

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

UHSAA Office

March 14, 2018

9:00 am

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

1. Welcome and Chairperson Business: Mr. Cuff welcomed members to the meeting. He excused Craig Hammer, Jim Birch, Gary Twitchell, Mike Mees, Bob Henke and Marc Hunter. He welcomed those substituting: Dave Tilby (Jim Birch), Chad Wilson (Gary Twitchell), Kristi Capener (Bob Henke), Rusty Taylor (Mike Mees) and Jamie Sheetz (Marc Hunter).

Mr. Cuff reminded members that a Constitution By-Laws meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4 at noon. Any items for the meeting, please notify the staff, Mr. McDaniel or Mr. McKee. There are items already proposed for discussion.

There will be a public hearing for the Realignment. The hearing will be held on Thursday, March 22, at 10:00 am as part of the Board of Trustees Meeting being held at Sleepy Ridge. It will only address the format and procedures of the realignment. Placement of schools will not be discussed until after the October 1 counts are available. There is a link for feedback on the UHSAA website.

A. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Wardle discussed the planned student walkout taking place that day. New Jersey was encouraging students to “Walk Up”. Walk up to the kid who sits alone at lunch, the quiet student in the corner of the room, etc. It was suggested to find 14 students and 3 adults in memory of those who were killed in the attack at Parkland High School in Florida. He encouraged everyone to make a difference and take some action. He then offered a prayer.

B. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Smith talked about a young man that was featured on *Sunday CBS Morning News*. He is the first full American generation in his family from India. He had a history project interviewing World War II Veterans. He recorded the interviews and gave them to the veterans’ family. He became more and more appreciative of the veterans and continued the project through college. At the time of the CBS report, he had interviewed 850 veterans in 40 states.

The students who walk out of school today will be exercising their 1st Amendment rights protected by these veterans. Mr. Smith thought it was a great link of generations and appreciation for what we have. He then led members in the pledge of allegiance.

C. Chairman’s General Observation: Mr. Cuff reported he had included an editorial from Bob Gardner, NFHS Executive Director. Two of the three faculty members at Parkland HS who were killed while performing acts of heroism during the shooting were coaches. Many of the athletic teams rallied together to help bring the morale back in the time of tragedy.

D. Minutes of January 17 Meeting (summary on UHSAA website):

MOTION: Mr. Woolstenhulme motioned to approve the minutes of January 17, 2018. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Academic All-State Deadlines, UHSAA Moratoriums, Eligibility Lists Deadlines (refer to Ready Reference Calendar and UHSAA website): Mr. Cuff reminded them of deadlines and Ready Reference Calendar.

2. **USBE Reports:** Ms. Kaufman, Curriculum PE & Health Specialist, discussed the Legislative Session. She brought up HB 356 regarding safety rules for high school sports. Mr. Cuff said the staff met with Representative Ray and agreed they could work with Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) and avoid statute. The NFHS has a national Sports Medicine Committee and much feedback comes from them. Concussion Management, Emergency Action Plan, Physical Form changes are some of the items that have come from SMAC. Mr. Cuff was pleased with the conversation with Representative Ray.

HB 370 – Suicide Prevention – is a bill that have six prevention items at the school. New methods included were underage alcohol, strengthening family, strengthening youth relationships in school and community. Utah is the #1 state for youth suicide, ages 10-17.

The School Board is holding a special session on school safety.

Ms. Kaufman discussed PE credit guidelines on athletic participation. LEA determines what is accepted. She pointed out that coaches need not be endorsed to teach athletic skills training (ex: weight lifting, only football). A secondary license or special education endorsement qualifies, and the State School Board can add any educator license to teach the sport specific class. There is a simple application to add licenses to qualify the instructor.

3. **BOT Meeting Report:** Mr. McKee reported the meeting.

