

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 18, 2017

Sleepy Ridge Golf Course

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

1. **Welcome and Chairperson Business:** Mr. Cuff welcomed members to the meeting. He excused Craig Hammer, Rod Belnap and John Penrod. He welcomed Sherry Patton, Fremont HS Asst. Principal, who was representing Rod Belnap and Dave McKee, Spanish Fork HS Principal, who was representing John Penrod.

A. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Madsen said he feels those looking to serve others are the modern-day patriots. He then led members in the pledge of allegiance.

B. Reverence/Thought: Mr. McDaniel read a quote: "Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear." He then offered a prayer.

C. Chairman's General Observations: Mr. Cuff held a moment of silence honoring Linda Mayne, USOE, who was excused at the last meeting due to illness and then died shortly thereafter due to a blood clot. She will be remembered for her great support to the students of Utah and the Association.

Superintendent Dickson has not notified Mr. Cuff as to Ms. Mayne's replacement for the Executive Committee. Ms. Jennifer Graviat will be the new USBE representative for the Board of Trustees. She is an educator in the Weber School District and a former coach and athlete.

Mr. Cuff encouraged members to attend the Public Hearing with the Utah State Board of Education on January 19. The first 30 minutes will be a presentation from the hearing officer and UHSAA. For the next 90 minutes, they will take public comment (please sign up ahead of time).

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting – November 9, 2016 (summary on UHSAA website):

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2016, was made by Mr. Peterson. Mr. Bruce second. Motion approved.

E. Academic All-State Deadlines, UHSAA Moratoriums: Winter season deadlines for Academic All-State are past. Summer Moratorium is July 2- July 8 (July 4 exception for non-competitive activities).

F. Updated Handbook on Website.

G. Winter Sports Assignment Sheets: Sign ups were given to classifications. If an assigned member is unable to attend an event, please contact the director over the event.

H. Distinguished Service Luncheon (p. 89): Fifteen individuals will be honored at the luncheon today.

2. BOT Meeting Report:

A. November 17, 2016 (summary on UHSAA website):

- Football endowment report – 52 games
- Fall activities report
- Sportsmanship Committee – Battle of Fans
- New member school applications
- BOT elections
- State Board Rule 277-409
- Lacrosse presentation/survey to member schools
- 1st consideration of classification and tied bubble school were determined
- Distinguished Service Awards were announced
- High school sport participation has increased for the 27th consecutive year (7.9M)

B. November 29, 2016 (summary on UHSAA website):

- Reviewed surveys returned by governing boards
- State Board Rule 277-409, directed a letter to be drafted to the State School Board
- Realignment Public Hearing on December 7 at Jordan HS

C. December 8, 2016 (summary on UHSAA website):

- Reviewed public feedback on realignment from UHSAA website
- Reviewed letters from schools and public hearing
- Adopted the 2017-2019 alignment
- State Board Rule 277-409, letter was sent to current and future members of the State School Board

3. Fall Activities Report:

A. Fall results (pp. 90-91): Mr. Cuff congratulated participants and winners of the fall tournaments.

4. Calendar:

A. 2016-2017 (pp. 92-93 and UHSAA website): Mr. Taylor discussed the calendar. Brackets for girls' and boys' 4A/5A Basketball reflect time changes for Thursday's time adjustments.

B. 2017-2018 (pp. 94-99 and UHSAA website): Mr. Taylor pointed out the addition of six classifications for some activities. The staff discussed each specific sport and shared the staff's proposal for the tentative calendar. Members were asked to take the tentative calendar to regions for discussion and then be prepared to finalize the calendar in March.

5. **NFHS Summer Conference:** Mr. Cuff announced the NFHS Summer Conference will be held June 28-July 2, 2017, in Providence, Rhode Island. He asked who would be interested in attending with the reminder that only twelve members will be approved to attend. The following members were interested: Mr. Belnap, Mr. Astle, Mr. Sherwood, Ms. Bromley, Mr. Penrod, Mr.

