

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

UHSAA Office

June 15, 2017

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

1. Welcome and Chairperson Business: Mr. Hammer welcomed members to the meeting. Mr. Hammer shared a video of Mr. Cluff taking a fast ball to his mask when he was umpiring a national championship. It knocked him out. New staff members Jan Whittaker and Jon Oglesby were introduced. Mr. Jackson was unable to attend.

A. Chairman's General Observations: He welcomed Bryan Durst representing Craig Morris, Gary Twitchell representing Rhonda Bromley, Jim Crosbie representing Bob Henke, Rusty Taylor representing Mike Mees, John Goldhardt representing Rob McDaniel. He excused Mr. Belnap and Marc Hunter.

B. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Penrod showed a video of Red Skelton explaining the significance of the words to the pledge of allegiance. He then led members in the pledge of allegiance.

C. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Browning shared words delivered by Speaker Paul Ryan following the shooting at the Congressional Baseball Game practice. "...resolve to come together and lift each other up and show the world we our one house ... humanity will win the day, it always will." Mr. Browning said the Association has been through a lot this past year, but at the end of the day, it has been his honor to serve and help to provide students with opportunities. He then offered a prayer.

Mr. Woolstenhulme reported the death of Kent Frazier from cancer. Mr. Cuff also stated that Ray Hale and Rick Bojak had both passed recently. Members paid tribute with a moment of silence.

D. Acknowledge Outgoing Committee Members: Mr. Hammer thanked each member for their service and they each received a round of applause.

- Rod Belnap, Region 1
- Ryck Astle, Region 2
- Rhonda Bromley, Region 4
- Greg Wilkey, Region 5
- Mike Browning, Region 7
- John Penrod, Region 8
- Bob Peterson, Region 15
- Stan Young, Region 17
- George Bruce, Region 18

E. Minutes of April 26 Meeting (summary on UHSAA website):

MOTION: Mr. Penrod motioned to approve the minutes of the April 26 meeting. Mr. Bruce second. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Oakley School Closing (p. 163): Mr. Cuff announced that Oakley was closing their doors and dropping their membership. There are two new schools (Green Canyon and Great Basin) which will give the Association 150 member schools next year.

2. **BOT Report:** Mr. Young reported the May 4 BOT meeting.

- Winter financial report
- Coaches' certification and new tracking program, RegisterMyCoach
- Calendar was approved for 2017-2018
- USI Insurance presented and package was approved
- Corporate Sponsorships
- Student Leadership Conference – August 5
- Discontinue Dual Wrestling State Championship
- Contest limitations were approved
- Lacrosse was approved for the 2019-2020 school year
- Revision of transfer rule was approved to go to governing school boards for vote
- Administration of the Association (Article 2) was approved to go to governing school boards for vote
- Discussion of legislation and Utah School Board of Education
- Legal issues
- BOT elections

3. **2017-2018 Meeting Schedule for Boards (p. 164):** Mr. Hammer asked members to return to the August meeting with their graduation dates. Tentatively, the meeting was set for June 7. The first meeting was set for August 9.

MOTION: Mr. Madsen motioned to approve the proposed calendar. Mr. Woolstenhulme second. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Executive Committee and BOT Terms of Office 2017-18 (pp. 165-168):** Mr. Cuff reviewed the information on pages 165-168.

A. Principals to BOT:

5A/6A: Rob McDaniel

3A/4A: Dave McKee

1A/2A: Stan Young

MOTION: Mr. Peterson motioned to approve the above appointments for principals to the BOT beginning July 1. Mr. Wood second. Motion carried.

B. EC Chair: The position is for a two-year term.

MOTION: Mr. Madsen motioned Craig Hammer as the EC chairman for 2017-2019. Mr. Sherwood second. Motion carried.

5. UHSAA Calendar:

A. 2017-2018:

(1) Reminder of golf etiquette and teaching clinics

a. 2A-5A Boys – September 15 deadline

b. 1A Boys, Girls - April 15 deadline

(2) Review of Calendar

a. Cross Country – event will start at 10:30 for six classifications

b. 3A Basketball: Mr. Oglesby reported SUU is still waiting for confirmation. Dixie state might be second option, but there are no 3A teams in St. George. 2A and 3A are doing consolation games. Mr. Young reported play in games for 2A will be played at Dixie State or SLCC. 5A/6A play in games will be at UVU and Weber and finishing at University of Utah.

c. Forensics: Mr. Oglesby said forensics needs sites for 2A and 3A –

March 9-10.