- Dale Whitlock, Allen Grunig were reelected to Board of Trustees for 2018-2021
- Laura Belnap was welcomed as the new USBE representative
- Fall championships and financial reports
- Tentative Calendar – sites to be finalized
- Dare to Lead Student Leadership – June 14 at Jordan HS
- Unified Sports – soccer and track
- BOT approved six new schools for 2018-2019
- BOT approved two new independent member schools
- Realignment format and procedures was approved as first consideration
- Layton Christian Academy was not approved to move up to 3A classification
- Sportsmanship
- Lacrosse – Spring season 2020
- RegisterMyCoach – Coaches' Certification
- NFHS – “My Reason Why” campaign
- Communication Committee Report
- Mr. Spatafore discussed legislative issues.
- Mr. Van Wagoner discussed legal issues
- Super Fan Recipients were announced – Luncheon on March 22
- Mr. Young and Mr. Holman were the Circle of Fame recipients – Class of 2018
- Spirit of Sports and Heart of the Arts recipients were announced.

- Articles regarding music educator and education-based activities.

4. **Winter Activities Report:**

A. Winter Results (pp. 138-139): A list of winter sports champions was included with the meeting agenda information.

B. Basketball Endowment Game Report: Basketball endowment revenue was \$21,500. This is the highest in the last 10 years since format was changed to include school expenses. Mr. Cluff thanked schools for the great matchups for the increased revenue.

C. Wrestling: Mr. Jackson reported on wrestling events at UVU and SVC. He thanked everyone for their help. There were great crowds. The AD's helped with security at both sites.

D. Basketball: Mr. Oglesby thanked the Executive Committee members for their help. Mr. Bean thanked Mr. Oglesby for the fine job he did at Dixie State working out issues.

E. Drill Team: Ms. Whittaker said there were three days of competition at UVU. There were some issues with spectators and a proposal will be discussed later in the meeting. She thanked members for their help.

F. Swimming: Ms. Whittaker said everything went well for swimming and it was held at Wasatch Aquatic Pool and South Davis Recreation Center. Pre-ticket sales for qualified swimmers went well. No one had negative feedback.

G. Ejection Report (pp. 140-142): Mr. Cluff reviewed the ejection summary with members. He requested that schools be reminded to complete the ejection notice acknowledgement.

H. Fall Scheduling Football: Mr. Cluff asked, where possible, to schedule same site, same night for sub-varsity football. A 4:00 start time would be helpful, too. He thanked the schools that have already made those changes.

I. Soccer Assigners: The southern end of the state (south of Richfield) will be assigned by Parm Patrick. Anything north of Juab will be assigned by Matt Schofield.

J. Officiating: Mr. Cluff reminded members when games are rescheduled due to weather, don't assume you will have officials. Please contact the assigners prior to making transportation plans.

5. **Calendar:**

A. 2017-2018: Mr. Oglesby stated that 2A, 3A and 4A will play their final soccer games at Zion's Bank Stadium at Real Salt Lake Academy. Times have not been set, but 4A will play the first game.

B. 2018-2019: Mr. Oglesby reviewed the tentative calendar. The staff would like to remove "tentative" by the next meeting. Please review tentative sites in regions meetings.

(1) Golf: Fall golf dates/sites are correct

(2) Soccer: need to find semi final (October 19)

(3) Football: 1A/2A/3A semis are moving to Saturday, November 3. Working on sites at high schools and Snow College.

a. 4A/5A/6A: 4A could be moved to a site other than U of U for semi-finals if it makes sense geographically and the two schools agree.

(4) Christmas Moratorium: December 22-26

(5) Basketball:

a. 1A: February 27-March 1 – Sevier Valley Center

b. 2A: February 21-23 – 1st choice Maverik/Weber/UVU then SUU.

