

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 9, 2016

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

Minutes: Jeanne Widerburg.

1. **Welcome and Chairperson Business:** Chairman Hammer welcomed members to the meeting. He excused Royd Darrington and Linda Mayne.

A. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Hunter read a poem that was found in Easy Eddie's (Al Capone's lawyer) pocket after he was murdered for testifying against Mr. Capone. He wanted to do something right for his son. Mr. Hunter also shared a story about Easy Eddie's son, Butch O'Hare, who was a fighter pilot. Butch was a war hero for saving hundreds of American lives and received the Naval Aviator Congressional Medal of Honor. There is a statue at the Chicago O'Hare Airport in his honor. He led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

B. Reverence/Thought: Ms. Bromley reported on the experience Lone Peak's band had at a St. George band competition. The drum majors forgot their uniforms. Word spread and their school rival, American Fork, came to the rescue and helped transform American Fork's uniforms for Lone Peak to use. She was amazed at the good sportsmanship shown between the two schools because these two schools have had a negative rivalry in the past. Ms. Bromley credits the UHSAA for their sportsmanship initiative and the changes that are happening around the state. It is important to have fun and positive rivalries. There is still work to do, but the kids are worth it! She then offered a prayer.

C. Minutes of Previous Meeting – September 28, 2016:

MOTION: Mr. Penrod motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Browning second. Motion carried.

D. Deadlines for dues, CAT Insurance, By-Laws and Arbiting Fees: Ms. Widerburg reported on schools that have not paid their dues and fees.

E. Academic All-State Deadlines, UHSAA Moratoriums, etc.: Chairman Hammer reminded members of deadlines.

1) Orem: Orem has requested a Christmas Moratorium Adjustment to December 21-25. Two days before competition for travel instead of one day.

MOTION: Mr. Morris motioned to approve Orem's request to adjust the Moratorium to December 21-25. Ms. Bromley second. Motion carried.

Mr. Penrod asked about athletes who work college game concessions for a fundraiser on Saturday of the Thanksgiving holiday. Only a few girls are involved and it is not mandatory. Thanksgiving moratorium was discussed. Athletes can individually do the fundraiser. There is no adjustment for Thanksgiving for an entire team.

2. **USBE Report:** Ms. Mayne was excused due to illness.

3. **Football Endowment Games Report:** Mr. Cuff reported the football endowment games brought \$100,000 to the Association. He thanked schools for having good matchups and asked them to continue to help the Foundation by scheduling good matchups in the future. Fremont vs Bonneville, Olympus vs Cottonwood and Skyridge vs Ridgeline had over \$10,000 gates. Revenue from these games is helpful for the Foundation Board to continue to reimburse member schools 100% for catastrophic premiums. A 100% reimbursement is not guaranteed, but 6 out of the past 7 years member schools have been reimbursed at 100% and the other year at 80%. Basketball endowment games will provide additionally revenue. Please encourage marketing strategies to increase fan attendance. Mr. Cuff again thanked members for their support.

4. **Region Visits by Staff:** Mr. Cuff reported on regions that have been visited by staff. The staff is continuing efforts to attend at least one region meeting. He thanked members for putting sportsmanship on region agendas. The sportsmanship initiatives are much more successful with region support.

5. **Calendar:** Mr. Taylor reported.

A. 2016-2017 calendar (pp. 70-71):

- Wrestling: 3A divisional wrestling north at Tooele.
- Theatre: 1A – APA Draper; 2A – Richfield HS
- Golf: 1A Boys and 1A Girls – East Bay (moved from Spanish Oaks). Mr. Bishop asked classifications if they want to stay on the Wasatch Front next fall (2017) or St. George. Please report to him.

MOTION: Mr. Wood motioned to approve the above locations for wrestling, theatre and 1A boys' and girls' golf. Mr. Bruce second. Motion carried.

B. 2017-2018 Tentative Calendar: The tentative calendar will be set after the realignment.

C. Academic All-State: Mr. Taylor encouraged members to complete rosters in Register My Athlete in preparation for Academic All-State due on December 13.

6. **Fall Activities Report:**

A. Volleyball: Ms. Monkres reported the tournament was successful and congratulated the winners.

B. Girls' Tennis: Ms. Monkres congratulated the winners and reported the tournaments went well. She thanked the coaches, athletes and parents for being flexible as matches were moved indoors on rainy days. It is not ideal, but it has helped to have a backup plan with indoor courts. However, it is getting more difficult to obtain indoor courts.

