

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 10, 2016

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

Minutes: Jeanne Widerburg.

1. **Welcome and Chairperson Business:** Chairman Hammer welcomed members to the meeting. He excused Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Brantley, Mr. Wilkey, Mr. McDaniel, Mr. Browning, Mr. Murdock, Mr. Young and Ms. Hardy. He welcomed Garrett Muse, Rhonda Bromley, Allan Smith, John Goldhardt, Todd McKee, Bob Henke, and Heidi Kay who were filling in for members. Ms. Bromley and Mr. Henke are new members on the Committee.

A. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Astle enjoyed the numerous flags displayed on the graves over Memorial Day for men and women who have served our country. His father received a Purple Heart during World War II. He talked about patriotism and how it makes America great. He read a few quotes on patriotism. He then led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

B. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Penrod talked about how the spirit will guide them in their assignments. He feels he is guided on how to help students. He had a female student who committed suicide and the spirit told him to visit their home. It was a wonderful experience for them because her parents were so appreciative that they cared so much for their daughter. It led to a meeting with their church to help support their family. He thinks their jobs are inspired and helps to guide them in helping students.

C. Acknowledge Outgoing Committee Members: Mr. Hammer acknowledged Mr. Brantley and Mr. Murdock who were leaving the Committee. He thanked them for their service.

D. Minutes of April 27 Meeting (Summary on UHSAA Website):

**MOTION:** Mr. Penrod motioned to approve the minutes of April 27. Mr. Darrington second. Motion carried.

E. Other: Mr. Peterson asked to talk about 2A Baseball.

2. **USOE Report:** Ms. Mayne said she would be happy to deliver any messages to Superintendent Dixon.

3. **2016-2017 Meeting Schedule for Boards (p. 155):** Mr. Cuff discussed the proposed schedule for 2016-2017.

**MOTION:** Mr. Peterson motioned to approve the 2016-2017 Meeting Schedule. Mr. Wood second. Motion carried.

4. **Executive Committee and BOT Terms of Office 2016-2017 (pp. 156-159):** Mr. Cuff provided a list of terms of office. The term is usually for three years unless someone is completing another member's term. Mr. Cuff emphasized the importance of inviting BOT members to the Region meetings for realignment discussions. The BOT members were listed on pages 158-159.

Mr. Cuff announced there are 150 school members with the addition of Skyridge, Ridgeline, Utah Military Academy, and Freedom Prep Academy.

5. **Calendar (pp. 160-162):** Mr. Taylor reminded members that live clinics and online clinics would start in July. Head coaches are required to attend either a live or online clinic. There is a \$50 fine if they don't attend and an additional \$100 fine will be assessed if the clinic is not completed by the subsequent deadline.

A. 2016-2017:

(1) 3A Boys' Basketball: Mr. Bishop is still in discussions with Utah State University.

(2) Golf: Mr. Bishop distributed a proposed schedule for spring golf. The courses were proposed based on feedback. There were two plans, but Plan B only affects 1A. The PGA is looking at a south rotation again. Please discuss in region meetings.

(3) Summer Moratorium: July 5-July 11, 2016; June 26-July 2, 2017. Mr. Bishop asked members to remind coaches there is no contact with students during summer moratorium.

(4) Tennis: Fall tennis was moved up by one day – Tuesday thru Friday to accommodate the cancer walk on Saturday.

(5) Speech/Debate: Mr. Taylor reported that Oct 1 is the beginning date for Speech and it has been requested to move the starting date by one day to September 30 to give them one more weekend.

**MOTION:** Mr. Wood motioned to approve Speech/Debate to begin their season on September 30 this year. Mr. Wilson second. Motion carried.

6. **Activities Report:**

A. Winter and Spring Financial Report:

(1) Winter: Overall, it was the third best revenue in the last five.

(2) Spring: Overall, best in the last five years

Mr. Cuff reminded members that expenses are up, but he is pleased with the overall revenue.

B. Spring Results (pp. 163-164): Mr. Cuff included a list of winners. He congratulated the winners and thanked members for their support at the events. Ms. Bromley and Mr. Penrod shared their experiences of having graduation on the ball field. It was a positive experience for everyone. The staff cannot move the tournaments once the calendar is set, but graduation at the tournaments can be a special memory.

C. Ejection Report (pp. 165-168): Mr. Cluff reviewed the ejection report on pages 165-168. He noted that in baseball, coaches were sent to the dugout first before receiving an ejection. The same philosophy was used on the players as well. Numbers were lower. Overall, ejections were down from 268 to 259. Soccer ejections increased slightly.

Mr. Peterson asked if there is a goal for ejections. It was said we always look to have less than the previous year. Mr. Cluff encourages awareness and active involvement with the officials. He asks them to give the coaches a chance to react and for the players to be teenagers. Please walk and talk them through the situation because it is an emotional setting. He encourages officials that they don't always need to have the last word.