Flip years with 3A for SVC.

c. 3A: February 21-23, SVC, North (Maverik, Weber State), SUU

d. 4A: February 28-March 2, Dixie State. Classification would host week prior at a neutral site. No consolation.

e. 5A/6A Girls: February 18-23, SLCC

f. 5A/6A Boys: February 25-March 2, U, UVU end at Weber

(6) Unified Soccer: TBD

(7) Spring golf: TBD 1A wants to move to May 14-15

(8) Soccer: TBD

(9) Baseball:

a. 2A: May 8-11, Dixie High School

b. 3A: May 8-11, Utah Valley

c. 4A: May 15-18, Kearns

d. 5A/6A: May 18-24, Kearns/UVU

e. 1A: Oct 2, Quarter-Finals, Spanish Fork
Oct 5-6, Dixie High School

(10) Softball:

a. 2A/3A: May 9-11, Spanish Fork

b. 4A: May 16-18, Spanish Fork

c. 5A/6A: May 21-23, Valley Complex

(11) Wrestling: Divisionals: Scheduled for February 1-2

a. 1A/2A: February 8-9, SVC

b. 3A/4A: February 15-16, UVU

c. 5A/6A: February 13-14, UVU

Divisional Discussion: Region 6 does not want divisionals. Region 1 wants to keep divisionals. Mr. Jackson stated 1A/2A/3A classifications want to keep divisionals. 4A wants to keep divisionals. The difficulty is finding sites in a central location.

6. **UIAAA:** Mr. Sheetz reminded members that the UIAAA Conference would be held April 18-21 in St. George. LTC classes and workshops will be offered. Randy Madsen will be awarded the Administrator of the Year and Trevor Wilson will receive the State Award of Merit.

Mr. Sheetz reported Clint Barnes, Coaches' Volleyball Association President, met with the ADEC Committee. The association had several proposals and they were advised to come back with few proposals for discussion.

UIAAA hosts the Hall of Fame Basketball games for classification champions. Revenue earned from the games are used for scholarships for student athletes (six \$1500 scholarships). Mr. Sheetz reported they are having difficulty getting champion teams to participate because their schedules are already set. It is most difficult for the larger classification. The UIAAA would like to request an extra game for those schools participating in the UIAAA games. Mr. Cuff reminded them it was approved that the schools could count that game as their endowment game,

but the funds would go to UIAAA. The champion boys' and girls' teams from all classifications are invited. If first place refuses, the 2nd place team is invited.

MOTION: Mr. Morris motioned to approve an extra game for the previous year's boys and girls champion teams for all six classifications. Funds go to the UIAAA scholarship funds. Mr. Woolstenhulme seconded the motion. Mr. Wood pointed out that it is a different team because many of the players have graduated when the game is played. It would only be the champions (1st place) who get the extra game. Discussion continued. Mr. Morris withdrew his motion and Mr. Woolstenhulme withdrew his second. It was suggested the item be discussed again by ADEC.

7. Legal Report: Mr. Van Wagoner reported on the case regarding girls' football. A hearing has been held and several claims (equal protection act and Title IX) have been against three districts and one claim against the UHSAA. It has been determined it is in the best interest of the UHSAA to participate in defending the other claims. He encouraged schools to record their efforts in increasing girls' participation. The judge didn't like schools outsourcing to the UHSAA (participation survey). The judge thought the districts should have an on-going program to determine what girls' interests are in sports. The judge felt the districts have the obligation to find the interest level then bring those interests to the Association. Members pointed out schools have a process to start a club if there is interest in a certain area. When club interest increases, such as lacrosse, the interest is brought to the UHSAA. Mr. Morris felt they are looking for a mechanism promoting girls' participation. Mr. Van Wagoner said the judge wants a history of the promotion of girls' sports or quality of girls' participation in sports.

Mr. Van Wagoner said part of the claim comes from the state statute. The lawyers on this case feel because of the statute, the UHSAA is a public entity and we cannot claim we are not a state actor. Mr. Van Wagoner thinks it is a broad notion now the legislature has made the UHSAA into a public entity. This raises other questions considering what a clever lawyer might do with the statute. This could be a legal problem in the future.

Mr. Sherwood asked about sanctioning cheer. It was pointed out that Title IX does not consider cheer a sport. If they did count cheer, it would be considered a coed opportunity. Mr. Cuff said there are other sports knocking at the door to sanction (girls' wrestling, boys' volleyball). Mr. McDaniel pointed out when lacrosse begins there will be decrease in participation in other sports.

