

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 30, 2015

Members present: Rod Belnap, 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, Roberta Hardy, Jim Wood, Craig Hammer, Rob Cuff, Kim Monkres, Ryan Bishop, Josh Taylor and Jeff Cluff. Excused: Brad Smith and Marc Hunter.

Minutes: Jeanne Widerburg.

1. **Welcome and Chairperson Business:** Mr. Hammer asked members to join with him in a moment of silence for Mark Manning who lost his battle to brain cancer. Mr. Manning was principal at Olympus High School and had served on the Executive Committee up until last year when he was given a new assignment in the Granite School District Office.

Mr. Hammer welcomed everyone, especially Rob McDaniel, for his first meeting. He excused Superintendent Brad Smith and Marc Hunter.

A. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Browning shared a DVD presentation that was prepared by his student leaders and shown at an assembly at Orem High School. The DVD was entitled, "Remembering 9/11." He then led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Brantley read a few quotes from the book, "The Heart of Learning." He encouraged members to teach students human values and the development of a good heart. We need to teach students compassion. He then offered a prayer.

C. Chairman's General Observations (Including Section 7/8 Meeting): Mr. Hammer, Mr. Cuff and Mr. Bishop attended the Section 7/8 Meeting in Newport Beach. Mr. Hammer feels the Section 7/8 Conference is exceptional because it includes a smaller group representing the western states. They discussed sportsmanship, concussions (sports med), and transgender policies. He discussed how one area in California ranks the spectators and it has become very important to the schools. It has made a very positive impact on the sportsmanship. Another topic discussed was power ranking for football. Mr. Hammer appreciates what the NFHS does to support and provide service to the state associations.

Mr. Cuff said in the sports medicine discussion it was discussed that football is not the only sport with concussions concerns. An individual can get a concussion anytime, anywhere. Anything dealing with athletics is an inherent risk just as anytime you drive a car. He reported a quarterback in New Jersey was hit and went into a coma and died on Saturday. This is the third death nationally this year in high school football. One death is too many, but over 7.8 million high school athletes participate in sports. He encouraged members to promote safety first and then promote the value and importance of education-based activities. Mr. Cuff said the number of cheerleading injuries is twice as many as all other girls' sports combined. He encouraged members to watch for the basket toss and stunting because those are the areas where most injuries occur.

D. Minutes of August 12, 2015 (summary on UHSAA website):

MOTION: Mr. Penrod motioned to approve the minutes of August 12, 2015. Mr. Sherwood second. Motion carried.

E. Ready Reference Calendar Guides (refer to UHSAA website): Mr. Hammer reminded members of Academic All-State and eligibility deadlines, moratorium dates and UEA Convention. Any moratorium adjustments for Christmas holidays should be emailed to Mr. Bishop.

F. Member School Dues, Catastrophic Insurance, Arbiting Fees and By-Laws confirmation were due. Members were encouraged to send their payments. Catastrophic reimbursements will not be paid until all schools have paid their premium.

G. Fall Sports Assignment Sheet: Classification Chairs were asked to complete the assignment sheet for fall sports. Executive Committee members are asked to assist at the state tournaments.

2. **BOT Meeting Report:** Mr. Young reported the BOT meeting of August 27, 2015.

- New members were introduced
- Five new member schools
- Spencer Stokes representing USBE was introduced
- UHSAA procedures and materials were discussed
- Calendar, new website
- Sportsmanship Program including criteria for 2016 banner star
- Student Leadership Conference – June 16, 2016
- BOT elections will be held in January at the USBA Conference
- Corporate sponsorships
- Media rights
- Certified Coaches' education and criteria
- Background Checks for officials
- Catastrophic Insurance to continue
- Foundation will pay \$124,000 and the UHSAA \$40,000 to schools to cover 100% of the premium
- UHSAA Summit
- 20-hour practice week and transgender policy were approved
- Mr. Mark Van Wagoner discussed legal issues in executive session
- The UHSAA Audit was presented by Mr. Ed Worthington and approved by BOT
- UHSAA 2015-2016 Budget was presented by Mr. Cuff and approved by BOT

3. **Region Visits (p. 50 green):** The UHSAA Staff has been assigned to regions for region visits. Please let assigned staff member know if you have a particular topic you would like discussed or explained. Mr. Cuff reminded members to invite their BOT member representative to their region meetings.

4. **UHSAA Committee Assignments Update (pp. 58-59):** The most recent committee assignments and update were included on pages 58-59. The Awards Committee will meet at 7:30 am on November 11 prior to the next meeting. Region nominations for Distinguished Service Award and school nominations for Super Fan Award are due November 1.

5. **Football Endowment Games Report:** Mr. Cuff reported over \$112,000 has been received from the football endowment games. Four schools have not reported. He is pleased that the revenue improved this year because it is often easier for the Foundation to approve a distribution back to the schools. The Foundation Board does not want to eat at the core. He thanked member

schools for scheduling well attended games to support the Foundation. A final report will be given at the next meeting.

