

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

UHSAA Office

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

9:00 am

Members Present: Ryck Astle, David Dunn, Jim Birch, Jason Smith, Ryan Bishop, Rusty Taylor, Dave McKee, Bruce Bean, Nan Ault, Alex Salvo, Craig Morris, Trevor Powell, Roberta Hardy, Jim Wood, Clayton Carter, Darin Jenkins, Rob Cuff, Jeff Cluff, Brenan Jackson, Jon Oglesby and Jan Whittaker. Excused: Craig Hammer, Marc Hunter, Chris Richards-Khong, John Goldhardt, Tom Sherwood, Trever Wilson, Robert Henke, Wade Woolstenhulme and Jodi Parker. Minutes: Jeanne Widerburg

1. **Welcome and Chairperson Business:** Mr. Cuff conducted the meeting because Craig Hammer was unable to attend. Mr. Cuff excused Craig Hammer, Marc Hunter, Chris Richards-Khong, John Goldhardt, Tom Sherwood, Trever Wilson, Robert Henke, Wade Woolstenhulme and Jodi Parker. He welcomed Mike Hunter (Marc Hunter), Andee Bouwhuis and Joel Perkins (Chris Richards-Khong), Missy McKay-Whiteurs (John Goldhardt), Bill Sivert (Trever Wilson), Luke Thomas (Wade Woolstenhulme) who were substituting today.

A. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Birch said he holds an end of year coach meeting and stresses the effect coaches have on students and the quality of life in communities. He quoted Bill Walsh who said that the last line of defense to teach is goal setting, teamwork and the value of work. He feels the Committee does a great job of governing athletics and it is extremely important. He said the definition of reverence embodies what this group does for the world of athletics. He then offered a prayer.

B. Pledge/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Salvo shared his experience with a student who enlisted in the Army to become a doctor. The student was deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. The student always stops by the school when he is in the area to thank Mr. Salvo for everything that was done for him while he was in school. Mr. Salvo thanks him for what is doing for the country. This soldier's heart is in the right place and Mr. Salvo is grateful to him. Mr. Salvo led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

C. Acknowledge Outgoing Committee Members: Members were thanked for their service and presented their plaque photo with a thank you letter.

Jim Birch, Region 3  
John Goldhardt, Region 6  
Dave McKee, Region 10  
Trever Wilson, Region 11  
Robert Henke, Region 12  
Bruce Bean, Region 14  
Alex Salvo, Region 16  
Trevor Powell, Region 18

D. Minutes of April 24 Meeting (summary on UHSAA website):

**MOTION:** Mr. Morris motioned to approve the minutes of April 24. Mr. McKee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. AISU Closing: Mr. Cuff reported that AISU closed their doors. He reminded members the students from AISU will be eligible at their boundary school or they will need to do a transfer.

2. **BOT Report:** Mr. McKee reported the meeting.

- Mr. McKee and Ms. Shill were leaving the board
- Winter financial report
- Coaches certification with RMC
- 2019-20 calendar was approved and is on website
- Activities were reviewed
- Officiating, sportsmanship issues were reviewed (fans and parents)
- Insurance package – property and liability were approved
- Catastrophic Insurance approved for two years
- Unified Sports – track and soccer
- SMAC report was discussed – develop checklist for principals
- CBL report
- Tennis contest limitation was changed from 14 to 16
- Student Leadership will be held on June 13 at Corner Canyon
- Legal report
- NFHS education-based articles were provided
- Dale Whitlock was reelected as chair and Marilyn Richards as vice-chair

Members discussed the emerging sports policy to be included in the UHSAA Handbook. There will be a committee formed to serve as a filter to the BOT on any new sport for sanctioning. The committee will be finalized at the next BOT meeting in August. There will be representatives from State Risk Management, each classification, and a district AD. Ms. Whittaker and the committee will develop a survey to go out to schools to begin the emerging sports list. The BOT has the authority/responsibility to sanction sports.