Mees, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Henke, Mr. Darrington, Mr. Madsen, Mr. Bruce, Ms. Hardy and Mr. Wood. Members were asked to check their calendars and a determination will be finalized in March. Members were encouraged to plan to attend all days of the conference including the Hall of Fame Banquet the last night.

6. UIAAA:

A. UIAAA Conference in St. George April 5-8, 2017: Mr. Hunter said registration is open on their website and school credit cards are being accepted. Mr. Sherwood will be receiving the Administrator of the Year Award and Mr. Peterson will be receiving the Meritorious Service Award. The vendor show is on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. The CAA exam will be on Thursday night.

B. NIAAA Conference: Richard Barton, Richfield HS AD, is president of the NIAAA. Mr. Wilson attended the national conference and was impressed with the conference and the opportunity to rub shoulders with AD's from across the nation. We are all dealing with the same issues.

C. Lacrosse: Mr. Hunter said the Lacrosse Survey will be sent soon.

D. Baseball Game Limitations: Mr. Hunter did not have an update, but the request is for spring 2018.

E. Courses 790 and 502: Classes will be offered at the UHSAA Office on February 13.

7. Staff Items:

A. Drill Team Items: Ms. Monkres distributed region competition dates, times, locations and competition directors. Beaver drill team is not participating. There are eight teams in 1A and they will compete on Saturday. She encouraged committee members to contact her at the tournament so she would know who could help with any issues. It is better to have more than 1 or 2 members for a committee if there is an issue.

B. Swimming: Ms. Monkres reported 2A competes on Thursday only, 5A on Thursday and Friday. 3A and 4A will compete on Friday and Saturday.

C. Sportsmanship Items: Battle of the Fans due date is January 31 at teamphoto@uhsaa.org. Dare to Lead Student Conference will be held on August 5 at Jordan HS.

D. Unified Sports: Mr. Taylor needs to know of schools' interest in participation in soccer so schedules can be built. Teams will play at hosting schools on Wednesdays. Track unified participants will participate in the interscholastic heats. Mr. Taylor said non participating schools can help by sending volunteers as fans in the stands, filling water bottles, etc. Mr. Cuff reminded members that smaller schools can combine to create a team.

E. Live Streaming: All basketball and drill team finals will be streamed on Deseret News (ksl.com). Swimming, Wrestling Duals semis and finals and Wrestling (individual) finals will be streamed on NFHS.Network (subscription fee). All winter championships will be streamed live.

F. Ejection Report (pp. 102-104): Mr. Cluff reviewed the ejection report. Volleyball had no ejections, soccer was down with 26 ejections and football was slightly up with 37 ejections. The ejection process is automated via email. Principals acknowledge the notification and then complete the process. Mr. Cluff is able to resend the notification if it is requested.

G. Spring Schedules (due January 25): Schedules were due on January 25. If there are problems, please email Mr. Cluff.

H. Spring Rules Clinics (p. 105): Head Coaches must attend a live clinic or take the online clinic. The Baseball Clinic will be held at Salem Hills HS on February 4 from 8–3 pm. Softball clinic is on February 7 at the UHSAA Office at 6 pm. Boys' soccer clinic is online. Mr. Morris asked about 2A basketball (boys and girls) and using three officials. Mr. Cluff said the 2A Classification needs to determine if three officials will be used in the tournament (possible this year) and going forward.

I. Baseball Assigner: Mr. Cluff reported that Mike Reimer was the new baseball assigner in the north (replacing Phil Leonard).

8. Realignment:

A. 1A/2A Baseball (fall and spring): Some 2A schools have requested to play 1A baseball in the fall (Utah Military, St. Joseph Catholic and others). Mr. Bruce hoped they could find a way to accommodate them. Mr. Morris said the rationale of fall ball was because many of the 1A schools didn't play football. Mr. Cluff said making the exception could possibly hurt the 2A baseball tournament in the spring. Mr. Cluff asked if some of 1A would want to play up. Members discussed the possibility and they wanted to discuss it further with their smaller groups. After discussion, there was no motion made so schools will play where they are aligned.