D. Officials Numbers: Mr. Cluff said the number of officials remains fairly flat. Registration for officials will open on July 1. He asked members to encourage young, recently graduated athletes to consider officiating. We need schools and communities to help us recruit officials. He has assigned associations to recruit, too.

E. Baseball: Mr. Cluff reported that baseball went well. There were weather issues in 3A, but everyone cooperated and the tournament was completed. Mr. Mees said he appreciated the efforts of Mr. Cluff in dealing with the weather. He coordinated all involved parties to attend a meeting and decisions were made as how to move forward with the tournament.

F. Music: Ms. Monkres said it was a great event. She appreciates the region music chairs, music directors and everyone involved in making this event a success.

G. Boys' Tennis: Ms. Monkres said there was good weather for the most part for 2A and 3A. 4A/5A had to move indoors because of weather.

H. Softball: Ms. Monkres said the tournaments were great. She said there was an amazing game between Riverton and West. Highlights of the game were all over the news. An athlete from West had a catch that was the #1 play on ESPN's Sports Center. There were a few weather issues and 3A finals were moved from Valley Complex to Spanish Fork Complex. She appreciated everyone's help.

I. Unified Sports:

(1) Soccer: Mr. Taylor reported the games were played at Hillcrest HS and 12 teams competed. It is a nice event and SOUT does a great job helping with the tournament. He would encourage more schools to participate.

(2) Track and Field: The number of participating schools was down this year. They want to rethink how to build a unified team in schools. They will adjust track and field and follow the template of soccer. There will be a regular season schedule for unified track. Mr. Taylor hoped it will make it a better experience.

J. Boys' Soccer: Mr. Taylor thanked Alta and Juan Diego for hosting. The games were managed very well. The 4A/5A semi-finals were held in the evening at two sites because of construction at Woods Cross. He appreciated Davis HS jumping in on short notice to host the event.

K. Speech/Debate: Mr. Taylor reported Alta has asked for the Association to sanction the Silver and Black Invitational at Alta. It is a three-day event instead of a two-day event to fit in all rounds. Mr. Hammer said this has been done in previous years.

**MOTION:** Mr. Penrod motioned to approve sanctioning for the Silver and Black Invitational. Mr. Peterson second. Motion carried.

L. Theatre: Mr. Bishop reported the competition went well.

M. Girls' Golf: Mr. Bishop reported the tournament was held at Wasatch Mountain and Soldier Hollow. It was a busy week for PGA and they subsidize \$25,000 for golf. It was felt by some that Soldier Hollow was a difficult course for 3A. Girls' golf is growing and 2A is starting to request a two-day tournament.

N. 1A Boys' Golf: Mr. Bishop said it went well.

O. Track and Field: Mr. Bishop thanked Mr. Wood, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Penrod for their help at track and field. It really helped as he was tied up in the press box and bull pen. Les Schwab and Blain Lindgren are very helpful, too. There was a high profile controversial DQ. BYU felt good about how the meet went. Mr. Bishop pointed out the meet could not happen without the great help that is received.

7. **UIAAA Business:** Mr. Hunter reminded members of the golf tournament on July 13. A region handbook template is on the website and includes a 16-round robin for single and double schedules. There was some discussion on the shot clock. The New AD and Principal Seminar will be held on September 19 at the UHSAA office.

#### **8. Information and Follow-Up Items:**

A. UHSAA Summit (September): Mr. Cuff announced the staff is planning to again hold the UHSAA Summit on September 13 and 15. One site will be at Salt Lake Community College and the other site will be in Richfield. More information will be available in August. If members have topic suggestions, please email them to a staff member.

B. Realignment Consideration: The recommendation for ranges for private school and charter schools did not receive strong support and will not be recommended to the BOT.

C. Constitution/By-Laws Report (meeting handout): Being discussed with legal and legislative items.

D. UHSAA Chart of Support Items (p. 169): Mr. Cuff reminded members this charter is for state events. Many regions have adopted the chart, but some have not. Mr. Peterson asked about drones. Mr. Cuff said the FAA has still not approved the safety over crowds, spectators or participants. Mr. Spatafore said there will be legislation in the next legislative session. If there is a concern, please let him know by fall. He asked for a bullet point list as to the objection to drones at activities.

Ms. Bromley felt there should be no horns. The stadium horns sound similar to the vuvuzelas. Mr. Cuff wondered if there should just be a ban on all horns. Mr. Taylor pointed out that Rio Tinto doesn't allow most of these items, so it was a bigger issue this year at the different sites. It was clarified that in non-region games the home team defines the rules. Mr. Cuff suggested that schools discuss with home team school prior to the game to avoid issues.

