

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

UHSAA Office

April 26, 2017

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. Minutes: Jeanne Widerburg.

**1. Welcome and Chairperson Business:** Mr. Hammer welcomed members to the meeting. He excused Royd Darrington and welcomed Bruce Bean who was representing Mr. Darrington. Mr. Hammer reported that the Association received 36 applications for Assistant Directors positions and 12 interviews were held. A press release will be sent announcing the new hires: Brenan Jackson, Kanab Principal; Jan Whittaker, Bountiful HS; and Jon Oglesby, Big Sky Conference. Mr. Cuff reported the hiring committee was Amber Shill, BOT; Kendra Tomsic, AD; Jerre Holmes, BOT; Craig Hammer, EC; and staff members. Mr. Cuff feels good about the new directors and thinks there will be good chemistry. He again thanked Ms. Monkres, Mr. Bishop and Mr. Taylor for their efforts and contributions to the Association. They will be missed. Mr. Hammer said we are losing great people, but is confident in the new hires. Mr. Cuff reported Mr. Taylor will continue as an IT consultant to train Mr. Oglesby.

A. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Mees shared that Pine View HS has added the ROTC program. He attended their advancement that week. Most of these students had not been involved in another activity. He has seen a renewed interest in the military and the opportunity for leadership positions for those participants. Extra-curricular activities give opportunities for leadership and developing friendships. These programs help students and members need to continue to battle and fight for the programs and the opportunities for students. He then led members in the pledge of allegiance.

B. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Young said he has been in education for 43 years and 40 years as a coach. Coaching impacts students to help them build character, worth ethic, respect, and team effort. Coaches are impacted by their athletes. Principals build their schools similar to coaching by using team building activities. Coach Wooden said, "Be more concerned with your character than your reputation because character is who you really are. Reputation is only who others think you are."

C. Minutes of March 15 (summary on UHSAA website):

**MOTION:** Motion to approve the minutes of March 15 was made by Mr. Bruce. Mr. Peterson second. Motion carried.

D. Additional Items (staff recommends approval): Utah Military Academy

E. Moratoriums: Ready Reference Calendar Guide is a good resource (UHSAA website).

**2. BOT Report:** Mr. Penrod reported the March 23 BOT meeting.

- Mr. Whitlock called the meeting to order
- Mr. Cuff discussed state champions and basketball endowment revenue

- NFHS training courses
- Winter activities reports
- Winter ejection report
- Calendar was reviewed
- Sportsmanship initiative to increase awareness of good sportsmanship
- Battle of the Fans, Dare to Lead Student Leadership Conference
- Unified soccer and track and field
- Register My Athlete and electronic submission for Academic All-State
- Limited team membership discussion
- Contest limitation discussed
- Layton Christian Academy request to move up classification was not approved
- Lacrosse survey was discussed
- HB 413 and State Board Rule 277-409
- Changes to transfer rule
- Board reduction
- Articles provided regarding education-based activities
- Award Luncheon to honor recipients for Circle of Fame, Heart of the Arts and Spirit of the Sport and Super Fans.

### **3. Activities Report:**

A. Solo and Ensemble Festivals: Ms. Monkres reported the north and south festival would be held on Saturday. Schedules are posted on the website. The results will be given to the school or will be delivered or mailed. She thanked Orem and Northridge HS for hosting

B. Theatre/Drama: Mr. Bishop reported drama went well. He thanked schools for hosting the event.

C. Speech/Debate: Mr. Taylor thanked the host schools for the events. The coaches' association does a great job. He discussed students using devices to read notes which is allowed if not connected to internet. Some students were disqualified and he feels this could become a bigger issue if students and coaches don't understand the rule.

### **4. Calendar/Sites:**

A. 2016-2017 (pp. 135-136 and on UHSAA website): Mr. Taylor reminded members of the 4A/5A baseball schedule change. The soccer semifinals for 5A will be held at Woods Cross HS and 4A at Davis HS. The games will be played at 4:00 and 6:15.

(1) Ms. Monkres distributed signups for spring tournament assignments.

(2) Conflicts with Graduation/AP Testing on Page 137 of meeting information.

Please communicate with coaches.

B. 2017-2018 (pp. 138-140 and on UHSAA website): 4A wrestling has been changed. 1A, 2A is proposing the wrestling tournament be held at SVC. Therefore, 3A/4A wrestling would be held on Saturday. The divisionals have been moved to Friday and Saturday the prior week.

