

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

UHSAA Office

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

9:00 am

Members Present: Ryck Astle, David Dunn, Carolyn Gough, Joel Perkins, Jason Smith, Tom Sherwood, Doug Webb, Ryan Bishop, Rusty Taylor, Bill Sivert, Mike Monson, Steven Gordon, Luke Thomas, Nan Ault, Ty Kennedy, Wade Murdock, Craig Morris, Brady Fails, Spencer Singer, Jim Wood, Clayton Carter, Darin Jenkins, Craig Hammer, Marc Hunter, Rob Cuff, Jeff Cluff, Brenan Jackson, Jon Oglesby and Jan Whittaker. Excused: Jodi Parker.

Minutes: Jeanne Widerburg

1. Welcome and Chairperson Business: Mr. Hammer welcomed members to the meeting. He excused Jodi Parker.

A. Reverence/Thought: Ms. Ault said being on the Committee was an honor. She felt the members were all in positions of leadership and could help guide their institutions in recognizing we are all vulnerable and we all make mistakes. She shared a quote, “No matter what life throws your way, no matter how unfair it may seem, refuse to play the victim. Refuse to be ruled by fear, pessimism and negativity and refuse to quit. Be a warrior and work through whatever life throws your way with courage, love and positivity and continue to move forward because you are a spider of the unfairness of life and you are stronger than you think and capable of achieving far more than you believe.” We need to face our challenges and understand that life is not always fair, but we each have a choice in how we approach a problem. It is important how we solve problems and treat each other.

B. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Carter said this is a great time to share a patriotic thought because in November there is an election and Veteran’s Day. The news reported a low voter turnout and it saddened him. Citizens don’t appreciate the right they have to vote. He feels like if you don’t vote you don’t have the right to complain. His wife recently received a jury duty notice. Again, this is one of our duties as citizens. These rights have been given to us by our forefathers. He has two brothers serving in the military and his dad was a Viet Nam Veteran serving two tours. Veteran’s Day is an important day and he appreciates those that give military service. He led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

C. Minutes of previous meeting – September 25, 2019: Adoption tabled until next meeting

D. Deadlines for Dues, Catastrophic Insurance, By-Laws and Arbiting Fees: Ms. Widerburg reported on schools still owing fees.

E. Academic All-State Deadlines, UHSAA Moratoriums, etc.: Mr. Hammer reminded members to be aware of all upcoming deadlines and moratoriums.

2. Football Endowment Games Report: Mr. Cuff reported it was an outstanding football endowment game year because of the weather and the matchups. The Association received \$122,000 in revenue which is 2nd best in ten years. Last year, the revenue was \$98,000 because of bad weather. Mr. Cuff thanked members for the great matchups and support of the endowment games. He reminded them that the endowment games enable the Foundation to reimburse their catastrophic premiums which will be reimbursed at 100% this year. The

Foundation has disbursed over 1.3 million dollars in the past ten years. Basketball endowment games are coming. Please schedule boys and girls on different nights.

3. Region Visits by Staff (p. 48): Mr. Cuff said the staff is trying to meet with all regions. Please let staff members know when the next region meetings are being held. The staff would like to attend at least one meeting and hope it is beneficial to the region.

4. Calendar:

A. 2019-20 Calendar (pp. 59-64): Mr. Oglesby had no adjustment or changes to the current calendar.

B. 2020-21 Tentative Calendar: Mr. Oglesby said the staff is working on the tentative calendar. It should be published soon.

C. Refer to UHSAA Website for Changes and Updates: Please check the website for updates throughout the year. The website calendar is the most accurate.

5. Fall Activities Report:

A. Volleyball: Ms. Whittaker reported volleyball tournaments were great. There is discussion to tweak the schedule for 5A/6A starting one hour earlier (9:00) on the first day and starting at 10:00 am on the second day.