**MOTION:** Mr. Madsen motioned to have "horns" included with cannon/muskets, whistles, vuvuzelas and not allow them at events. Mr. Henke second. Motion carried.

E. Wrestling Divisionals and Duals: Mr. Chad Blevins, UHSAA Wrestling Director, presented a proposal to put the 4A/5A divisionals at the Legacy Event Center. This would allow students to stay in school longer with one classification during the day and one classification

starting at night and the next day the schedule would be flip-flopped. Another advantage is the revenue support from USA Wrestling would help financially. Of the coaches he surveyed, there were 24 in favor of the Legacy Event Center and 14 in favor of high school sites. As the director, he would support the majority of coaches, and support Legacy Event Center. They feel they can produce a profit.

(1) Dual State Tournament: Mr. Blevins reported schools were concerned lowering it to 12 teams. Coaches discussed the matter. Two proposals: Dual State Championships at SLCC with 5A with 16-man bracket on Wednesday and 4A with 16-man bracket on Thursday. SLCC won't know their availability until 1<sup>st</sup> week of August or their costs. The second proposal was sixteen teams at two different sites. A twelve-team bracket at Jordan HS was approved last meeting. Mr. Hammer asked members to discuss the proposals at region meetings. Mr. Muse said that 12-team would help those schools that didn't want to be the sacrificial lamb at the duals. Mr. Blevins said it also goes the other way with strong regions wanting to qualify more.

Coaches are interested in 1A/2A/3A dual tournaments according to his survey. Mr. Woolstenhulme thinks a dual tourney in 1A/2A/3A will be a bigger money maker than 4A/5A.

Mr. Hammer suggested the members discuss wrestling proposals with regions before a decision is made in August.

F. Speech/Debate Proposed Rule Changes: Mr. Taylor discussed the proposed rule changes from the UHSAA Speech Committee. He distributed a handout with the changes. Mr. Mees asked about individuals in a room during presentation. Mr. Taylor said the judge or individual can request certain individuals not be allowed in the room.

**MOTION:** Mr. Morris motioned to approve proposals #2, #4 through #8 from the Speech Committee. Mr. Peterson second. Motion carried. Item #1 (entry fees) and item #3 (contest limitation) should be discussed in regions.

Mr. Muse said the difficulty with contest limitations is that all students don't go to all competitions and the coach is trying to keep track of contest limitations on each student participating.

G. Review 2016-2017 State Pairings and Qualifiers: Mr. Taylor said there was one change in 2A basketball bracket and pairing. They will rotate game times so Region 15 doesn't get the 8:00 pm game every year.

H. Drill Team Items: Ms. Lori Rupp, State Risk Management, and Sarah Bates, Drill Team Coaches' Association President, were present to talk about safety standards and rubric score sheets. Ms. Rupp discussed the new items in the rule book for drill team.

- The rule book will now include a definition for cradle position. They would like to allow drill team to go from cradle position and maintain contact all the way up to a flat back and then come back down. No release is allowed.
- Static connected stunt can raise another static connected stunt.

State Risk Management has approved these changes. Ms. Rupp feels this will give more opportunity for creativity and will take less counts with a safer alternative. All the rules will be included on the online training and discussed at the required training meeting for judges and coaches.

Ms. Rupp then discussed a proposed rubric template to earn difficulty points on routines. She feels this will take some of the subjectivity out and they will beef up the point value to 30 points for difficulty. There will be a separate judge looking at the difficulty level. There will be training for this judge. This will give guidance to advisors to score more points with more difficult skills. Clips of the skills will be online throughout the year. Tabulation will stay the same. They are looking for approval today so they can work on the rubrics over the summer.

Ms. Bates reported she had no negative feedback, but there are many questions. She feels coaches will like the guidelines choreography. She feels this will value athleticism over entertainment. Ms. Rupp feels it will emphasize the athletic skill and dance technique. It will add one more judge.

**MOTION:** Ms. Bromley motioned to approve the safety standards as proposed for 2016-2017. Mr. Belnap second. Motion carried.

Ms. Monkres said this is not a new category, but feels the difficulty rubric defines the difficulty level and what a judge should be looking and rewards difficult skills. Ms. Bromley was concerned with the timing and the process to talk to their coaches. Ms. Monkres said the coaches' association is supportive. Mr. Astle likes that it gives the judges an opportunity to define the difficulty of the routine. Mr. Darrington is concerned coaches will be more restrictive who they allow to participate with the difficulty rubric. Ms. Monkres said visual is overpowering the athleticism currently.

