

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Sleepy Ridge Golf Course
Wednesday, January 17, 2018
8:00 am

Members present: Velden Wardle, Jim Birch, Jason Smith, John Goldhardt, Tom Sherwood, Mike Mees, Dave McKee, Robert Henke, Wade Woolstenhulme, Bruce Bean, Randy Madsen, Craig Morris, Trevor Powell, Jim Wood, Luke Thomas, Darin Jenkins, Craig Hammer, Marc Hunter, Rob Cuff, Jeff Cluff, Brenan Jackson, Jon Oglesby and Jan Whittaker. Excused: Rob McDaniel, Gary Twitchell, Ryan Bishop, Trever Wilson, Alex Salvo, Roberta Hardy and Jodi Kaufman. Minutes: Jeanne Widerburg

1. Welcome and Chairperson Business: Mr. Hammer welcomed members to the meeting. He excused Rob McDaniel, Gary Twitchell, Ryan Bishop, Trever Wilson, Alex Salvo, Roberta Hardy and Jodi Kaufman. Dave Dunn (Rob McDaniel), Chad Wilson (Gary Twitchell), Everett Kelepolo (Ryan Bishop), and Jamie Sheetz (Trever Wilson) were welcomed as substitutes for excused members.

A. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Birch talked about a Veteran's Day celebration that was held at the school during a football game several years ago. After the anthem was played, a World War II Veteran put his arm around Coach Birch, and said, "We can go home now, the most important part of this game is done." That statement has stuck with Mr. Birch over all these years. Mr. Birch led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

B. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Jenkins shared thoughts he had about a Veteran's Day Assembly they had at his school. There was a young man from Monticello with the National Guard who presented the flag ceremony. The students had built a friendship with him and soon afterwards the soldier was killed in battle in Afghanistan. His students felt unity for him and wanted to honor him. There was a unified effort in honoring President Thomas S. Monson in the funeral procession from all religions. As a Committee, the members might not agree on everything, but are united in doing what is best for students. He then offered a prayer.

C. Chairman's General Observations: Mr. Hammer thanked Mr. Birch and Mr. Jenkins for their thoughts. Educators can have a great impact on kids to change lives.

D. Minutes of previous Meeting – November 8, 2017 (summary on UHSAA website):

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to approve the minutes of November 8, 2017. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Academic All-State Deadlines, UHSAA Moratoriums, etc.: Please remember dates.

F. Updated Handbook on the UHSAA Website.

G. Winter Sports Assignment Sheets: Ms. Whittaker passed the sign-up sheet for winter sports tournaments. Mr. Hammer reminded members to dress appropriately for indoor presentations for Academic All-State and trophies.

H. Distinguished Service Luncheon (p. 113): Mr. Cuff talked about the luncheon procedures for honoring the Distinguished Service recipients. Introductions are to be short.

2. **BOT Meeting Report:** Mr. Cluff reported on the November 16, 2017, meeting.

- 51 Football Endowment Games brought in \$100,000 in revenue for Foundation
- BOT approved catastrophic insurance to continue
- The Foundation and UHSAA (\$40,000 subsidized) will reimburse 85% of premium
- Report on Fall Activities
- 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 Calendar were reviewed
- Spirit of Sports and Heart of the Arts
- Sportsmanship initiative is sponsoring Battle of the Fans
- Student Leadership Conference on June 14 at Jordan HS. One boy and one girl from every member school is requested.
- Six new membership applications were reviewed
- Sports Medicine Advisory Committee proposals were approved
- Realignment report was given
- Coach Certification - Register My Coach
- BOT voted to dismiss the lawsuit
- Legislative Committee to develop plans for the future
- BOT terms and elections
- My Reason Why Campaign sponsored by the NFHS
- 2017 Distinguished Service Award recipients were announced
- High School sports participation has increased across the nation for the 28th consecutive year – more than 7.9 million participants.

3. **Fall Activities (pp. 114-115):** Mr. Cuff reviewed fall championship winners and congratulated them.

4. **Calendar:**

A. 2017-2018 (pp. 116-117):

(1) 2A Baseball Tournament: Staff has a verbal agreement with Ken Price Field to host 2A.