B. Boys' Golf: Ms. Whittaker reported the golf tournaments went well. The Roosevelt community put on a great tournament providing food for players and parents. Seeding was changed for golf. They are discussing updating standings midseason if scores can be turned in by schools. Mr. Sherwood asked if there will be a conversation for non-RPI sports. Ms. Whittaker said boys' golf did a hybrid for all classifications except 4A. 5A/6A took the top 2 in each region and then the next eight based on their average scores. Mr. Fails asked if there was consideration of taking minimum players instead of minimum teams. Could they play as an individual? Ms. Whittaker said the PGA and courses made those recommendations. Mr. Hammer said there will be a conversation of RPI later in the meeting.

C. Football: Mr. Jackson received phone calls after the 2A semifinal game. After Beaver won their game, the Beaver fans cheered with the Milford fans. He complimented Mr. Fails for being rival schools and yet can cheer for them. Mr. Jackson said he is seeing a declining trend in football participation nationwide and somewhat in Utah. He is concerned of the 70+ points against their opponents. He encouraged regions to have a conversation about building each other's programs and talk with coaches. Mr. Hammer reported on an incident that happened at the Desert Hills/Snow Canyon game. The quarterback for Desert Hills got knocked out for several minutes. Mr. Hammer later learned about the hundreds that have contacted the family of concern for their son. The parents also thanked the 7-10 young men from Snow Canyon who knelt together and said a prayer for their son. They were touched by their courage to say a prayer and felt it saved their son's life. These are moments that can be cherished and need to be highlighted.

Mr. Monson said their points are well taken and it needs to be discussed. He also feels it should be part of the RPI discussion because he witnessed games that the varsity team was taken out after the first quarter but there was still a disparity. Mr. Cuff said the conversation could also include how many teams a classification wants to take to a state tournament. Mr. Hammer said a

petition from Cottonwood to withdraw from the tournament was approved. It was a time sensitive decision because it was prior to the reveal. Mr. Sherwood said it is difficult because he attended a game between Mountain Ridge and Highland. Mountain Ridge scored more goals than they had before, so they were thrilled even though they didn't win.

Mr. Jackson said page 65 of the meeting handout is a request from Judge Memorial to go independent status in football to build their program. Mr. Gordon said Emery HS is the same situation and took their lumps and is not asking for special consideration. Mr. Jackson said Providence Hall is dependent to try and build their program. These independent schools are running into difficulty because they do not carry an RPI value. It doesn't hurt a school to play them, but it doesn't help them, either. The staff would like to look at ways to encourage teams to play the independent teams by giving independent teams a classification value.

Mr. Thomas said we can force them to play, but they don't want them to forfeit games. Judge forfeited against Morgan. Mr. Sivert feels there are many teams in the same boat. It was discussed that Ogden went independent, but it was for the entire two-year alignment. Mr. Hammer is concerned because Judge Memorial's request is for safety reasons. Mr. Thomas said football is different because of safety issues.

MOTION: Mr. Gordon made the motion to recommend to the BOT to deny Judge Memorial's request to go independent in football. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. Mr. Sherwood felt independent requests need to be made at the beginning of realignment process. Motion carried, but not unanimously.

Mr. Hammer asked Mr. Cuff to check with Mr. Van Wagoner as far as liability issues in denying their request. He wanted Mr. Van Wagoner's legal opinion.

D. Soccer: Mr. Jackson said they had great soccer tournaments. He thanked Juan Diego and Jordan HS for their support hosting the semifinal games. Mr. Jackson said it always a thrill to watch the girls entering the Rio Tinto Stadium. It is a great venue and means a lot to the teams. The 4A schedule was changed to avoid a day in between games.

E. Cross Country: Mr. Oglesby reported there was good weather for the meet. He said there were outstanding races. He thanked everyone for their help because there were very few issues. With additional runners there is additional strain on the site and parking. Moving forward, the exploratory committee will meet to discuss format, site, etc. Mr. Sivert said Region 10's AD's stayed at the finish line through all classifications. He said it was fun to be at the finish line. Mr. Oglesby appreciated all the support of the UIAAA and Mr. Sherwood setting up help from the administrators.

F. Girls' Tennis: Mr. Oglesby said it was an exceptional tournament with decent weather. The temperature was cold, but he didn't hear complaints from the athletes. It is much easier when the tournament can be played outside at Liberty Park. The team entry process and gate ticket entry went well.