**MOTION:** Mr. Penrod motioned to adopt the proposal for a difficulty rubric for a one-year trial period. If it works, it can be adopted with the new alignment. Mr. Woolstenhulme second. Ms. Bromley suggested having the committee move ahead with creating all rubrics to start discussion and vote in August. She is concerned with the timing and the process. Teams are already working on their routine. Motion carried. In favor: 15 Against: 5

Ms. Monkres said the committee will send out information/rubrics as each is completed over the summer.

I. Summer Moratorium Request Forms (meeting handouts): No new requests have been made since the last meeting.

J. Football Spring Restrictions: Mr. Bishop asked for feedback from regions regarding undue influence (students transferring to school of All-Star team coach), coaches coaching high school students in the spring at All-Star tournaments and 7 on 7 padded helmets are, at times, worn in tourneys – is that a concern with our spring no pads rule.

Mr. Muse reported his region felt they should be allowed to wear padded helmets for the safety of the athlete and deal with undue influence on an individual level. Mr. Bishop mentioned his concern is a rule that only 2 students per school could participate was not written down. Region 13 felt it is no different than any other sport. Region 7 discussed the undue influence and it should be enforced.

K. Football Endowment Game Request: Mr. Bishop presented a request for Skyridge and Ridgeline to play their football endowment game on Thursday, August 18, so the game could be televised by KJZZ.

**MOTION:** Mr. Darrington motioned to approve the Skyridge and Ridgeline football endowment game on Thursday, August 18. Mr. Morris second. Motion approved.

L. Register My Athlete (RMA): Mr. Taylor said Register My Athlete has available coach registration so administrators can track their certification. He is training with Skyridge and adjusting how they register. There will be more training on RMA.

M. NFHS Network: Mr. Taylor reminded members through NFHS Network there is an opportunity for students to live stream games and receive broadcast opportunities for season games.

N. Officials Camp: Mr. Cluff said there was a great turnout. Experienced officials are evaluating and training sub-varsity official in three-man mechanics, game management, and enhancing their capabilities. Mr. Cluff is going to require all associations to attend camps and evaluate the officials. He feels it is time to elevate their game. Ms. Bromley expressed her concern for officiating in soccer. Her region is very frustrated and is willing to pay more to get better officials. Mr. Cluff said they are meeting with the Association president and assigner and evaluate the mind set in soccer in Utah. They are working on fixing the problems, but it won't happen overnight. Mr. Bruce asked if we are underpaying officials. Mr. Cluff said we are 12<sup>th</sup> compared with 14 states in official compensation. This is the last year of the current pay schedule. There will be a committee developed to evaluate the officials' pay and make recommendations to the BOT.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Bruce motioned to go into executive session to discuss legal and legislative item. Mr. Wood second. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Ms. Bromley motioned to leave executive session. Mr. Penrod second. Motion carried.

Mr. Spatafore discussed the possibility of subpoena records for purposes of transfers. He would like to meet with the legislators. Mr. Van Wagoner would like to have subpoena power. Ms. Bromley said the non-hardship is the issue. Mr. Hammer said there are so many transfers and asked if there should be other hardship categories. Please discuss in regions. Mr. Van Wagoner is suggesting if they apply for hardship they will need to lay out in detail what the hardship is with supporting evidence before we hear the appeal. He thinks many would be unable to provide evidence. Mr. Morris asked about automatic eligibility at the sub-varsity level. Then they only appeal for varsity level. Mr. Van Wagoner felt they would recruit earlier and let them play sub-varsity. The staff is overwhelmed with the number of transfers. Mr. Van Wagoner thinks it will reduce the number of transfers because of the amount of work that will be required on the application. Mr. Hammer mentioned posting hearing dates in advance for the year. Mr. Van Wagoner feels every adjudication should be by the Executive Committee. Discussion on who could be guilty of recruiting (parent, etc.). Mr. Van Wagoner said some of the defense uses that the current rule is vague on recruiting.

#### **10. Reports:**

A. Sportsmanship Committee: Ms. Monkres reviewed schools that met the criteria to earn their star. A list of schools with zero ejections was distributed. A congratulatory letter will

be sent to their school board. The Student Leadership Conference will be held on Thursday, June 16, at Murray HS.

B. 1A Athletics: Nothing to report.

C. 2A Athletics: Mr. Peterson reported that Providence Hall has expressed interest in playing baseball next spring. A region would need to be assigned. Mr. Bruce said they haven't had enough athletes for summer ball. The staff will look into the matter.

D. 3A Athletics: Nothing to report

E. 4A Athletics: Nothing to report

F. 5A Athletics: Nothing to report

11. **For the Good of the Order:** Articles were provided for the members.

12. **NFHS Summer Conference in Reno:** Any questions, please contact a staff member.

Next meeting is August 10 at 10:00 am except for new members who will come at 8:00.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35.