MOTION: Mr. Madsen motioned to approve Alta's Silver and Black Forensics Tournament. Mr. Wood second. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Unified Soccer: Hillcrest will not be able to host next year.

e. 4A Softball: Ms. Monkres suggested Spanish Fork, but it is Spanish Fork HS's home field. Principal McKee is willing to not use field two weeks prior to competition.

f. Divisional Wrestling: Mr. Sherwood asked about the divisionals at Legacy. Schools received an email with an invitation to host divisionals. It was reported schools didn't want to return to the Legacy Center for divisionals. Discuss in August.

6. Activities Report:

A. Spring Results (pp. 172-173): Mr. Cluff congratulated winners.

B. Ejection Report (pp. 174-177): Mr. Cluff reported ejections were down a little. This is the third straight year it has declined. There was a slight increase in boys' soccer.

C. Officials Numbers: Registration opens July 1. There is a \$10 savings for early registrations. Registered officials were up by 40 this year, but there seems to be a gradual decrease in soccer, baseball and softball. Principals and regions were asked to consider same site/same night to help with football officials. Mr. Sherwood said there was some concern playing same site/same day because some athletes were playing 8 quarters in one night. Mr. Cluff said that playing both games at 4:00 makes it difficult for official coverage. Mr. Sherwood asked Mr. Cluff to send that request to the coaches so they hear from more than the principals. A memo will be sent.

D. Baseball: Mr. Cluff said it was a great season. He feels some adjustments need to be made to the pitch count rule. He suggests getting rid of the sub-varsity chart. The two-day pitch count needs to be increased from 60 to 75. He would also like to discuss brackets in smaller classifications' three-day tournaments. To be discussed in August.

MOTION: Mr. Penrod motioned to drop the sub-varsity chart for pitch counts and increase the two-day pitch count from 60 to 75. Mr. Wood second. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Cluff reported there were 11 violations. At the end of season, West HS coach allowed 144 pitches (110 was limit) on a region game. The region will discuss.

(1) Contest Limitations: Currently the max for baseball is 25. Ms. Monkres pointed out that softball coaches' association did not want to mirror baseball. They want to keep the current rule. Mr. Hammer said any change would be a recommendation to BOT.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to recommend to BOT 26 game limitation for baseball. Mr. Young second. Mr. Bruce was concerned about time out of school. Discussion followed that it should be presented as change in language. Motioned failed with 12 "no" votes.

MOTION: Mr. Madsen motioned to recommend a 25 game limitation for baseball – game for game. Mr. Darrington second. Motion carried. Motion will not go to BOT because it is not considered a change other than everything will count game for game.

E. Music: Ms. Monkres thanked Orem and Northridge for hosting Solo and Ensemble Festival. The south seems heavy and north lighter. Looking to move a region up north.

F. Tennis: Ms. Monkres reported the entire tournament was played outdoors.

G. Softball: No adjustments, no lightning! 4A Classification is considering playing two games no matter in pods.

H. Unified Sports: Mr. Oglesby said both the soccer and track meet were great events. Would like more schools to participate and grow the events.

I. Boys' Soccer: Tournaments went well.

J. Speech/Debate: Went well.

K. Track and Field: Mr. Oglesby said there was a great turnout. Next year will be a 3-day meet to accommodate the six classifications. 1A-4A would be held on Friday and Saturday. Some of the 5A and 6A events might take place on Thursday (field events and trials), Friday and Saturday. Schedule will be discussed in August.

L. Theatre/Drama: Ms. Whittaker will be the new director.

M. 1A Boys' Golf and Girls' Golf: Tournaments went well.

7. Information and Follow Up Items:

A. Coaches' Certification: Mr. Cuff said the State Board rule requires coaches' education and training. The UHSAA will return to tracking coaches' certification. The USBE did repeal the requirement to create a data base of coaches' violations.