6. Calendar (Refer to UHSAA Website for Updates): Mr. Taylor reviewed the calendar.

A. 2016-2017 Tentative Calendar: The tentative calendar will be coming soon to the UHSAA website.

B. 2015-16 Calendar (pp. 60-62):

(1) Boys' Soccer: Rio Tinto is not available because they are replacing their sod. Mr. Cuff said most college venues have limited seating and some only have seats on one side. Ms. Monkres discussed the possibility of the soccer finals with BYU, but has not received an answer. Mr. Cuff said we could possibly use the semi-final high school site if BYU is not available for the finals. Mr. Sherwood said Brighton has a new facility and he is checking on seating. Please discuss in regions and announce Rio Tinto is not available.

(2) Wrestling Divisional Sites: Mr. Taylor announced he had received applications from the following schools to host the divisional sites:

5A - Pleasant Grove, Jordan and Weber

4A - Wasatch, Alta and Uintah

Sites for divisional wrestling:

1A Juab

2A SVC

3A North @ Morgan, South @ Cedar City

4A Division A @ Wasatch, Division B @ Alta

5A Division A @ Jordan, Division B @ Weber

(3) Golf: Mr. Bishop distributed a list of spring golf sites.

MOTION: Mr. Madsen motioned to approve the spring golf sites. Mr. Murdock second. Motion carried.

(4) Speech/Debate Sites:

1A/2A Utah State University Eastern

3A Carbon

4A Alta

Mr. Taylor reported that Alta was hosting the Silver and Black Invitational on December 3-5. The 3-day event would be an exception to the sanction policy.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to approve sanctioning for the Silver and Black Invitational at Alta. Mr. McDaniel second. Motion approved.

(5) Theatre: Mr. Bishop said he is looking for a 4A site for Theatre on April 14, 15, and 16.

7. Follow-Up Items from Previous Meetings and Other Items:

A. Sportsmanship Items: New banners were available for schools that have earned their five stars. A zero ejection banner was available for those schools who qualified. Ms. Monkres discussed the addition of the "Battle of the Fans" and distributed an information sheet. Schools will be asked to produce a 3-minute video and it will be submitted to the UHSAA. The top five videos will be chosen and the Sportsmanship Committee will make a site visit and a first place

winner will be determined and announced February 18. The Sportsmanship Committee is looking for positive school promotion and cheers for basketball. Ms. Monkres will send the flyer to all principals and AD's.

B. Drill Team Update: Ms. Monkres announced the drill team practicums are coming soon. Schools will need to pay \$100 for attendance. She thanked principals that were allowing drill teams to participate. This is a great way to train judges and practice judging. This will provide great experience for these judges. There are four sites.

The website has been updated with the time schedule and brackets for the state tournament. If coaches have specific questions regarding the 20-hour week practice, please have them email Ms. Monkres.

C. Football Spring Restrictions Report: Mr. Bishop attended the ADEC meeting in September and asked for feedback from the regions. A survey was sent to schools and 95 of 104 schools have replied on the football spring restrictions. 87 schools are in favor and 8 schools are not in favor. Most regions had positive feedback. Mr. Madsen said the smaller schools are concerned it will affect the spring sports. Mr. Bishop said he has had many calls to interpret the rule and feels this will clarify the rule. ADEC did not vote on the rule change because Mr. Hunter wanted the coaches to present to ADEC. Mr. Belnap said the rule will not change the dynamics of coaches and athletes. There are coaches with strong personalities that might discourage participation in spring sports. The school is responsible to develop the school environment. The item was tabled until next meeting.

D. NFHS Network School Broadcast Program (pp. 43-44): Mr. Taylor reported the UHSAA currently has two media partners - Deseret Digital Media (DDM) and the NFHS Network. DDM has the first pick of games and then NFHS Network has the rights to the rest. DDM is free because their model is funded by advertising and NFHS Network uses the subscription model. It has been difficult when one tournament in a classification is broadcast free and another requires a subscription.

NFHS Network is sponsoring a School Broadcast Program which allows schools to broadcast their regular season events. The subscription fee for NFHS Network would be split with the schools. Schools would be able to connect with their community through the NFHS Network broadcast platform. They provide the software and schools would need to provide a laptop, broadcaster and a camera. Mr. Taylor said this is a great education program for the students. He is personally passionate about this opportunity because he was a broadcaster and it paid his college tuition. NFHS Network also hosts an annual broadcast academy where students can attend workshops with professional broadcasting staff. Members were asked to share the information with their regions. Mr. Taylor will send an email to schools and please contact him with any questions. Mr. Brantley said his school currently uses High School Cube to broadcast their games. This is provided to the community at no cost with an app.

E. Practice Limitations: Ms. Monkres reported there are many questions on the new practice limitation rule. The staff would like input from the Committee members to develop additional questions and answers to be included in the UHSAA Handbook to help clarify the rule.