(2) State Forensics: It has been proposed to move 5A from Weber State to Herriman HS. 6A remains at Weber State.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to move 5A Forensics to Herriman HS. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(3) Theatre:

6A One acts at Riverton HS and Individuals at Bingham HS/April 12-14

5A Skyridge/April 19-21

4A Spanish Fork/April 19-21

3A Richfield/April 6-7

2A APA Draper/April 19-21

1A Panguitch/April 19-21

MOTION: Mr. Morris motioned to approve dates and sites for all classifications except 3A. Mr. Henke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. Woolstenhulme motioned to hold 3A Theatre at Richfield HS on April 20-21. Mr. Bean seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(4) Boys' Soccer Tournaments: Rio Tinto is not available for 2A, 3A, and 4A final. He suggested some options: (1) have final on Monday night at REAL; (2) RSL Academy might be able to host the finals on Saturday; or (3) high school venue. The semis will be held at Alta and Juan Diego. Members were asked to discuss in regions for a decision in March.

B. 2018-20019 (pp. 118-122 and UHSAA website): Tentative calendar finalized in March.

(1) Fall calendar start dates and future dates and sites. Please review.

(2) Football Semifinals and Finals: Originally were flip-flopping with Weber and SUU. Some games have been changed because of geography. It is harder to get Weber State and SUU consistently. Could semifinals be changed and keep Weber State and SUU for finals? Streaming contracts need to be written for flexibility.

a. 4A Semis: Currently scheduled for U of U, but could be left TBA so adjustments can be made based upon geography. Mr. Hammer said Dixie State has made improvements and could be a site consideration.

b. 4A Finals: Two schools could choose a site if available. The U of U would be the default if the school cannot agree. TV contracts would need to be negotiated.

c. 1A, 2A, 3A Finals: Mr. Woolstenhulme would like some flexibility. If Dixie State and Snow College could be considered that would add more flexibility. Leave it TBA on the calendar and arrange a primary and secondary site. Would like to play all three games at one site if possible.

d. 1A, 2A, 3A Semifinals: Members would like the same classification at one site, but geography would be the determining factor. Semifinals sites would need to be different than the final site.

5. **UIAAA:** Mr. Hunter reminded members of the UIAAA Conference on April 18-21 in St. George. He discussed available classes and speakers. The vendor show will only be held on Thursday from 1-6 pm.

A. Report on NIAAA Conference in Phoenix, Arizona: Mr. Hunter said it was a big conference for Utah. Rich Barton from Richfield HS is the NIAAA president, Jamie Sheetz and Everett Kelepolo were presented citations and Mr. Hunter was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Mr. Bob Gardner, NFHS Executive Director, will be stepping down June 1.

B. Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting June 11 in Park City.

Mr. Cuff commented on the great relationship between UIAAA and UHSAA.

6. **Staff Items:**

A. Drill Team Items: Ms. Whittaker distributed the Region schedules for drill team (p. 123). State Drill Team will be February 1-3 at UVU.

B. Swimming: Ms. Whittaker has heard many concerns over seating at swimming with only 700 seats at South Davis Rec Center and 450 seats at Wasatch. There will be two tickets available for purchase for each qualifying swimmer. Tickets would be included with the deck passes and schools will be invoiced for tickets requested. Deck passes and tickets can be picked up at the UHSAA office or at the swim site.

C. Sportsmanship Items: Students Leadership Conference will be held on Thursday, June 14 at Jordan HS. She encouraged schools to participate in the Battle of the Fans.

D. Golf Items: Ms. Whittaker inquired regarding 1A if a region has only two teams participating how many would qualify. Do they both qualify, or one qualify?

MOTION: Mr. Wood motioned for 1A regions with two participating golf teams they will qualify one team. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Theatre Items: Ms. Whittaker discussed the situation with theatre where the teachers go into the tabulators' room and discuss the ballots to determine winner. She would like to propose that the teachers should not be included in the tabulation room and hire a tournament director to take care of the meet. This would make it fair and unified. Each classification will hire two tabulators and one competition director beginning this year. Ms. Whittaker proposed to standardize the pay for judges - \$50 for individual events and \$150 for one act plays. Pay would be the same for tournament director.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to assign one competition director and two tabulators for each classification and standardized pay for competition directors, tabulators and judges at region and state (\$50 for individual and \$150 for one act plays). Mr. McKee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

F. Unified Sports: Mr. Oglesby said a survey would be sent to determine participating schools to start bracketing for soccer. Please promote in regions and help build interest in Unified Sports.