B. Region 1 Seeding for Tournaments: Item tabled until March.

C. Classification Structure for New Alignment: Discussion on the restructure of classifications will take place later in the smaller classification groups. It was noted that committee members' terms remain with the region as stated in the Constitution.

D. Timetable (p. 106): Mr. Cluff said the new realignment chair would be decided next week at the Board of Trustees Meeting. In March, six members, one from each classification, will be chosen to serve from BOT on the realignment committee and in April, six members, one from each classification, will be chosen from the Executive Committee.

9: Reports:

A. Theatre: Mr. Bishop reported the Theatre Committee held a conference call in December to solidify dates, hosting schools and expenses.

B. 1A Athletics: Mr. Bruce asked about drum lines at basketball. Ms. Monkres said they can have drum lines, but they can't play during while there is live play. Division wrestling is being held at Richfield HS.

C. 2A Athletics: Need to determine 2 or 3 officials at state basketball tournament.

D. 3A Athletics: Nothing to report.

E. 4A Athletics: Nothing to report.

F. 5A Athletics: Nothing to report.

10. For the Good of the Order:

A. BOT Election Results:

Region 11	Alan Mouritsen, Tooele School District
Region 12	Allen Grunig, Cache School District
Region 15	Britnie Ellis, Grand School District
Region 19	Cory Anderson, Wayne School District
Region 17	Election in March
Region 1	Davis School District
Region 2	Terry Bawden, Granite School District, reappointed
At-Large	Canyons School District
USB	Jennifer Graviet, appointed

Other Positions for 2017-2018:

5A Principal (appointed by Executive Committee)
4A Principal (appointed by Executive Committee)
2A Principal (appointed by Executive Committee)
1A Principal (appointed by Executive Committee)

Other Possibilities for 2017-2018:

Charter School Representative (Non-Voting)?
Private School Representative (Non-Voting)?

B. UHSAA Super Fans:

1A	Trudi Owens, Panguitch HS
2A	Val and Afton Jackson, Kanab HS
3A	Chad Richard, Union HS
4A	Wilford and Natalie Clyde, Springville HS
5A	Steve Asay, West HS

C. UHSAA Circle of Fame:

Dennis Edmunds – Speech and debate teacher, school administrator in Jordan District. He coached debate for over 30 years and has won many state championships and received national recognition. He is a good promoter of high school activities.

Don Wayne Nelson – Boys' and girls' tennis coach at Grantsville for more than 50 years and won 32 state championships. He announces games and continues to be very involved in the community. The tennis courts at Grantsville HS are named in his honor.

D. Spirit of Sport Award/Heart of the Arts Award: Mr. Bishop encouraged more nominations for these awards. Nominations are due Friday, January 20.

E. Letter to State Boards (p. 107): A copy of the letter sent to USBE requesting a public hearing was included with the meeting packet.

F. Shortage of Sports Officials . . . (p. 108): Need to recruit officials. Former high school players and college students are great recruitments.

G. Developing an Education-Based Culture . . . (pp. 109-111): Articles in support of education-based activities.

Members were divided into classifications and staff members discussed with them specifics of tournament formats, brackets and pairings.

11. UHSAA Current Items:

A. Wrestling Championships:

1. State Duals at Jordan HS (4A) and Alta HS (5A): Mr. Blevins stated that the results for dual championships need to be reported on Friday of that week so brackets can be created. Mr. Sherwood voiced concern that 16 teams were coming during the school day which could create a parking issue. Weigh-ins begin at 11:00 am. The dual tournament will be evaluated in March.