If members are interested in seeing the pleadings and discoveries of the case, email Mr. Van Wagoner and he will send copies.

8. Staff Items:

A. Sportsmanship Items: Ms. Whittaker discussed the process/criteria to earn school's star for the sportsmanship banner. Applications will be sent to principals and are due June 1. The Student Leadership Conference will be held on Thursday, June 14, at Jordan High School. Each member school is encouraged to send one boy and one girl. Online registration is open.

B. Drill Team Proposal (p. 146): Ms. Whittaker reported the biggest problem at State Drill Team involves the spectators from 5A/6A. The problem escalated this year to the point that individuals were camped out 36 hours prior and turned the campus into a tent city. Having 5A and 6A combined into one competition has outgrown UVU. There were long lines for restrooms and concessions. A committee was formed to address the problems. The committee is

recommending the 5A and 6A classifications be split requiring an additional day at the site. Page 146 of the meeting agenda was the proposed drill team schedule. There will be pre-ticketing for 5A/6A finals. There will be a random drawing for colored sections (9 sections) for each school and this will be considered premier seating for \$10 per ticket. There will be mirrored seating across the floor for general admission for \$5 per ticket. There was a discussion if 4A needed to also be included in the proposal. UVU has agreed they will issue citations for overnight parking and camping in 2019.

MOTION: Mr. McKee motioned to accept the 2019 Drill Team Proposal (p. 146). Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

(1) 1A: In the past, 1A would hold region qualifying at the Richfield Invitational competition. Richfield doesn't want to host it anymore if the regions are not helping with costs.

(2) 2A: 2A wants to go to Richfield because of the cost of hosting a north and south site.

Richfield reported \$3600 for expenses. They would like each 1A region to pay \$2193.00. Mr. Powell said there are two divisions in 2A. Trying to break even with divisions. It was determined they would discuss with principals. Region Drill team is online for signups.

C. Softball Brackets Review (meeting handout): Ms. Whittaker asked members to review the proposed brackets and report any issues.

D. State Solo and Ensemble Festival: Mr. Jackson reported on the highlight in the handbook for music is not new. The highlighted item was for emphasis regarding 9th graders need to be enrolled in the high school music class to participate in the Solo and Ensemble Festival. The question was raised and discussion about home school students. Mr. Cuff felt they needed to be involved in something to do with a music program to participate. Mr. Sherwood feels the language needs to be clarified. It will be discussed with the Music Committee.

E. Wrestling Items: Mr. Jackson reported that girls' wrestling is being discussed and a survey has been circulating. He will be contacting schools about wrestling weight management sites. He is hopeful this year's sites will be available.

F. Tennis Items: Mr. Jackson reported the common complaint is about stacking. Schools should have the ability to distinguish the top players. Tracking is important to justify their placement. Mr. Sherwood thinks it should be addressed at the region level. There are recommendations on the UHSAA website.

G. Track and Field State Meet: Mr. Oglesby reported the event will be a 3-day meet. The schedule is on the website. 4A track coaches would like the ability to host 8 state qualifying meets. ADEC supported. The change would be for next year's meet. Please discuss in region meetings.

H. Special Olympics Utah: The Unified Soccer schedule is complete. There are 17 teams participating from Cache Valley to Spanish Fork. The championship is first week in May at Hillcrest HS. Unified Track is being finalized. The meet will be in mid-May at Copper Hills. It is not too late for additional schools to participate in Unified Track.

I. Technology: Academic All-State nominations were open for spring sports. Please review deadlines.

(1) Register My Athlete: The RMA is working on a single-point for parents to manage all their children even if attending multiple high schools.

(2) Register My Coach: The RMC is working on a portal for easier management.

(3) Rosters: Mr. Morris asked if there is a by-law requiring a student to be on a roster prior to participation. Their region has found the rosters to be incomplete. Members were referred to By-Laws Article 8: Section 1. Rosters are not an option, it is mandated. Regions could fine schools for incomplete rosters (\$5 per athletes). Please discuss at region meetings.