G. Speech/Debate Items: The Committee has proposed a 3A tournament format. The coaches' association and some tourney directors felt the format was acceptable.

MOTION: Mr. Woolstenhulme motioned to accept the proposed 3A Speech/Debate tournament format. Mr. Madsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

H. 4A Baseball Tournament: The proposal is to begin on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Mr. McKee felt it would make it fair. The 4A Committee voted 3 to 1 in favor.

MOTION: Mr. McKee motioned to accept the proposal to start the 4A Baseball tournament on Wednesday. Mr. Henke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

If Dixie State gets the region bid to host the NCAA Tournament, 4A would be bumped from Dixie State to UVU. The dates would remain the same.

I. Officials' Campaign Update: Mr. Cluff and Mr. Oglesby were interviewed on two television stations regarding recruiting officials. There have been 54 individuals interested with 35 of those now signed up to officiate. They felt it was very successful. Mr. Cluff encouraged the rural areas, especially, to recruit officials (former players, coaches and community members). It saves schools travel expense.

J. Ejection Report (pp. 124-126): Mr. Cluff discussed the updated ejection report. He is needing to send reminders to receive the approval back on several ejection notices. This is part

of the process to be eligible for the sportsmanship star. Mr. Cluff will share the names of those that have not sent the approval.

K. Spring Schedules – due January 15

L. Spring Rules Clinics (p. 127): Head coaches need to attend a live clinic or complete the online clinic to avoid fines.

7. UHSAA Current Items:

A. Wrestling Championships: Mr. Jackson said the state championships will be held at UVU (3A, 4A, 5A and 6A) and SVC (1A and 2A). He emphasized they need help with security at SVC and ADEC is working on UVU security.

Mr. Sherwood would like to reevaluate wrestling divisionals. It is a cost to the schools and there is no parking because schools are in session. Region events would make money. Competitively he likes the divisionals, but not logistically. Please discuss with regions and report in the March meeting for a decision. Mr. Hammer said it could be considered by individual classifications.

B. Music Items: Mr. Jackson discussed proposed region assignment changes with the support of the Music Committee.

Northridge - Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 (Timpview at Orem) 11, 12, 13, 16, and 22
Orem - Regions 4, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21

MOTION: Mr. McKee motioned to accept the region assignments as proposed. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Lacrosse Update (p. 128): Mr. Jackson reported the Lacrosse Committee has met 4-5 times. The Committee is recommending that boys and girls lacrosse be played in the spring beginning spring of 2020. Clubs are wanting to donate equipment to the schools to help defer costs for startup. Most athletes own their protective equipment. US Lacrosse has made the decision to allow boys and girls to use the same field dimensions, with the boys' dimension being the default. Schools will not need to add girls' dimensions on the current fields. He also presented the timeline for implementing the lacrosse program. Mr. Morris said there are grants available for start up teams. There was discussion about helmet certification. Girls are not required to wear helmets. Liability if the school does not provide the equipment. Mr. Hammer said it would be helpful if the Lacrosse Committee could provide a projected cost for a school program so the school boards can discuss funding. Mr. Morris said the members of the Lacrosse Committee would be willing to go to school boards to help in discussions. Club lacrosse coaches have been told they would need to be interviewed/hired by the school. The number of officials available was discussed. The lacrosse officials are a very organized group. Mr. Cluff said that 75% are football officials so there is a crossover. Mr. Hammer felt that page 128 should be given to school boards to start discussions on lacrosse. Mr. Morris said it is important to make a season determination in March.

D. Coaches Certification: Mr. Jackson said school reports were run on coaches that had registered on RegisterMyCoach and the numbers were a little disappointing. Please encourage regions to have coaches register to comply with the State School Board rule. 1st billing was sent and 2nd billing is coming. Please check registered coaches' roster to assure they are a coach at your school prior to the UHSAA billing.