(1) 3A Boys Golf site could not change.

5. **UIAAA:** Mr. Hunter reported the AD Conference was a success. Mr. Belnap and Mr. Wilson presented. Mr. Wilson was elected the UIAAA President elect July 1. The conference

next year will be held April 18-21, 2018. On the UIAAA website, applications are being accepted for the NIAAA liaison three-year position and the UIAAA Executive Director which is a five-year position. The golf tournament will be held July 12 at Wasatch, registration on the UIAAA website. Mr. Sherwood was awarded the Administrator of the Year and Mr. Peterson was awarded the Meritorious Award.

## **6. Follow Up Items from Previous Meetings:**

### **A. Finalize Pairings and Qualifiers for 2017-2018 State Tournaments:**

1A: Email changes to Mr. Taylor

2A: Rockwell is not playing baseball

3A: Wrestling seeding not divisional. Tennis is accurate. Basketball is pending at SUU.

4A: Discussion continues regarding consolation format. Mr. Bean asked who the governing bodies were for the north and south division. Mr. Cuff said Mr. Woolstenhulme and Mr. Madsen would help Mr. Jackson for 2A issues. 3A would be headed up by Mr. Darrington and Mr. Jackson. If needed, it can be brought to the entire EC. Tie-breakers need to be determined before the season begins. It has been decided that two games will be played at a pod site to reduce play off bracket.

5A/6A: No concerns

(1) Baseball brackets: Mr. Cluff said the 4A/5A baseball bracket was changed. Games will be played at SLCC (4A) and Kearns (5A). There is pressure from other classifications and the pitch count with so many games in a three-day span. He is looking to form a committee to discuss new tournament formats for baseball. Mr. Bruce said it is even difficult with double-headers. Mr. Hammer asked members to discuss issues in region meetings and talk about it in June. It also should be discussed by the AD's. Mr. Cluff will select EC members to serve on committee.

a. Pitch Count Update: Mr. Cluff said the new rule is working. He suggests the sub-varsity chart be eliminated because it is confusing. Use only one chart for JV and varsity players. Chart is by calendar day. There have been four infractions by coaches. One at sub-varsity level and three at varsity. It is a two-game suspension for the first offense and game forfeiture for the second offense. Mr. Mees said there was concern voiced that the forfeiture on the JV level isn't much of a penalty. Mr. Sherwood said it was discussed to have a forfeiture and a fine, but it was determined to not include a fine. Mr. Cluff said there are many non-reporting issues. Some schools were having issues with game changer uploading to MaxPreps. Mr. Cluff felt that for the most part, it was going well. It will be discussed again in June whether to increase the penalties for non-reporting. Most coaches are removing pitchers prior to the 85 pitches. Pitch counts are per day. If a pitcher reaches 110, he can finish the batter.

b. Contest Limitations: Mr. Cluff said it is being discussed equal contest limitation to 25 maximum for all classifications. Mr. Sherwood would like to suggest 30 game limitation for baseball for flexibility and count game for game. Discussion continued later in the meeting.

B. Unified Sports – UHSAA/SOUT State Events: Mr. Taylor said Unified Soccer would be held on May 6 at Hillcrest HS. Track and Field would be held on May 17 at Copper Hills HS. He mentioned many games had been rained out during the season and he thanked schools for their responsiveness in rescheduling.

C. UHSAA Moratorium Adjustments (July 2-8, 2017): Mr. Bishop stated there had been no moratorium adjustments. It was clarified on July 4 athletes can participate in service, but no competitions.

D. Memo of Understanding (pp. 141-142): Mr. Bishop stated these were memos of understanding for schools requesting independent status.

**MOTION:** Mr. Morris motioned to approve the Memo of Understanding for independent status for San Juan's boys' and girls' soccer contingent on San Juan's School Board approval of the soccer programs. Mr. Madsen second. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Mr. Young motioned to approve Wayne HS football independent status. Mr. Wood second. Motion carried.

Mr. Cluff stated that Wasatch Academy, American International, West Valley APA, Draper APA, St. Joseph Catholic, Maeser and Utah Military Academy have requested independent status for baseball to play in the fall. This would make them ineligible for 2A championship in the spring. There could be more requests in June. The schools could compete with other independent teams and 1A member schools. A 1A school can pick up no more than two free games (two beyond contest limitations). If 2A creates any post season competitions, it would count towards contest limitations.