C. Boys' Golf: Mr. Bishop reported there were a few weather issues at Soldier Hollow, but overall it went well. He is very appreciative of the Utah PGA for their support and efforts providing volunteers, signage and making it a fun tournament. They have really helped high school golf to grow and develop. He appreciated the EC members help at the tournament.

D. Cross Country: Mr. Bishop thanked the members for their help. He reported the coaches' association helped make some changes at the event that were very successful. He thanked Highland High for their continued support. The AD's are very supportive.

E. Football: Mr. Bishop reported semifinals were held at Weber State for 1A, 2A and 3A. They games went well, but there were some parking issues. The championships games will be held on Saturday at SUU. The 3AA, 4A, 5A semifinals games will be Thursday and Friday. The Friday Pine View vs Dixie game was moved to SUU.

F. Girls' Soccer: Mr. Taylor thanked Jordan HS and Juan Diego Catholic HS for hosting soccer semifinals. The finals were held at Rio Tinto and he congratulated the winners. He cautioned members about the limited team membership rule that seems to often present problems for soccer.

G. 1A Baseball: Mr. Cluff reported it was a great tournament in St. George with good crowds. He congratulated participants.

7. Current Items:

A. Weight Management Program: Mr. Taylor reported the weight management program is being held a week later at the request of coaches. He thanked the schools that were hosting. The schedule is on the wrestling page located on the UHSAA website.

B. Unified Sports (UHSAA/SOUT): If any school is interested in participating in Unified Soccer or Track, please send Mr. Taylor an email. It is not too late. Coaches need to be certified through UHSAA and SOUT.

C. Rosters on RegisterMyAthlete: Mr. Taylor encouraged schools to complete rosters on RegisterMyAthlete. Mr. Taylor said when information is gathered it is protected under FERPA. Students and parents e-sign a waiver to release personal information. Jennifer Johnson, State School Board member, met with Mr. Taylor and Clair Anderson. Mr. Hammer said he wanted to make sure it was discussed and the questions had been resolved. Mr. Taylor said it is important that administrators and coaches are given the correct access in the system.

D. NFHS #MyReasonWhy (p. 72) Campaign: Mr. Taylor asked administrators to encourage students and coaches to get involved and submit their own "Reason Why."

E. Utah's Best Preps: Mr. Taylor said this is the second year of the event. He feels this is a great way to honor top high school athletes. There will be signage and announcements at UHSAA events.

F. Rules Clinics: All clinics are posted on the UHSAA website. There is also a list of individuals that either attended or completed the online clinic. Head coaches are required to complete. Fines will be sent for those coaches who do not comply.

G. Soccer Schedules: Mr. Taylor said regions were previously asked to discuss the possibility of holding games on Monday and Wednesday instead of Tuesday and Thursday for soccer in the fall. He was hopeful that some regions could work it out so the Association would not have to mandate schedules in order to have enough officials to assign 3 per game. Mr. Sherwood said it would be helpful to hold varsity games later in the day under the lights. Mr.

Cuff said another suggestion is to have an early soccer game and then play the football game at home later that same night at the same site.

H. Spirit of Sport Award and Heart of the Arts Award: Mr. Bishop said nomination packets have been emailed to board members and will be sent soon to schools. Spirit of Sport will honor an athlete or coach who has overcome a hardship and excelled in a sport. Heart of the Arts will honor someone in the theatre, debate, band, etc. Nominations are due to Mr. Bishop by January 20.

I. Football Items: Mr. Bishop distributed the spring football guidelines. There has been discussion with coaches taking athletes to 7 on 7 all star teams in the spring. Mr. Bishop would like to interpret the rule that if a coach from a school goes to the Las Vegas tournament in the spring and he has two kids from different schools, they would be in violation of the rule. There is a concern regarding recruiting. Discussion if teams are a school or club.

J. Sportsmanship Items – Battle of the Fans: Ms. Monkres discussed the “Battle of the Fans” that is due on January 31st. She encouraged schools to get involved. “MyReasonWhy” is in full swing. This is a national campaign and she encourages schools to get their students and coaches on twitter, face book and instagram and post their “ReasonWhy” they participate in education-based activities.