G. 1A Baseball: Mr. Cluff said they had a great tourney. There was a new format with quarter and semifinals held in Spanish Fork and the championship at Dixie State. Mr. Carter said the top 4 seeds received two byes and that was a concern. Mr. Cluff said the lower seeds had to play to get into the quarter final games. 1A will be discussing the format.

H. RPI Fall Review: Mr. Cuff said the staff talked about the independent teams receiving an RPI status for an incentive to play their teams. The staff would like to talk about the reveal date going forward. Should there be an end date to accommodate the reveal date.

Mr. Smith said if there is going to be a reveal date there needs to be a firm end date. The late games threw a wrench in girls' soccer. He would suggest a week cut off for reveal date. Mr. Cuff said they need to consider other sports like basketball. If there is a week cut off, a team that byes could have 1-1.5 week before they play. Mr. Smith said it could be different by sport. Mr. Perkins said there is a perception that when it is shut down the secret manipulations start taking place. We need to communicate why it is shut down. Mr. Cuff said the staff is comfortable with a week. This fall, there was a problem because of late games.

(1) Reveal dates: one week is proposed. Mr. Oglesby said the time is used to check missing schedules and score accuracy. If there is a petition to withdraw from tournament, time is needed. Mr. Cluff said the staff was also trying to create excitement and energy around the high school sports with the reveal. He felt there was success in that goal.

(2) End dates: Mr. Smith said with spring sports you run into makeup games. He thinks an end date for the RPI is necessary. Mr. Cluff said the biggest complaint was because of one volleyball match. If tourney starts on Saturday, the end date should be Tuesday. Mr. Cuff said there are very few RPI's changes in the last two weeks. Mr. Cluff said a five-day window from reveal to play would work.

(3) Minimum number of contests in each sport to be eligible for post season.

(4) Reduction of qualifiers: Mr. Sherwood said 5A is discussing reducing number of teams in football for post season. Mr. Smith said it is not only about teams being blown out, it becomes a physical safety issue. He does not see that in any other sport. Mr. Hammer asked if the classification would limit the field or allow teams to determine if they opt out of the tournament.

Mr. Sherwood said it is difficult to leave the decision at the local level because a coach is pressured by the community. Mr. Smith disagreed and said if we limit the number of schools, we might as well go back to region seeding.

(5) RPI process: Mr. Hunter said the UIAAA is suggesting there needs to be a different formula for those teams playing home and away because if they lose home and away, they are penalized twice. Mr. Bishop brought up concerns of regions wanting to protect region play. Mr. Smith said they would like something built into the RPI to make region games matter. Mr. Bishop said we need to protect regions for scheduling purposes.

(6) Tournament Games: Mr. Morris asked about tournament games that are shortened and counting same as RPI. It will come up in Lacrosse.

Mr. Hammer asked the staff to determine end dates and reveal dates. He asked members to discuss in regions and be prepared to look at the tentative calendar with those dates. Mr. Cuff will send out talking points to take to the region. Classifications need to determine if they are going to limit number of football teams in state tourney. It was known tweaks would be made to the RPI after the first year. Mr. Cluff asked about start date, end date and reveal date if this action would take place immediately. Mr. Perkins thinks it would be for next year. Mr. Sherwood said if it is possible for this year to look at it. No schedule should be made until after the January meeting. Mr. Wood said it needs to be done immediately because School Boards are working on fall schedules. Mr. Cuff said we need an end date same as start date.

6. Current Items:

A. Spirit of Sport and Heart of the Arts Award (January 15): Mr. Cuff said two awards are presented by the NFHS and UHSAA each year. The Spirit of Sport Award can go to a coach,

teacher or student. Mr. Cuff can send the application upon request. The Heart of the Arts Award is for someone involved in the Arts. The recipients will be honored at a winter tournament and invited to a luncheon with the Board of Trustees in March.