(4) Stats: Please report scores to MaxPreps. Brackets are generated from information reported.

(5) Pitch Count: Mr. Cluff reported 28 games are missing for pitch count. Mr. Cluff will send a list to the regions of those not in compliance. Sanctions for non-reporting are handled by the region.

(6) Mobile App: Mr. Oglesby reminded members the UHSAA handbook, programs and stats are available on the mobile app.

J. Baseball Brackets Review (meeting handout): Mr. Cluff asked members to review the baseball brackets and make him aware of any issues.

K. Media Rights Update: Mr. Cluff reported the KJZZ and DDM contracts are ending this spring. The staff has visited with them and negotiations are in process. Mr. Oglesby said we have a popular product. Mr. Cluff asked for feedback regarding NFHS Network. Their platform is a pay subscription. DDM has advertisers so streaming is free. There has been conflict between the two because it appears we are biased because some tournament patrons pay and other tournaments they do not. Mr. Bean is concerned about the rural, local provider. These rights are for post-season only.

MOTION: Mr. Bishop motioned to go to a single provider for streaming. Mr. Woolstenhulme seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

L. Officials' Associations: Mr. Cluff reported officials' associations have held meetings in schools for free, but they are now being charged. If members are aware of school availability, please notify Mr. Cluff.

9. Follow-up Items:

A. Executive Committee terms (pp. 147-148): Mr. Cluff reviewed terms of committee members who were ending June 30. Please be prepared to report names in the April meeting.

B. Board of Trustees: Mr. Grunig and Mr. Whitlock will be extending their terms until 2021. The 1A/2A Superintendents will be appointing a representative. The 5A/6A principal assigned to the BOT needs to be a 5A principal for this next term. Mr. Sherwood will serve.

C. Private School Representative Election – May 7, 2018, at noon at the UHSAA Office.

D. UHSAA Moratorium Adjustments (p. 150): Mr. Jackson reminded schools the form on page 150 needs to be completed by June 7. The moratorium is July 1 – July 7. The adjustment is for the entire schools.

E. Coaches' Certification: Mr. Jackson said there has been requests made for the blended model of Fundamentals of Coaching. There is a savings for the blended model. Mr. Cuff reminded members the only approved course for certification is the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching. All the components for coaches' certification can be found in the UHSAA Handbook. Coaches' registration on RegisterMyCoach is required.

F. Lacrosse: The Lacrosse Committee is recommending the spring season for lacrosse. The first season would be spring 2020 for both boys and girls. Mr. McDaniel asked if there was going to be an adjustment to soccer. The answer was no. Many of the districts have not yet made the decision to participate.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to recommend the spring season for boys and girls lacrosse in 2020 to the BOT. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Format, Qualifiers, Pairings, Brackets (2018-2019): Mr. Oglesby asked members to notify him of changes prior to posting in the UHSAA Handbook.

10. Reports:

A. 6A Athletics: Nothing to report.

B. 5A Athletics: Mr. Sherwood would like to revisit divisional wrestling for 5A and 6A. There are not divisionals for other sports in 5A and 6A. Financials aren't back, but it looks like there will be a shortfall. 5A and 6A were asked to discuss in regions after financials are reported. A discussion will be held at the next meeting in April.

C. 4A Athletics: Nothing to report.

D. 3A Athletics: Mr. Woolstenhulme reported that the brackets for baseball and softball should be bracket "A".

E. 2A Athletics: Nothing to report.

F. 1A Athletics: Nothing to report.

11. For the Good of the Order:

A. Hiring coaches for Education-Based Athletics Programs (pp. 151-153): Article providing suggestions for hiring coaches.

B. Battle of the Fans Winner/Finalists: Ms. Whittaker said the four finalists were: Spanish Fork, Herriman, Timpview and Maple Mountain. Maple Mountain was the winner. The winner was determined with a twitter poll.

12. NFHS Summer Conference – Chicago, Illinois (June 28- July 2, 2018): Mr. Cuff asked for names of those interested in attending the Summer Conference.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.