**MOTION:** Mr. Young motioned to approve independent status requests for fall baseball and every game will count toward contest limitations. Mr. Morris second. Motion carried.

E. Football: Spring restrictions/Summer Camps (meeting handout). Members were encouraged to review restrictions on website.

(1) Football Endowment Game – KJZZ has requested a Thursday football endowment game. The teams to be determined by KJZZ and schools would need to accept invitation.

**MOTION:** Ms. Bromley motioned to approve the KJZZ Thursday football endowment game. Mr. McDaniel second. Motion carried.

F. Utah Military Academy: Mr. Kip Workman requested membership for Utah Military Academy's second campus location in Lehi for next year. They would request independent status in 1A and would like to participate in music, debate and wrestling.

**MOTION:** Mr. Woolstenhulme motioned to deny their request for membership for 2017-2018 because they missed the deadline for application. Mr. Madsen second. Motion carried.

G. Limited Team Membership Rule (pp. 150-156): Mr. Patrick Scherer from Grand County HS, parent of soccer players and coach for youth soccer. Some of Grand County HS soccer players tried out for soccer club in Grand Junction. Colorado has opposite soccer seasons as Utah. He would request a change in rule so students could participate in high school and club. He is concerned for the program at the high school. Current rule was provided on page 150.

Last meeting, a request was made (p. 151) to allow a waiver of the Limited Team Membership Rule for a specific soccer tournament – US National League Tournament. Members were asked to discuss at region meetings and the staff was looking if this would affect other sports.

No one motioned to change the rule.

H. Basketball: 3A Basketball will be discussed next meeting.

I. Pole Vault: Mr. Bishop said the track coaches' will be presenting to UIAAA on May 1. Process will be followed for their request and discussed next meeting.

J. Coaches' Certification (p. 143): Mr. Cuff discussed the current five components of coaches' certification. With Rule 277-409, there is an additional component that LEAs and schools must train coaches on prevention of hazing, bullying, sexual abuse, etc. those will be included in the UHSAA Handbook. The staff is looking at RegisterMyCoach program that may be offered to schools next year to help monitor and track. More information will be available in the June meeting.

K. Executive Committee Terms (pp. 156-158): Mr. Cuff had members verify the list of 2017-2018 Executive Committee members. Seven existing members leaving and 9 new incoming members with the two new classifications. Terms stay with region.

L. NFHS Summer Conference (see [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org)): If attending members have questions, please talk to Mr. Cuff.

M. UHSAA Transfer Rule (pp. 144-149): Discussion on proposed transfer rule.

- Defining boundary for private/charter school
- Out of state full family moves will receive first entry
- Sub-varsity for one year
- Varsity only if one of five listed reasons (Page 144) is met
- Some schools don't have sub-varsity programs
- Federal monies will possibly be lost if boundaries are imposed on charters
- Substantial moves within state
- Counterproductive to open enrollment/parents' rights
- Mechanism for student moving and wanting to attend private school and not living in their boundary
- Boarding school that has student legal school guardianship or start year at the boarding school as full-time resident
- Legislative verbiage included

**MOTION:** Mr. McDaniel motioned to recommend the new transfer rule proposal to the BOT with the understanding that therapeutic and/or boarding school rules will be added and a legislative note. Mr. Wilkey second. Motion carried 15 to 2. Ms. Hardy and Mr. Morris voted no.

N. Dual Wrestling Tournament (4A/5A):

**MOTION:** Mr. Sherwood motioned to discontinue dual wrestling state tournament. Dual tournaments could be sponsored by classification. Mr. Woolstenhulme second. Motion carried.

(1) 16 Contact Point Proposal: Discuss again in June after ADEC discussion.

(2) Proposed divisions for 2017-2018 based on returning point values (#3 on proposal).

**MOTION:** Mr. Sherwood motioned to approve proposal. Mr. Browning second. Motion carried.

(3) Seeding Criteria for All Divisional Seeding Proposal (#5 on proposal):

**MOTION:** Mr. Sherwood motioned to approve the proposal. Mr. Woolstenhulme second. Motion carried.

O. Contest Limitations (p. 155): Members were asked to discuss the contest limitations in their region meetings. It has been proposed that all classification have the same number contest limitations. Mr. Mees asked if there has ever been discussion to increase contest limitation on tennis. It was suggested any proposal should begin with the coaches' association.