E. UHSAA Moratoriums (Summer: July 1-7, 2018): The moratorium if for the entire school.

F. Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy (p. 129): Ms. Whittaker discussed the policy on page 129. Discussion on interpretation of tobacco. Members discussed vaping. The policy will be discussed/developed in the Constitution By-Law Committee.

8. New School Member Applications:

A. New School Application for 2018-2019: Staff made site visits to schools participating in athletics.

- Farmington High School (pp. 82-83): Great facility and they will participate in all sports and activities. Recommended placement is 5A, Region 5.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to recommend membership approval for Farmington High School to the BOT with placement to 5A, Region 5. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- Lava Heights Academy (pp. 84-85): Requesting participation in music, speech and drama. Recommended placement is 1A, Region 20.
- Paradigm High School: Requesting participation in music. Recommended placement is 2A, Region 17 or 3A, Region 13.
- WayPoint Academy (pp. 93-94): Boys' school is located Huntsville and requesting participation in cross country and speech/debate. Recommended placement is 1A, Region 22.

MOTION: Mr. Bean motioned to recommend membership approval for Lava Heights (1A, Region 20), Paradigm (2A, Region 17) and WayPoint Academy (1A, Region 22) to the BOT. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- REAL Salt Lake Academy (pp. 88-89): Mr. Oglesby reported they have a great facility. They would need to contract with someone for basketball facilities and they would not be able to host track. They would like to participate soccer, boys' basketball, track, and drill team. Recommended placement is 2A, Region 17.
- Utah Military Academy (American Fork) (pp. 90-92): New site is under construction by Camp Williams. There are more boys than girls enrolled. Gym would hold 250 spectators. They would contract with Lehi or Bluffdale for baseball, softball and swimming facilities. Would not be able to host track. Recommended placement is 2A, Region 17. School name UMA-VP. The other Utah Military School will be known as UMA-Hillfield.

MOTION: Mr. Powell motioned to recommend membership approval for REAL Salt Lake Academy and Utah Military Academy to the BOT with placement to 2A, Region 17. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Applying for Athletics:

- American Heritage School (pp. 95-98): American Heritage, located in American Fork, is a current associate member of the UHSAA participating in activities only. They are expanding their campus and are requesting to participate in cross

country, soccer, tennis, basketball and track. Recommended placement is 2A, Region 17.

- Freedom Preparatory Academy (p. 99): Freedom Preparatory Academy School, located in Provo, is a current associate member of the UHSAA participating in activities only. They would like to participate in volleyball, cross country, basketball and track. They have a gym with spectator seating for 550. Recommended placement is 2A, Region 17.

MOTION: Mr. Powell motioned to recommend full membership to American Heritage and Freedom Preparatory to the BOT with assignment to 2A, Region 17. Mr. Bean seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(1) AISU: It was discussed that AISU is not participating in region meetings and has not paid region dues.

C. Layton Christian Academy Request (p. 130): Layton Christian has requested to move up everything to 3A except for football. They have volunteered to move to be sensitive and help avoid contentions regarding their successful basketball program in 2A. Mr. Cuff reviewed the formats and procedures in place for alignment. Mr. Woolstenhulme said his region was mixed in moving them up now because it would help with a four-region team, but they still had concerns setting precedence.

MOTION: Mr. Madsen motioned to recommend to the BOT to deny their request. Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion. Mr. Wood pointed out they were trying to fix a problem. Mr. Sherwood pointed out it was for only one more year. Mr. Morris said it would continue to be a problem for realignment to place schools by competitiveness. It is a problem that is not going to go away. Independent Status is a voluntary action by school and sport currently. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Realignment: Mr. Cuff thanked the members of the Realignment Committee for their service. He reviewed the proposed Realignment Committee Recommendations on pages 131-132 for format and procedures.

Changes to Format:

- Item 1: Added to give the BOT the power to realign in the best interest of the Association.
- Item 5: Each region or division will qualify teams or individuals for post season as determined by the Executive Committee.
- Item 8: Added “per state office of education 2017 Child Nutrition survey” to determine 55% free and reduced lunch.