K. UHSAA Student Leadership Conference: The conference will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2017. The location is still being determined.

L. Region Drill Team (meeting handout): Ms. Monkres was asking for region contacts for drill team. Diamond Ranch is planning to have a drill team. Summit was also adding drill team. Discussion was held about schools entering late. Need to even assignments in northern and southern divisions. Classifications will discuss and notify Ms. Monkres.

Ms. Monkres reported three of four practicums had been held. More teams have participated this year than last. The practicum is a practice for judges – they do not expect teams to be perfect. A few coaches are not giving the same courtesy to judges. This is a practice and training for judges. Some have said the judges don’t know what they are doing, but the practicum is to teach the judges.

Ms. Monkres has had two inquiries regarding the difficulty category. How can one judge catch all of the difficulty items in a routine? She has responded, how can a judge watch all four areas as was expected in the past? Now they are having one judge look at one category. The difficulty judge is rewarding them for what they have already been doing. Difficulty category was part of the training. There are subjective opinions and there will still be human errors. The difficulty level is not a penalizing category but a rewarding category. Teams are given suggestions how to boost their scores. There has been much input from coaches and the difficulty category will be better and benefit the teams as judges use the rubrics that have been developed.

M. Baseball Pitch Count Rule (meeting handout): Mr. Cluff distributed a copy of the proposal from the coaches association for pitch count rule. It is suggested that schools use Game Changer as it is a free app for Apple products and can be easily exported into MaxPreps. The penalty for excess pitching and non reporting was discussed in depth. Pitch counts will be addressed by the athletic director or UHSAA (not official). Colorado’s penalties: Any school not entering the information within the mandated timeframe will be placed on restriction from the playoffs. For exceeding the pitch count, the head coach is put on suspension (similar to an

ejection). It was discussed and decided Region Board of Managers would handle non reporting of pitch counts.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned that if a pitch count is exceeded, the first offense is a coach suspension for two games; second offense and subsequent offense is forfeiture of contest. If there is a post season violation, it is forfeiture. Mr. Henke second. Motion carried, but not unanimously.

N. Baseball Game Limitations: Mr. Cluff reported the baseball coaches' association is requesting a change of number of contests allowed and how they are counted. Mr. Morris feels we need to stay consistent for all sports. The tournaments were added to save missed school days. Mr. Penrod feels the coaches are stretching the rule. The tournament wording was added to enable the schools to finish the tournament and not miss the championship game. Mr. Hammer determined the request should go to ADEC before coming to the EC.

8. New School Member Applications:

A. New school applications for 2017-2018:

(1) Green Canyon High School (pp. 74-75): Principal Dave Swenson and his AD, Odell Speth, talked about the new school in Cache Valley. The mascot will be the Wolves and the school colors are forest green, silver with black accents. Green Canyon will receive students from Sky View. Their projected enrollment is 847 for 10-12. Only incoming seniors living within Green Canyon borders will be allowed to stay at Sky View or go to Green Canyon. They will make their choice by December 16. Mr. Bishop will work with administration on transfer eligibility issues. Construction is ahead of schedule by about 3.5 months.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to recommend a staff site visit and membership consideration to the BOT. Mr. Henke second. Motion carried.

(2) Great Basin High School (pp. 76-77): Principal Jim Sandoval reported that Great Basin High School is located at the Clearfield Job Corp. They would like to participate in basketball, boys' soccer and volleyball. They have facilities for basketball and volleyball, but they do not have soccer fields. Their projected enrollment is 195. Students attend from five different states, but they become Utah residents once enrolled. They have about 60% boys and 40% girls. The students choose to attend. It is a special purpose school (private) funded by the government. Mr. Cuff reminded Mr. Sandoval that Great Basin would have independent status for the first two years of membership.

MOTION: Ms. Bromley motion to recommend a staff site visit and membership consideration to the BOT. Mr. Peterson second. Motion carried.

B. American Prep. Draper (p. 78): Bryan Durst reported that American Prep. Draper has been a member for two years for activities only. They hosted Region 18 Drama competition and will be hosting the 1A State Drama meet this year. They are run by the same board but have separate campuses from other American Preparatory Academies. They are adding a new building for facilities for sports. Current enrollment is 65 for 10-12. American Prep Draper is requesting full membership, but will not participate in football and drill team.