2. Individual Championships at UVU: Mr. Blevins reported that in the NFHS rulesbook, consolation periods maybe one or two minutes for the first round. Times don't change in college, youth level or international freestyle. The NFHS rulesbook reads it is up to the tournament director. The coaches and officials were surveyed regarding 1 minute for consolation only. The change would affect the divisionals and state tournaments. The first round of consolation length should not change the overall time of tournament. Mr. Woolstenhulme stated the wrestlers are conditioned to wrestle 2, 2, 2 and it shows a better result. Mr. Blevins said coaches feel the consolation is just as vital and should have the same amount of time.

MOTION: Mr. Henke motioned for all periods at divisional and state to be the two minute format (2, 2, 2). Mr. Peterson second. Mr. Blevins said dual tournaments have used the 2, 2, 2 periods. Motion carried.

3. Weight Management Follow-Up: School billings have been mailed.

DSA Luncheon

12. **Legal Report:** Mr. Mark Van Wagoner feels the UHSAA is facing the greatest challenge to the Association's existence since he began in 1974. He encouraged as many people to attend the Public Hearing as possible on Thursday. There has been a great working relationship with the School Board for 90 years. There has been no apparent reason for the changes, no outcry, no injury, no ground swell from districts, schools, coaches or students. There is no apparent, significant or disclosed reason for what they have done. It is important to let them know that what the Association has is successful and we are not sure the proposed rule will be successful. The rules they have attempted to impose don't work. They are not rules designed to govern

every school in the state. The rules seem to favor some schools over others such as charter schools in larger metropolitan areas. They can draw students who may have been junior varsity players in 5A or 4A who can move down a classification and play varsity. The result is that is skews competition in favor of those schools in the metropolitan area. This will harm the opportunity of competition of any school outside of the metropolitan area. The rule has not been designed fairly. The State School Board says it defines certainty. Mr. Van Wagoner said that is not true because what is “varsity?” They did not define varsity and coaches will make their athletes part of the varsity team. Certainty is writing a rule about what constitutes a hardship so specific and so clear that 99% of athletes that apply for hardship are approved. The current rule makes it very clear and defines a hardship.

No sport organization in the world has an outside group make its rules. It makes rational sense that the people dealing with it daily make the rules by which they want to play. Local control with elected officials throughout the state has been how the Association is run. There are eight new members to the State School board. Mr. McDaniel encouraged committee members to contact their board member and ask them to be present at the Public Hearing because it is optional for them. Mr. Van Wagoner will prepare a statement outlining the problems with R277-409. He feels we have compelling arguments. Mr. Cuff thanked members for their support.

Mr. Spatafore reported the legislative session will begin on Monday. He recently suggested to Mr. Cuff and the BOT that this legislative session might be difficult and it might be well to have another lobbyist work with him. Kate Bradshaw will be working with Mr. Spatafore. She has worked with legislators for the past ten years and is governmental affairs director for the Holland and Hart law firm. Mr. Spatafore noted he and Ms. Bradshaw have different strengths and contacts. Ms. Bradshaw is a former athlete and her husband currently teaches at Viewmont HS.

The previous day, the staff, Mr. Spatafore and Ms. Bradshaw met with representatives from the coaches association and activity liaisons. They were provided with legislative emails and phone numbers and encouraged to communicate with their representative. He anticipates if the State School Board rule is repealed, there will be legislation because of an open bill. He feels we need to educate the general public that the UHSAA is not staff members, but an association of 149 member schools. The UHSAA is principals, AD’s, superintendents, school board members, coaches and athletes. Talking points were not provided because it is encouraged to use personal information and situations. How do we educate the constituents to understand the issue? Amy Donaldson and Ben Wood wrote articles that talk to some of the issues. How does it affect my school and my students? Be honest. Rule 277-409 was created on fast track. The Constitution/By-Laws Committee moves slower with changes to discuss the consequences of the change and the unintended consequences of the change. The UHSAA’s mission is to provide fair competition for students in Utah and has been done well for 90 years.

MOTION: Mr. McDaniel motioned to adjourn. Mr. Browning second. Motion carried.