B. Layton Christian Request (p. 66): Mr. Cuff asked members to refer to page 66. The request is to compete in 2A with the RPI, but be included in the 3A Basketball and Soccer Tournament. Discussion on moving classifications during alignment. Difficult to base classification on quality of teams.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood made the motion to deny Layton Christian's request and give an unfavorable recommendation to the BOT. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Summer Moratorium (June 28-July 4): Mr. Jackson reminded members that any adjustment to the summer moratorium must be made prior to May 1 and the adjustment is for the entire school.

D. Weight Management Update: Mr. Jackson said the hydration testing has been taking place for many years. The initial test fee has been \$5. The Sports Medicine Committee is recommending an increase to \$8 for hydration testing. This would be an increase of \$3.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Sports Medicine Committee to increase the initial test fee for hydration testing to \$8. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The increase would help cover cost for equipment and assessors. Motion carried.

E. Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC): Mr. Jackson reported the SMAC had met and sent an email with the new concussion protocol and updated participation physical. The new concussion form includes current standards regarding the return to play and return to learn. The update is as of 11-6-19. Mr. Sherwood said his district is creating a policy on the return to learn and would like the information. The participation physical has included a few more questions for the doctor to ask about past concussions, etc. The updated information is for next fall (2020).

F. Coaches' Certification: Mr. Jackson reminded members there are eight components to the certification. Three of those items are required annually. Mr. Cluff distributed a list of coaches who are certified and registered in RegisterMyCoach (RMC) at each school. Mr. Cuff said it is important for schools to be proactive and make sure coaches are certified. Mr. Jackson said the information is available for outside sources to access to check on certification. This year there will be a pilot in wrestling and drill team state competitions. Only certified coaches will be issued an identification badge to allow them floor access. Mr. Cluff said he thinks about 40% of coaches are registered and about 15% are certified according to RMC. The staff is trying to assist schools because it is believed it will become an issue. The staff is aware of an article that is coming out in the Deseret News that will not look favorable. He said the staff would recommend three deadline periods: fall, winter and spring. If the coach is not certified by the deadline, they would not coach. Mr. Hunter asked how the UIAAA could assist. Mr. Cluff said the schools and districts need to follow through and certify coaches. They need encouragement to comply. When a coach is a headline in the news, media calls to ask if they are certified. Mr. Sherwood said his district was keeping the information with HR and not entering on the RMC. Mr. Cluff said he had checked on NFHSlearn.com and coaches that were said be certified hadn't taken the concussion course. This is public information. There was discussion about the AD's needing more time to accomplish the things they are required to do. Mr. Monson said requiring

certification for state tournaments is a great step forward to encourage them. Mr. Jackson said they are to be certified prior to working with students. Another issue is the high turnover in coaching positions. Mr. Cluff again recommended deadline dates for the three seasons. Mr. Sherwood said there is a required set of questions to be asked before hiring a coach. Once the coach is asked the questions, his school gives them seven days to complete the certification.

G. Lacrosse Update: Superintendent Jarman from Alpine School District presented a lacrosse proposal. Superintendent Jarman reviewed the current co-op rule. He would request an exception for Cedar Valley HS student/athletes who want to play lacrosse this spring. Cedar Valley is a new school that split off from Westlake HS. Cedar Valley does not have enough interest in lacrosse to fill a team. Those students would need to transfer to Westlake in the spring in order play. He would like an exception to that rule because these students are in their first year of the new high school and it's the inaugural year of lacrosse for the Association. The request would be for one-year only. The season would last until the last week prior to graduation. A senior at Cedar Valley who wants to be part of the first graduation class would need to transfer back for a few days to make that happen. Because of these reasons, he would ask members to consider an exception for Cedar Valley HS for one year. This will also allow Westlake to have viable numbers for a lacrosse team. Mr. Hammer thanked Superintendent Jarman for coming.

Mr. Perkins said it is hard for a student to decide to go to a new school and lose what they love. It is a unique situation because Cedar Valley is a new school and lacrosse is a new sanctioned sport.