MOTION: Motion to recommend a staff site visit and full membership for American Prep Draper to the BOT was made by Mr. Bruce. Ms. Bromley second. Motion carried.

C. Status of 2016-2017 New Schools:

- (1) Skyridge High School (4A, Region 7): No concerns reported.
- (2) Utah Military Academy (1A, Region 17): No concerns reported.
- (3) Freedom Preparatory Academy (4A, Region 8): Mr. Penrod reported no interaction with them.

9. Realignment:

A. Daniel's Academy (1A, Region 18) (p. 79): Mr. Cuff said Daniel's Academy has withdrawn their membership.

B. Timetable (p. 80): If numbers are not received December 1, the realignment might be postponed until January. Ask coaches to be patient for scheduling.

C. Schools By District (pp. 81-86): List was provided in the meeting packet. Any changes please notify Mr. Cuff. There are 117 district schools, 16 private and 16 charter schools in the Association.

10. Legal Report (executive session):

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to go into executive session to discuss legal issues. Mr. Mees second. Motion carried.

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

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to report to the Board of Trustees the Executive Committee is in opposition of the State School Board's involvement to limit the Association's ability to govern high school activities. The Executive Committee also opposes R277 in its entirety. Mr. Wilkey second. Motion carried.

Mr. Hammer asked each committee member to contact each school in their region regarding the State School Board and report back to him their support or opposition.

11 Officiating: Mr. Cluff reported the fall has gone well except for official shortages in soccer. The Association is always looking to raise the bar and recruit more officials. Basketball officials' enrollment is down by about 100, but it is expected more will register in the next two weeks. Ejections were up slightly in football and girls' soccer, but there were no ejections in volleyball. Safety fouls are being monitored in football for risk minimization.

12. UIAAA: Mr. Hunter reviewed page 73 regarding the process of rule changes or proposals. Mr. Bishop said the process was discussed at a breakout session at the UHSAA Summit. Mr. Cuff said that if a proposal comes from an Executive Committee member it might not go to ADEC first, but could also then be sent to ADEC by the Executive Committee.

A. Lacrosse Update: Mr. Morris reported the survey is being prepared. The Lacrosse Association will be reporting to the BOT next week at 10:00 am.

B. UIAAA Conference: April 5-8, 2017

C. NIAAA Conference (December): The conference will be held in Nashville, Richard Barton, Richfield HS AD, will become the new NIAAA President. Next year's conference will be held in Phoenix, Arizona.

13. Reports:

A. Music Committee: Ms. Monkres reported on the committee meeting. They have been discussing if three sites are needed, northern, southern and central, because of the growing participation. Please discuss with regions.

B. Speech Committee: Mr. Taylor reported the committee was postponed.

C. 5A Athletics: Nothing to report.

D. 4A Athletics: Nothing to report.

E. 3A Athletics: Nothing to report.

F. 2A Athletics: Enterprise will not have a drill team.

G. 1A Athletics: Nothing to report.

14. For the Good of the Order:

A. UHSAA Distinguished Service Nominees:

5A Coach/Advisor of the Year	James Barnes, Herriman HS
4A Coach/Advisor of the Year	Robin McClellan, Uintah HS
3A Coach/Advisor of the Year	Loren Anderson, Grantsville HS
2A Coach/Advisor of the Year	Bobby Porter, Layton Christian
1A Coach/Advisor of the Year	Troy Norris, Panguitch HS
Athletic Director of the Year	Jim Crosbie, Ridgeline
Female Official of the Year	Lori Mills
Male Official of the Year	Todd Hyer
Small School Music Educator	Chris Taylor, Park City HS
Large School Music Educator	Sam Tsugawa, Springville HS
Speech Educator of the Year	Doug Welton, Salem Hills HS
Theatre Educator of the Year	Mike Wagner, Tabiona
Distinguished Contributor	Sam Jarman, UHSAA Executive Committee
Distinguished Contributor	Ron Nelson, UHSAA Board of Trustees
Distinguished Media Contributor	Cache Valley Media Group

MOTION: Mr. Bruce motioned to accept the Distinguished Service Nominees. Mr. Young second. Motion carried.

B. UHSAA Super Fans: Nominations have been collected and winners will be announced in January.

C. Circle of Fame Nominations: Nominations are still open for Circle of Fame.

Next meeting: January 18 at 8:00 a.m. at Sleepy Ridge – business attire.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40