Changes to Procedures:

- 4A Range changed to 21-28 (everything and football)

The Realignment Committee discussed returning to five classifications. It was determined the number of charter schools is continuing to rise. Mr. Sherwood feels we need to communicate better the reason for the six classifications.

The staff surveyed schools (principals) to obtain the number of football, basketball and volleyball athletes who are out of boundary students. Mr. Oglesby felt with a 2/3 return, the perceived problem of out of boundary students isn’t as problematic as sometimes perceived. Mr. Sherwood felt all sports should be surveyed. Mr. Cuff asked if a new survey should be created

and sent closer to the realignment. Mr. McKee felt this should be done every year. Mr. Cuff said a second survey could be sent at the same time of the participation survey in the spring. Mr. Sherwood felt it could be included on the participation survey and add an additional column for number of athletes out of boundary for each sport.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to recommend to the BOT the Realignment Format and Procedures as outlined on page 132. Mr. Bean seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. Legal Report: Mr. Van Wagoner was unable to attend so there was no legal report. Mr. Cuff mentioned that we are still involved in a girls' football tackle program law suit.

11. Endowment Games: Hurricane HS and Union scheduled an endowment basketball game on a neutral site and did not charge a gate. Mr. Hammer said the purpose of the endowment game was to raise funds for the UHSAA Foundation for an extra game. The two schools got the extra game, but no funds were raised. Mr. Cuff feels if a gate is not charged, don't play the extra game. A letter could be sent that a gate must be charged for an endowment game. The Constitution By-Law Committee will consider clarifying and adding an endowment games policy.

MOTION: Mr. McKee motioned Hurricane be fined \$250 for not taking a gate at the basketball endowment game. A letter will be sent to Hurricane. Mr. Madsen seconded the motion. Motion carried, but not unanimously.

12. Reports:

A. 1A Athletics: Mr. Wood had no additional items to report.

B. 2A Athletics: Mr. Morris reported 2A adjusted brackets for boys' and girls' basketball. Each region will drop one school prior to play-in games. Boys' and girls' brackets were amended.

C. 3A Athletics: Mr. Woolstenhulme had no additional items report.

D. 4A Athletics: Mr. Mees said there will be no consolation for boys' and girls' basketball.

E. 5A Athletics: Mr. Sherwood asked about a drill team survey to include hip hop. It was discussed the survey needs to go through ADEC.

13. NFHS Summer Conference: Conference will be in Chicago on June 28- July 2, 2018. Members who indicated interest included: Mr. Hammer, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Mees, Mr McKee, Mr. Powell, Mr. Morris, Mr. Jenkins, Mr Madsen, Mr. Bean, and Mr. Goldhardt.

14. For the Good of the Order:

A. BOT Election Results:

4A School Board Member – Allen Grunig, Cache County
3A School Board Member – Dale Whitlock, Juab

Private School elections will be held at the UHSAA Office in April or May. Schools will be notified. The 5A/6A principal representative (Rob McDaniel) term is ending this year. A representative will be determined in March by the Executive Committee. It will need to be a 5A principal as the position rotates between classifications. 1A/2A Superintendent's term ends this year. The superintendents will appoint that position.

The State School Board Member representative is Laura Belnap.

B. UHSAA Super Fans:

- 1A Rick Blackwell, Piute High School
- 2A Sterling Parker, Rockwell High School
- 3A Precision Rehab, San Juan High School
- 4A Sam Higginson, Spanish Fork High School
- 5A Mildred Horton, Murray High School
- 6A Curt Pettingill, Davis High School

C. Circle of Fame:

Ladd Holman, Delta Wrestling Coach,
Stan Young, Duchesne Principal

D. Spirit of Sports Award/Heart of the Arts Award: Deadline for application is Monday, January 22.

E. USHOFF: Mr. Cluff announced there was an Officials' Honor Banquet on Monday, January 22 at 7:00 pm at the Provo Convention Center. The UHSAA and USHOFF co-sponsor the event. Members were invited to attend. The cost is \$50 per person

F. Education-Based Articles:

Music Educators (p. 135)
Wishing for Real Success . . . (pp. 136-137)

Meeting Adjourned at 2:45 pm. Next meeting is Wednesday, March 14.