MOTION: Mr. Monson made the motion to accept the proposal to make an exception for Cedar Valley because it is a new school and lacrosse is a new sanctioned sport. Students participating in lacrosse will be allowed to participate on Westlake's lacrosse teams without doing a co-op to Westlake. This is approved for spring 2020 only. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Oglesby reported there was a lacrosse meeting held at the UHSAA Office. He reported a high turnout of coaches and administrators and felt the meeting was very productive. He thinks lacrosse is in a good place and he thanked Mr. Morris and Mr. Sherwood for their service on the steering committee. If there are questions, please contact Mr. Oglesby. Mr. Morris said the committee wanted to make sure there was an end date set for lacrosse games. He would suggest May 8.

H. Unified Sports (UHSAA/SOUT): Mr. Oglesby said the participation declaration would be sent to schools soon. There is paperwork to allow students to participate and that process now can be managed in RMA. He reported that he and Mr. Jackson presented with Skyridge at the State School Board and it was well received. There is high interest from State School Board and the governor's office.

I. Rosters on RegisterMyAthlete: Mr. Oglesby said there are many issues with schools not entering rosters. RMA is the central place to track student eligibility. Eligible students need to be moved onto rosters. Please discuss the importance of updated rosters in region meetings.

J. NFHS #MyReasonWhy: Mr. Oglesby said this is year four of the program. Ads will be playing at state football. NFHS is sharing content from Utah. Please encourage schools to share stories.

K. #LeadTogether: Mr. Oglesby reported the UHSAA has joined with the Utah JAZZ for a sportsmanship initiative to eradicate racism, hatred, discriminatory and exclusionary practices. Members viewed the video LeadTogether. The video will be played at the state tournament. The staff met with the Utah JAZZ and they feel the UHSAA is a critical partner to spread the message. They want to work on different initiatives that include highlighting our schools. Staff will be reaching out to some schools to make the school's own LeadTogether with the script.

Mr. Oglesby asked members if they would be interested in a LeadTogether banner from Utah JAZZ with cobrands of UHSAA and their school showing the partnership. Would they be willing to hang the banners? Members were interested.

Mr. Cuff said NFHSlearn.com had developed a new video entitled, "The Parent's Seat." It is intended to help remind parents of their role as a supporter of their athlete. He encouraged members to watch the video and use the video at parent meetings. Mr. Cluff said this was a great tool and could make a difference to help our sportsmanship initiative.

L. Communication Committee Items: Mr. Oglesby said the RPI has amplified our brand. The day football RPI was released, along the Wasatch Front, the UHSAA was the leading trending conversation on twitter.

M. Social Media: Mr. Oglesby reported there was a 42.9% increase in Instagram followers since July. There were over 234,000 impressions and over 40,000 unique impressions on twitter alone. The web traffic is up 31%. People are visiting our website. He gave thanks to the staff, Josh Taylor, Matt Gerrish and Curt Pettingill.

N. Rules Clinics: Mr. Oglesby said girls' and boys' basketball and wrestling head coaches need to complete the rules clinics is December 15. A \$50 fine will be issued if not completed. A second deadline will be given and if not completed a \$100 fine will be issued.

O. Track Schedule Update: Mr. Oglesby reported the track schedule has been finalized for this spring by the coaches' association and meet management. He provided members a copy to review and report any issues or concerns.

P. Tennis Pairings and Bracket: Mr. Oglesby said they are looking at the viability and preliminary stages for a tennis RPI. Mr. Cuff asked if there was feedback regarding spring tennis pairings. Mr. Sherwood said they discussed the possibility of divisionals. He said it would be helpful if the state was more involved so it felt like the athletes were going to "state." This format could possibly be used for other non-RPI activities. Mr. Cuff said if the coaches' association want something they need to work with the director of the activity. Changes need to be considered by March. Mr. Perkins asked if the process could be sped up for spring. He would like to see a committee developed to discuss. Their region proposal was for the 4th seed to play 5th seed. It was a split decision in the classification. Mr. Sherwood asked if there was an interest in divisionals. Mr. Taylor said the concern with divisionals is who is in charge? Ms. Whittaker reported that swim is going with straight times. Members were asked to discuss in regions.

