Executive Committee Meeting Summary  
August 9, 2017

1. Chairman Craig Hammer welcomed everyone to the first meeting and introduced 11 new members of the Executive Committee: Velden Wardle, Weber HS, Region 1; Jim Birch, Herriman HS, Region 3; Gary Twitchell, Westlake HS, Region 4; Jason Smith, Viewmont HS, Region 5; John Goldhardt, Salt Lake City School District, Region 6; Ryan Bishop, Wasatch HS, Region 8; Dave McKee, Spanish Fork HS, Region 10; Alex Salvo, Saint Joseph Catholic High School, Region 16; Trevor Powell, Gunnison HS, Region 18; Luke Thomas, Tintic HS, Region 21; Darin Jenkins, Tabiona HS, Region 22.

2. There are two new member schools for 2017-18. They are Great Basin HS and Green Canyon HS. There are now 150 total UHSAA member schools and 106 member schools participate in football.


4. Chairman Hammer and UHSAA Staff provided an orientation of UHSAA procedures and materials and Executive Committee roles and responsibilities.

5. Mr. Rob Cuff, Executive Director, explained that catastrophic insurance will continue for the 2017-18 school year as per Board of Trustees decision in June. The UHSAA Foundation will fund $125,000 and the UHSAA budget will fund $40,000 of the $187,000 premium. This will be the eighth year that schools have been reimbursed for paid premiums. Schools will be reimbursed approximately 85% of the premium this year.

6. The UIAAA administrators’ training meeting will be held in the UHSAA offices on September 18. The training is very helpful for new athletic directors, principals and assistant principals who supervise athletics. A course is taught by the athletic directors and the UIAAA discusses items from their organization.

7. The UHSAA staff will provide training visits throughout the state this year in place of the annual UHSAA Summit. There will be nine sessions to choose from during the month of August and the training is specific to principals, administrators over athletics, and athletic directors on state association items. Every member school should be represented by at least one participant.

8. Mr. John Oglesby discussed the improved UHSAA website (www.uhsaa.org) and provided training for the information found there. He also discussed the RegisterMyAthlete program and answered questions from the Committee.

9. Mr. Oglesby discussed the promotion of high school activities to our communities. He explained the role of the new Communication Advisory Committee who will assist in the marketing of education based activities.
10. Region rules and etiquette clinics for golf were discussed. The deadline for 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A boys is September 15. The deadline for 1A boys and all girls’ golf is April 15.

11. Mr. Brenan Jackson discussed the RegisterMyCoach program and emphasized the importance and responsibility of districts and/or schools to track coaches’ education. He discussed the criteria for coaching certification and importance of having certified coaches working with student athletes.

12. Ms. Jan Whittaker reviewed the statewide sportsmanship program. Details regarding the sportsmanship program can be found on the UHSAA website, including the criteria for earning the 2018 star. This is the eighth year for the sportsmanship program, which has provided the opportunity for schools to earn yearly stars. When a school receives five stars, it will be recognized as a “five star sportsmanship school.” Every school can be a winner when it comes to good sportsmanship. All member schools are invited to TEAM-up to Raise the Bar, Earn Your Star because Sportsmanship Matters!

13. The 2017 UHSAA/UIAAA Student Leadership Conference, Dare to Lead, was reviewed and discussed. With the help of many individuals, including the UHSAA Sportsmanship Committee, the conference was once again a tremendous success. During the Conference students partnered on a service project with Special Olympics Utah putting together food kits. Team work and leadership skills were learned and applied. Students from all parts of the state were asked and challenged to make a difference by taking the information and implementing it into their schools and regions.

14. The 2018 UHSAA/UIAAA Student Leadership Conference, Dare to Lead, will be held next summer at a site and time to be determined. This will mark the seventh annual conference. The conference will allow for each member school to select a male and female student to participate in the one-day event. It will provide motivational speakers, activities and interactive group discussions on the issues facing education-based athletics and activities. In addition, the student leaders will participate in a community service project with Special Olympics Utah.

15. Mr. Jeff Cluff discussed the ejection procedures for both coaches and student athletes.

16. Mr. Cluff, UHSAA Supervisor of Officials, discussed the procedures made regarding a required background check for game officials prior to officiating. The background check takes place when the official registers on-line to officiate. All officials’ items, training and testing are located on the Arbiter website (www.uhsaa.arbitersports.com) where officials currently receive their game assignments and other officiating announcements.
17. Ms. Whittaker presented site options for the UHSAA State Swimming Meets. The pool at BYU is under construction and is not available for this year’s state swimming meets.

18. Mr. Oglesby presented two schedule options for the State Track and Field Meet. The Committee approved the schedule for 4A, 5A and 6A to compete on Thursday and Friday and 1A, 2A and 3A to compete on Friday and Saturday.

19. Mr. Cuff provided compliance training concerning House Bill 413.

20. Mr. Cuff shared sportsmanship articles found in NFHS High School Today.