**MOTION:** Mr. McDaniel motioned to recommend to the BOT that contest limitations be same number for all classifications. Mr. Browning second. Motion carried unanimously.

(1) Baseball (p. 155): There was discussion regarding baseball contest limitations and how games are counted (tournaments). Softball is written the same. As written, teams are allowed up to 25 games. It was suggested it be changed for baseball and softball to 28 and count game for game. Members were asked to discuss in regions and discuss it again in June.

**7. Staff Items:**

A. Sportsmanship Items: Mr. Monkres stated the recommended criteria for 2017-2018 is posted on website. Applications for the sportsmanship award for 2016-2017 are being accepted and are due on Friday, June 2. The Sportsmanship Committee will review the applications on Wednesday, June 14.

B. Dare2Lead Student Leadership Conference will be held on August 5, 2017 at Jordan HS. Registration is due by Friday, June 2.

C. Drill Team: Ms. Monkres discussed adding 1A at State Drill. 1A will be performing during the Friday schedule with the 2A, 3A morning pods. It will extend the day by 1 hour. The 1A Region Drill will continue to be held at the Richfield competition. Ms. Monkres also distributed the region drill team schedules. It was noted that Region 2 was changed to Kearns.

**D. Officiating Update:**

(1) Basketball camps will be held at the U of U and Dixie State. There was a baseball clinic scheduled for the following Saturday.

(2) Registration Information: Mr. Cluff reported registration for baseball was up by 7 individuals. There was no increase in softball. Overall, officials' registration was up 2%. He feels recruiting is generating positive results. The staff is approaching colleges about classes and the NFHS Initiative kicked off at [highschoolofficial.com](http://highschoolofficial.com). Once registered, an email comes to Mr. Cluff. Since it has opened, fourteen people have signed up.

Mr. Cluff would like to have a conscious approach in high schools to encourage schedule changes to help with double headers, etc. He asked especially the northern part of the state to schedule more same date, same site. Region 11 reported they have built that into their schedules.

(3) Pay Considerations: Mr. Cluff is looking to put a committee together to discuss officials' pay considerations. Mr. Hammer, Mr. Sherwood and Mr. Woolstenhulme would be willing to help.

(4) Safety Issues: Mr. Cluff said they need assistance from AD's and administrators in finding a safe place for officials to park. There were four incidents this spring, two in soccer and two in baseball, where officials were accosted by fans as they walked to their cars. Please discuss in regions how to increase protection of officials. It was pointed out that the officials do multiple games in some sports and they hang around for JV and administration tends to not be there for sub-varsity contests. If there is an upset parent, they might wait around when the administrators aren't in attendance. Mr. Cluff said these incidents were after varsity contests. In soccer, it was the third official leaving and the other two were staying for next contest. Mr. Mees said it would help if they would leave as soon as the soccer game ends. Mr. Cluff said the culture of soccer officiating is to meet at center field.

E. Speech/Debate: Mr. Taylor said there is not a NFHS Rulesbook so the UHSAA Handbook is the rulebook for the tournament. Every year, a survey is sent to all coaches and they vote on rule changes. The Speech Committee looks at the survey and they recommend a change if an item receives a 60% vote. He pointed out that the 2A and 3A events are different to balance participants. There will be six classification tournaments.

**MOTION:** Mr. Bean motioned to accept the Speech Committee's recommendation for rule proposals. Mr. Peterson second. Motion carried.

(1) Classification Petition (pp. 159-160): Mr. Taylor reported that Delta had requested to remain in 2A for Speech and Debate. The Committee recommended they stay in 3A. No action taken.

#### **8. Legal Report (executive session):**

**MOTION:** Ms. Bromley motioned to go into executive session to discuss legal matter. Mr. McDaniel second. Motion carried.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Bruce motioned to strongly recommend pursuing litigation to the BOT. Mr. Woolstenhulme second. Voting was unanimous.

Mr. Browning asked that Mr. Spatafore report to the Executive Committee

#### **9. For the Good of the Order:** Articles provided to members.

A. NFHS Officials Campaign (p. 161)

B. Why Do You Officiate? (p. 162)

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 15