Q. Academic All-State Windows: Mr. Oglesby reviewed the window dates as posted on website.

R. Sportsmanship Items – School Video Competition (p. 68): Ms. Whittaker announced the winners for the school video competition. There is one winner from each classification and they will receive a \$1000 scholarship.

1A	Valley	4A	Bear River
2A	Millard	5A	Alta
3A	South Summit	6A	Skyridge

She encouraged all schools to create the video and show it to help promote good sportsmanship at their schools.

S. Volleyball Moratorium Proposal: Ms. Whittaker said at the last meeting they discussed a proposal to give each school four options to choose from for volleyball moratorium. Members were asked to discuss in their region. They would select their weeks on the website. The current moratorium will be used for 2019-2020. In the spring, schools would choose the moratorium weeks for 2020-2021. Regions reported.

MOTION: Mr. Perkins made the motion to accept the proposal of volleyball moratorium options (choosing four weeks). Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

T. UHSAA Student Leadership Conference, Thursday, June 11, 2020 @ TBA: Ms. Whittaker asked if regions had any interest in changing student leadership conference to three days in Moab with sponsorship possibilities. Majority did not want to go to Moab. Ms. Whittaker said the committee wants to change up the conference. Mr. Wood said it hard enough to find one day with busy summer schedules. Mr. Singer said he would like to move locations. Mr. Sherwood said there could be an outdoor activity closer and at a lower cost. It was discussed having two different locations.

U. Emerging Sports Discussion: Ms. Whittaker reviewed the Emerging Sports List for 2019-2020. A survey was sent to schools and then schools were given an opportunity to amend their survey. The emerging sports criteria is 10% of member schools with female participation in a sport not sanctioned by the UHSAA and 20% of member school have co-ed or male participation in a sport not sanctioned by the UHSAA. The sanctioning consideration threshold is 20% of member school with female participation and 30% of member schools with co-ed or male participation.

The Emerging Sports Committee met and discussed who had made the criteria to make Emerging Sports List: co-ed competitive cheer, girls mountain biking, boys mountain biking, girls' wrestling and boys' volleyball. She reviewed the criteria for sanctioning as found in the UHSAA Handbook. The Committee favorably recommended co-ed competitive cheer and girls' wrestling for sanctioning. There was an unfavorable recommendation for boys' and girls' mountain biking and a split recommendation for boys' volleyball. The reason for the unfavorable recommendation for boy's and girls' mountain biking is the sport has an organization and they prefer to not be considered.

Mr. Morris encouraged schools to fill out the annual survey as accurately as possible, so the data collected is accurate. Schools should be actively looking to get into Title IX compliance. He felt there was a good discussion on emerging sports and he appreciates that there is now a process put in place for emerging sports. Ms. Whittaker said other sports high on the list but not meeting the criteria are: esports, boys' hockey and boys' rugby. Those sports being recommended for sanctioning were asked to present at today's meeting.

(1) Girls' Wrestling: Mr. Jackson introduced Mr. Jeff Newby, Executive Director of Utah Chapter of USA Wrestling. Mr. Newby stated they support amateur wrestling ages 4 – collegiate. Last year, they had 298 girls competing in their organization. There were about 150 girls in high school that took the wrestling hydration test. They held a high school tournament last year and 81 girls participated and they anticipate over 100 this year. They expect numbers to continue to grow. They are looking to hire a full-time women's director to support the girls' program. He stated that 18 states already sanction girls' wrestling. There is collegiate level opportunity. Mr. Cuff asked Mr. Newby how he felt about a separate girls' championship or a division for girls within the boys' tournament. Mr. Newby felt if there was a girls' sanctioned championship it will grow quickly.

MOTION: Mr. Taylor made the motion to recommend sanctioning girls' wrestling in 2020. Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion. Tournament within the boy's tournament. Motion carried.