(1) Fundraisers: Some fundraisers are done as a group and others as individuals. Some teams have individual team members that work a concession stand at a venue to earn money. Are they earning for their own account or for the team? Mr. Darrington feels it is a coach decision for fundraisers and should count. Mr. Sherwood feels it is more like a job. Many

athletes are given the choice whether to work or not. It was determined that if it is required or the revenue goes to the team, fundraising counts toward the 20 hours.

(2) Bands: Band rehearsals for play productions and assemblies and how does that count? The Association is only over the Solo and Ensemble and the UMEA is over the other events. Mr. Cuff suggested play productions/band/choir issues should be referred back to the school.

(3) Athletic Periods: If used for study hall would it count towards the 20 hours? Anything that happens in athletic periods should count. If the majority of the students are in a study hall for academics, it would not count.

(4) Service Projects: Would time at service projects (soup kitchen, etc.) count? Service is not a fundraiser. Administration would need to oversee.

(5) Weight Lifting Class: If the class is open to everyone it would not count. Sport-specific team members in the class would count.

(6) Assemblies: Participation in assemblies would not count towards the 20 hours.

F. UHSAA Summit: Mr. Cuff said the staff enjoyed the Summit and felt it was successful because they have received positive feedback. Mr. Cuff appreciated the new staff members who pushed this idea forward and made it happen. It was decided it would be a benefit to have training at the beginning of the year. Over 200 attended at the Maverik Center and over 100 at SVC. Only about four or five schools were not represented. There were two general sessions and three breakout sessions hosted by the assistant directors. The “Anyone Can Save a Life” program was introduced at the Summit. The program structures teams into teams so that if someone goes down they will be prepared. The NFHS Foundation provided the materials for every member school in the nation. He encourages everyone to implement the program in their school. Please discuss the program in region meetings.

The Summit will be an annual event with new information. Please contact the staff if there are specific topics, concerns or procedures that should be addressed at the next Summit. Mr. Cuff said this is also a forum where members can be united to provide more consistency in the programs of the Association.

8. Legal Report (executive session): Mr. Mark Van Wagoner presented legal issues.

MOTION: Mr. Penrod motioned to go into executive session. Mr. Peterson second. Motion carried.

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

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9. Realignment: Mr. Cuff reported the Realignment Committee met for the third time the previous day and the next meeting is on November 10. The Committee’s discussions are looking more like the last realignment than not. The staff was asked to divide schools into six classifications and see what it would have looked like in the last alignment. Mr. Cuff distributed an adjusted spread sheet for the 2015-17 alignment with six classifications for all sports. It was discussed if one or two sports could be included with six classifications. Once divided and region assignments are made, it would affect all the other sports that did not have an additional classification. The ratio would increase if an additional classification was not added to all sports. Some sports don’t have enough schools to add a classification. Football needs to be a separate alignment to keep ratios reasonable. Mr. Morris pointed out the Committee discussed that 4A,

3A, 2A and 1A would have three regions. In most cases, three regions would increase travel. Divisions would still be an option. Mr. Cuff said the six classification example had more bubble schools. Mr. Penrod asked members to discuss the six classifications and report feedback to him or the staff.

10. **Reports:**

A. 5A Athletics: Mr. Sherwood will need to discuss the wrestling divisional sites with the other 5A representatives who had to leave early. He will call the staff. Mr. Brantley raised a concern of some parents with the physical form that has a line that asks if the student wears a seat belt, helmet and a condom. Mr. Cuff said the form is copyrighted and it suggests to the doctor to ask these questions. School districts can create their own physical form. The UHSAA only provides the physical form as a courtesy for schools.

Mr. Brantley asked about vuvuzelas and if they are considered a “stadium horn.” Mr. Cuff said we could eliminate all noise makers from the tournament guideline. The guideline chart can be adopted by the regions, but it is for post season. The UHSAA must enforce any items outlawed by a venue. The University of Utah would not allow cowbells. Mr. Hammer asked members to discuss the chart at region meetings and report back at the next meeting on November 11.

B. 4A Athletics: Mr. Browning reported that Wasatch and Alta would be the sites for wrestling divisionals. A 4A Theatre site has not been determined.

C. 3A Athletics: Mr. Mees asked about drones. Mr. Cuff said drones are not allowed for post season at any time (before, during or after).

D. 2A Athletics: 2A Divisional Wrestling will be at SVC.

E. 1A Athletics: 1A Divisionals (north and south) on February 6 at Juab High School. Mr. Bruce asked about West Desert and Eskdale and if they have enough students at one school for a team can they still co-op? A discussion on what constitutes a viable number ensued. Committee members look at schools on an individual basis. Eskdale and West Desert have already been approved.

11. **For the Good of the Order:** Mr. Cuff shared an article on high school participation numbers.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15.