B. RegisterMyCoach (RMC): Mr. Cuff explained that RegisterMyCoach has been created to track coaches and was rolled out to the BOT because it was a budget item. He suggested to the BOT to increase annual passes by \$5 to cover the cost. It was agreed rather than have an annual registration fee for a coach there will be a one-time life-time registration fee of \$15. The cost would be paid by school or coach. The program will track the eight components of coaches' certification for each coach. Credentials will be assigned to individuals determined by the school/district and those individuals will be able to run reports specific to certification

requirements. It also allows communication between registered coaches and administrators. This program will allow us to be compliant with the rule R277-515. FERPA is now under rule R277-487. The State Board is looking to repeal R277-409. Mr. Darrington made a request that a template be developed to address all the new requirements. Mr. Cuff said that the UHSAA will hold eight different training sessions across the state on RegisterMyCoach and the new transfer rule. These training sessions will be in lieu of the UHSAA Summit for this year.

Mr. Sherwood said Canyons District has created modules for training from the state code and he is sure they would share their modules.

Mr. Clair Anderson presented regarding RegisterMyCoach. He reviewed the process for coaches to register. Certification requirements will be preloaded on the site, but schools and districts can add additional training requirements or required documents (transportation policy, etc.). Customer support can help load specific documents (weight management to wrestling coaches, etc.). The program tracks expiration dates such as first aid. The UHSAA will be able to push out information through RMC. The Association will also be able to view any coach certification. Email will be available for specific groups.

Permissions can be assigned to principals and they can delegate to AD's. Caution should be taken who is given permissions that they have compliance knowledge of HIPPA and FERPA.

Coaches will be charged \$15 for a lifetime registration if they remain active. It was explained for this initial year the UHSAA will pay RegisterMyCoach and bill schools for their coaches. Billings will probably be four to five times a year. Schools will verify/approve coaches who register for billing. In year two, the coach will pay and the school will determine whether to reimburse or not. By September 1st everyone will be trained. Launch date is August 1.

New transfer rule states that only a head coach's student may transfer.

C. RegisterMyAthlete (RMA): Transfers are not able to be processed on RMA until mid-July. Mr. Anderson reminded schools that ultimately the school is responsible to identify any student that needs to transfer. Any one that starts a transfer and then goes back to choose "not a new school" will be flagged.

Mr. Hammer thanked Mr. Anderson for being in attendance.

D. UHSAA Training (August): Staff will send out schedule of training meetings.

E. UHSAA Chart of Support Items (p. 178): Artificial noise makers were a problem at all sports events.

MOTION: Mr. Bruce motioned to change UHSAA State Event Guidelines to a "NO" on all sports for noise makers. Mr. Wood second. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Wrestling Items: Discussion to score 1 or 2 per weight, per team at state. Members were asked to discuss in regions and bring back reports to the August meeting. An email was sent for applications to run divisionals at schools. Sites are needed.

Members were asked to discuss the 16-contact point proposal from coaches' association and report. This will allow more home and away duals and give wrestlers more exposure in their own school.

MOTION: Mr. Woolstenhulme motioned to approve the 16-contact proposal. Mr. Twitchell second. Motion carried.

G. Football Reminders (refer to football page on website): Members were reminded to refer to football page for day to day calendar and padded camp information.

H. Track & Field Items: Discussion on pole vault – scoring and non-scoring.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned pole vault would be a scoring event in 6A. Mr. Twitchell second. Motion carried.

Discussion on track participant with artificial limbs/blades. The staff will discuss with track coaches' association leadership. Mr. Hammer thought they could discuss it at the NFHS Summer Conference. There were mixed opinions because no one wants to minimize what the athlete has done. NCAA does not have a different category for athletes with artificial limbs/blades.

I. Summer Moratorium Request Forms (meeting handouts): Intermountain Christian School requested a summer moratorium change from June 25 to July 1.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to approve moratorium adjustment for Intermountain Christian School. Mr. Young second. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Softball Items: Discussed earlier in the meeting.

K. Tennis Items: Ms. Monkres said the coaches had requested more matches to allow more preseason. Currently there are 14 matches.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to approve 16 matches. Motion died lacking second.

L. Swimming Items: Ms. Monkres informed members BYU swim facilities will not be ready for State Tournament. Discussion as to possible other sites included: University of Utah, South Davis Center and SUU. 3A will go to Wasatch Facility – February 8.