(2) Competitive Cheer: Ms. Whittaker said that cheer is within schools already, but they are a support group as well as a competitive group. She introduced Ms. Kellie Chamberlain. Ms. Chamberlain said their group was here mostly for clarification and to give their side of the cheer story. The members present were the governing body of the club cheer sport. In spring of 2012, Lori Rupp was approached by several coaches to create a competitive event so teams could compete under the NFHS rules. They have had tremendous support from the UHSAA and administrators. They would like to know how the sanctioning process would affect them. Last year, they had 52 teams compete which included middle school and junior high teams. There are two regions and the teams choose which region they would like to compete. The coaches' association formed in 2014 is the governing body of the sport. Ms. Rupp and Ms. Chamberlain are the directors. Amber Thomas, Whitney Lunt and Darci Pearce were officers of cheer club and presented. Ms. Thomas said she was concerned if cheerleading is sanctioned it will change the overall purpose of a cheerleader. They want them to improve the culture at school and games and sanctioning will drive their focus to be on competition. Mr. Sherwood said that this is the only club that pays their fees over his school counter. With the new fee schedule, he needs to make changes. He said he cannot support a non-curricular club. The club officers asked to be included in the conversations of the sanctioning process for competitive cheer. They would be willing to serve on a committee.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood made the motion to recommend sanctioning competitive cheer in 2021 to the BOT. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried, but not unanimously.

(3) Utah Boys' Volleyball: Jill Davis, UBVA, introduced others present with her. They distributed materials outlining how boys' volleyball meet the criteria for sanctioning. Ms. Davis said interest in boys' volleyball in Utah is extremely high. BYU has one of the best collegiate NCAA Division I teams. She coaches at Bingham and they have grown from three teams to six in two years within Bingham boundaries. They have tried to follow the UHSAA policies in their organization. She emphasized it was a low-cost sport and schools already have the equipment. She feels the UHSAA will provide stability and more student opportunity.

MOTION: Mr. Morris made the motion to recommend sanctioning boys' volleyball in 2021 as a fall sport. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. Discussion continued regarding season, adequate number of officials, logistics, etc. Those in favor: 4. Those opposed: 15. Motion failed.

V. Two-Week Prior Rule: Mr. Cluff said at the last meeting it was discussed to make an exception for baseball and softball pitchers and players that was to be taken back to regions. Mr. Cluff also took it to the Baseball Coaches' Association and they received a low response back, but those responding were in favor.

MOTION: Mr. Perkins made the motion to make an exception to the two-week prior rule for pitchers and catchers in baseball and softball. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. It would begin for the spring season. There will be specific wording in the handbook regarding the exception. The intent is for pitcher instruction. Motion carried.

W. Baseball/Softball Moratoriums: Mr. Cluff said there was a change made to the baseball moratorium which mirrored the softball moratorium. The staff failed to remove the two weeks in August after the change, so some schools observed the moratorium in August. In this case, they need to pick two weeks between Thanksgiving and New Years so they have four weeks. Moving forward it will mirror the softball moratorium. If there are questions, please contact Mr. Cluff.

7. **Officiating:**

A. Fall Update: Mr. Cluff reported fall registration was up less than .5% in football and 20 additional officials in volleyball. There is some success in recruiting, but the biggest obstacle is retaining officials with less than three years. We are losing many veteran officials with 30 years of experience. Mr. Cluff thanked the members for supporting the office and him and officials. He is appreciative of the support because difficult situations do arise.

B. Ejections: Mr. Cluff said with the new rule if there are questions to please reach out to him. The Sportsmanship Handbook has the details on ejections. It is a four-quarter ejection – ejected 2nd quarter of varsity basketball, the player must miss any subsequent games up through quarter 1 and 2 of varsity game. They could participate in varsity game 3rd and 4th quarter. In wrestling, some scenarios are just a one match suspension. Specific questions need to come to Mr. Cluff or Mr. Jackson.

8. **UIAAA:** Mr. Hunter reminded members of the proposal process and the UIAAA's role in that process.

A. UIAAA Conference (April 16-18): Registration should begin next week. They will be teaching 503, 508 and 510. There is a new 706 class which instruct coaches to be leadership educators. This is the 40th Anniversary of the UIAAA Conference.

