reported he met with the president of the Baseball Coaches’ Association, Scott Haney (Salem Hills HS), and the coaches should have a proposal for the next meeting. The biggest point of discussion is what will happen if they fail to report or exceed the limit. This rule will take affect spring of 2017. If schools are using the Game Changer program, the pitch count is automatically reported to MaxPreps. The state tournament will be managed by the UHSAA Staff and workers.

D. 1A Baseball Tournament: Mr. Cluff stated the 1A bracket has been expanded to a 16-team single elimination bracket. Pods will be held on Saturday.

E. Wrestling Items: Mr. Chad Blevins reported the 4A/5A divisionals will be held at the Legacy Events Center. The US Wrestling is covering the upfront cost. If there is a deficit after ticket sales, the 8 regions will split. If there is a major surplus, it will go back to the regions.

F. Soccer Items: Mr. Taylor reported there is a shortage of soccer officials. The staff is asking for schools to move games later or stagger days (ex: 2A, 5A on Monday, Wednesday; 3A, 4A on Tuesday, Thursday). When coaches go to the media it does not create a positive environment. The staff is trying to staff the games, but it is difficult with a 3:30 start time. Ms. Bromley asked about increasing the pay to meet the Club Official’s pay. It was discussed it would be impossible to keep up with club pay because they have the ability to pass the cost on to parents. Mr. Sherwood’s region is in favor of the increase to match club pay. Consideration for an increase in officials pay will be discussed by the committee discussing officials’ pay. It was felt mileage reimbursement is at a fair amount in comparison with other neighboring states.

G. NFHS #MyReasonWhy Campaign (pp. 66-68): Mr. Taylor discussed pages 66-68. The staff encourages schools to become involved with the #MyReasonWhy Campaign. October is National High School Activities Month. An email will be sent and the UHSAA website will focus on the campaign. Schools are encouraged to create a 15 second to 2 minute videos on why students participate in high school activities (not just sports). Submit stories of students on NFHS.com/myreasonwhy. He encouraged schools in a particular district to work together to show unity.

H. Speech/Debate Meeting Report: Mr. Taylor said the committee held a conference call meeting and discussed tournament hosts, sites, award nomination, and rule changes. The rule changes are included in the UHSAA Handbook. The season begins Friday.

## **8. UIAAA:**

### **A. Report:**

(1) Shot Clock: Mr. Hunter said the shot clock survey results were not favorable and there was no representation at their meeting. There was no recommendation given.

(2) 2A/3A Dual Wrestling: Mr. Hunter said over 90% of coaches want the dual wrestling meet. They were directed to do a survey of all schools and report back.

B. Lacrosse Update: Mr. Hunter provided the May survey results for lacrosse. UIAAA felt there needs to be more discussion/study before a decision is made. Ms. Monkres felt the timing of the survey in May was extremely difficult. She suggested surveying the membership again clarifying some of the questions. The lacrosse community is organized and would like to talk to schools and the BOT. Mr. Sherwood said his region supported sanctioning lacrosse, but the concern is practice fields and the expectations when they become sanctioned. Mr. Morris said there are large numbers of students who participate in lacrosse and want to be sanctioned by this Association. Currently, there are 45 teams and almost 5,000 students who participate. Mr. Sherwood said this would be a school board decision. Mr. Morris feels the lacrosse community should then be able to present to the BOT who are representatives of local school boards. Ms. Monkres feels that lacrosse should be given the opportunity to communicate and answer the questions that are being asked. Mr. Sherwood said this is a much more difficult sport to add because of the field space and costs of the program. He thinks it will be a revenue sport and supports sanctioning lacrosse. However, he does not know if the district is in a position to finance the program. Mr. Morris would like the opportunity for the lacrosse community to talk to the BOT so they can begin a dialogue with the local school boards. The preference for lacrosse season is both boys and girls in the spring. Mr. Morris will prepare a new survey and asked for members input on the structuring of the questions. Lacrosse will be allowed to present to BOT with no formal recommendation from the EC. The presentation will be an informational item.

## **9. Legal Report (executive session):**

**MOTION:** Mr. Penrod motioned to go into executive session to discuss legal issues. Mr. McDaniel second. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Mr. Browning motioned to leave executive session. Mr. Sherwood second. Motion carried.

**10. Realignment:** Mr. Cuff reviewed the timetable for the realignment process. He said he has been told it will be mid-November before reported numbers for free and reduced lunch or

enrollments will be received. The BOT is scheduled to meet on November 17 and the free and reduce numbers and the October 1 count is needed to complete the realignment. If the numbers are available, the BOT will have the first consideration on the alignment of member schools in each classification and determine tied (bubble) schools on November 17. Then a meeting in November/December for tied (bubble) schools to declare classification preference to BOT and first consideration on the alignment of member schools in each region. A Public Hearing in December will be held on the alignment of member schools in each region then another BOT meeting will be held for a second consideration of the alignment of member schools in each region.

#### **11. Reports:**

A. 5A Athletics: Mr. Sherwood asked about the responsibility expectations for the EC members when they sign up for tournaments. Ms. Monkres said she appreciated knowing the members were at the tournaments to help with trophies and awards or if an issue arises when support is needed.

B. 4A Athletics: The Summer Moratorium was clarified as July 2-8 with the exception of participation in July 4 parades.

C. 3A Athletics: Mr. Mees clarified that the sites for 3AA football should reflect TBD. The brackets have been changed to TBD.

D. 2A Athletics: Nothing to report.

E. 1A Athletics: Nothing to report

**12. For the Good of the Order:** Members were reminded nominations for the Distinguished Service Award and the Super Fan Award were due on November 1.

Next meeting is Wednesday, November 9.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45.