M. Golf: Mr. Hammer welcomed Devin Dehlin from Utah Section PGA. Mr. Dehlin said the PGA is passionate about high school golf and they enjoy helping fund the activity. The Stableford point system was used to help girls' golf grow and play within the USGA rules of golf. This also helped to avoid disqualifications. The USGA in February created new rule recommendations. They are trying to make it easier, but it is still difficult. Committees can make a local rule. The UPGA wants to create a 10-shot rule across the board. This might add a shot or two on a par 4 or 5. At 10, they will be able to pick up the ball. This rule is proposed for boys and girls and will help kids to keep playing and enjoying the game. This could be adjusted if the rounds go too long. The proposed rule would be in effect for fall of 2017.

Mr. Dehlin provided a handout of proposed championship dates. 3A will need to determine a one or two-day tournament. Mr. Cuff asked them to plan on two days. A decision will be made in August.

MOTION: Mr. Taylor motioned to accept the proposed rule change from UPGA for a maximum 10-stroke rule beginning fall of 2017. Mr. Mees second. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Wood motioned that a 1A girls' golf tournament be held (split from 2A). Mr. Bruce second. Motion carried.

N. Baseball Items: Discussed earlier in meeting.

O. Officials' Camps: Mr. Cluff reported basketball officials' camps were being held this summer. Football officials are being trained at Weber, BYU and U of U.

8. **UIAAA Business:** Mr. Hunter was not present.

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

MOTION: Mr. Browning motioned to go into executive session to discuss legal matters. Mr. Penrod second. Motion carried unanimously.

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

10. **Legislative Report:** Mr. Spatafore reported on the legislative session. His daughter, Ashley Spatafore, was also in attendance. Members asked questions regarding the outcome of the legislation. Points of discussion:

- Some legislators felt the Association was okay with legislation
- Representative Gibson created a committee to work on legislation
- Bill was drafted after three weeks of meetings/discussions
- Worked to draft acceptable legislation
- Felt it was a public spanking of the Association, legislation of private organization
- If Association didn't participate in meetings look like the bad guy
- Mr. Spatafore made zero decisions for the Association, just facilitated
- Mr. Spatafore negotiated line 172-175 to keep private status
- Employees on URS retirement plan and PEHP health plan
- Appeals panel to be paid by the State
- Not in the best interest of Association to kill the bill
- Association is still a private organization
- HB55 deals with non-profit organizations, UHSAA was not included in bill
- Budget not found on website by legislators
- Revenue is based on use of public facilities
- Principals and AD's were left out of discussions
- Rallied the troops to not support legislation
- This is the member schools' organization
- Coaches on the legislative committee didn't realize their input was contributing to a legislative bill
- Interim Retirement Committee met and discussed private organizations on system
- Staff primarily comes from education system
- Litigation will make it hard to protect the Association

- Bullying tactics used by the legislature
- HB 413 allows the Association to do everything as in the past
- Representation has diminished on the BOT

Mr. Hammer thanked Mr. Spatafore and Ms. Spatafore for their attendance.

MOTION: Mr. Penrod motioned to replace Dave Spatafore. Motion died for lack of second.

BOT is the governing body and some felt Mr. Spatafore was following direction from them.

Discussion on legislative bill and process.

Possible legal litigation will be handled by Mr. Van Wagoner.

11. **Reports:**

A. Sportsmanship Committee: Ms. Monkres reported the Sportsmanship Committee met and reviewed applications submitted for the Sportsmanship Award. She distributed a list of schools that met the criteria. She also distributed a list of schools for zero ejection award.

(1) Criteria for Award: The criteria for next year has not changed, it will remain the same.

(2) Student Leadership Conference – Saturday, August 5, 2017 at Jordan HS. The cost is \$25 per participant. An additional charge of \$50 for hotel accommodation. Registration is still open. There will be tickets available for a Bee's game on August 4.

B. 1A Athletics: Nothing to report

C. 2A Athletics: Nothing to report

D. 3A Athletics: Nothing to report

E. 4A Athletics: No consolation basketball games for girls and boys.

MOTION: Mr. Taylor motioned that 4A will not have consolation basketball games. Mr. Crosbie second. Motion carried.

F. 5A Athletics: Nothing to report

12. **For the Good of the Order:** Mr. Cuff provided articles to support education-based activities.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting August 9 at 10:00 a.m.