9. **New School Member Applications:** Mr. Cuff reported only one school had applied for membership for the 2020-21 school year. He introduced Simon Post who is the principal of Da Vinci Academy of Science and the Arts in Ogden, Utah. Mr. Post said they are a public charter school and have been opened for 15 years. The school originally started as a 9-12 grade charter high school. They have expanded to K-12. They have a total of 1200 students, but in the high school there are about 231 students in grades 10, 11 and 12. They are applying for music, theatre and speech/debate. Mr. Post was thanked for attending.

MOTION: Mr. Morris made the motion to recommend to the BOT to accept Da Vinci Academy for UHSAA membership for 2020-21 with assignment to Region 17. Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Cuff reported that WayPoint Academy had withdrawn their membership. No issues were reported with new 2019-2020 schools: Cedar Valley, Crimson Cliffs and Mountain Ridge High Schools.

10. **School by District (pp. 72-77):** Mr. Cuff asked members to check for superintendent name, schools and principals on the list for any updates. Members were reminded to update school directories in RMA and MaxPreps.

11. **Legal Report:** Mr. Van Wagoner reported on the girls' football lawsuit. Rob Cuff and Brenan Jackson did well on their expert depositions.

12. **Reports:**

A. Music Report: Mr. Jackson announced John Bowman, Mountain View HS, was nominated as the NFHS music educator of the year for Utah.

B. 6A Athletics: Nothing to report

C. 5A Athletics: Nothing to report

D. 4A Athletics: Mr. Taylor reported that Dixie State has offered their new building for state swim. It has about 700 seating capacity. Ms. Whitaker reported currently BYU has 1100 seating capacity.

E. 3A Athletics: Mr. Hammer asked Ms. Ault to report what is happening in her world. Ms. Ault was recently appointed superintendent of North Sanpete School District. She received a round of applause. Mr. Hammer reminded members that she is also on the BOT. Ms. Ault reported that Jim Langford, Juab HS Principal, would be taking her place on the EC. The 3A recommendation for BOT replacement is Steve Gordon.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood made the motion to recommend Mr. Steve Gordon to the 3A/4A Principal position on the BOT. Mr. Fails seconded the motion. Motion passed.

F. 2A Athletics: Nothing to report

G. 1A Athletics: Nothing to report

13. **For the Good of the Order:**

A. End Dates for Fall 2020:

1A Baseball	September 26
2A Soccer	October 9
3A/4A Soccer	October 6
5A/6A Soccer	October 2
Football	October 16
1A-4A Volleyball	October 20
5A/6A Volleyball	October 28

The reveal dates will be the following day of the end date except for 1A baseball. The reveal date for 1A baseball will be the following Monday (September 28). The end dates for winter and

spring for 2020-2021 will be determined by the next meeting. Next year, Memorial Day in 2021 will necessitate a winter/spring season calendar shift. Basically, an additional week to the season.

B. UHSAA Distinguished Service Nominees: Mr. Cuff announced the nominees. These individuals will be honored at a luncheon at the January meeting held at Sleepy Ridge.

6A Coach/Advisor of the Year:	Bob Fratto, Cyprus
5A Coach/Advisor of the Year:	Brody Benson, Highland
4A Coach/Advisor of the Year:	Ainsli Jenks, Ridgeline
3A Coach/Advisor of the Year:	Todd Jeffs, Emery
2A Coach/Advisor of the Year:	Samantha Stephens
1A Coach/Advisor of the Year	Tyson Brinkerhoff, Bryce Valley
Athletic Director of the Year	Trever Wilson, Stansbury
Female Official of the Year	Denise Johnson
Male Official of the Year	Norm Richardson
Music Educator of the Year (Small School)	Kodey Hughes, Tintic
Music Educator of the Year (Large School)	Amber Tuckness, Cottonwood
Speech Educator of the Year	Mike Shackelford, Rowland Hall
Theatre Educator of the Year	Neal Johnson, American Fork
Distinguished Contributor	Chad Blevins
	Darby Freeland
	John Robison
Media	Shawn Harrison, Herald Journal in Logan

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood made the motion to approve Distinguished Service nominees. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. UHSAA Super Fans/Circle of Fame Nominations: These individuals will be honored at the BOT meeting in March.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm. Next meeting will be held January 15 at Sleepy Ridge at 8:00 am.