Ms. Ault is serving on the BOT and will be chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Other members of the committee include Mr. Miller, Mr. Holmes, and Ms. Johnson from the BOT, with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Carter from the Executive Committee, Fidel Montero, Timpvieview HS Principal; Rachel Townsend, West HS Assistant Principal; Everett Kelepolo, Springville HS Principal; Bobby Porter, Layton Christian Academy Basketball Coach; Shawn Newell, USBE Board. The committee will meet in August/September.

Scholastic Rule has been adjusted so eighth grade 4<sup>th</sup> term grades will not apply to the rule. Ninth graders will have a clean slate until the first grading period of ninth grade. The change comes because 8<sup>th</sup> graders don't always have the opportunity to make up the work during the summer. Districts can be more restrictive.

No action was taken on the two-week prior rule proposal. The two-week prior rule is in place to protect start dates.

The transfer rule will include that the Association will not recognize a guardianship change for an 18-year old or older nor can an 18-year old be considered a full family move of one.

Fan behavior policy is being discussed. Portions of the sportsmanship section of the UHSAA Handbook is being updated and the procedures will be published and discussed at the UHSAA Summit this fall.

Mr. Cuff discussed the endowment games and how that revenue is used by the UHSAA Foundation. Schools benefit because the Foundation disburses funds to help cover the catastrophic premium costs. The UHSAA also contributes \$40,000 towards reimbursing schools. There has only been two years that schools have not been reimbursed 100% since the Foundation started disbursing funds.

**3. 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule for Boards (p. 154):** The BOT approved their meeting dates. Mr. Cuff proposed a meeting schedule for the Executive Committee on page 154. He reminded members they could send a representative if they have a conflict with a meeting date. The first meeting is schedule for August 7 beginning at 10 am. New EC members will be invited to attend an orientation at 8 am. Most meetings begin at 9 am except for the Sleepy Ridge meeting which begins at 8 am.

**MOTION:** Mr. Bean motioned to approve the EC meeting schedule. Mr. Monson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**4. Executive Committee and BOT Terms of Office 2019-20 (pp. 155-157):** Mr. Cuff reviewed the terms of positions on the Committee. Terms end on June 30<sup>th</sup> and terms are assigned to regions. He reported that Bryan Durst was reelected as the charter school representative on the BOT.

**5. UHSAA Calendar (pp. 158-159):**

**A. 2019-20:**

**(1) Reminder of Golf Etiquette and Teaching Clinics:**

- a. 2A-6A Boys – September 15 deadline
- b. 1A Boys, all Girls – April 15 deadline

Ms. Whittaker reported that the golf information is not getting to coaches. Please remind them of deadlines. In golf, clinics are held for the players and then coach declares that has been completed. Many coaches are not declaring completion of clinic.

**(2) Review of Calendar:**

a. Academic All-State Windows: Mr. Oglesby reported that combining application window for spring activities and sports for academic all-state was difficult. Activities will have a different window than the sports from February 11-March 10. Mr. Morris felt the overall changes to Academic All-State went well. Mr. Oglesby said he feels it was a positive change.

b. Spring Golf Dates: Ms. Whittaker reported the PGA is still securing sites. Mr. Bean suggested sites in the south because of weather in the north.

5A/6A Girls	May 4, 5
3A/4A Girls	May 6,7
1A Boys	May 12, 13
2A Girls	May 12
1A Girls	May 13

c. Football: Mr. Monson asked about the TBA on Nov 22, 23 for football. It was mentioned it is left TBA in consideration if two north teams are playing or two southern teams. The site could move from the University of Utah to accommodate the location of those teams. There are only television rights for 4A football finals.

## 6. Activities Report:

A. Spring Results (pp. 160-161): Mr. Cluff reported this was a difficult year for spring sports. There were many weather issues and some conflicts with graduation. Graduations held on the field went well. Mr. Astle said he heard positive comments from parents, and it was a good experience. With the bad weather there will be higher expenses and lower revenue.

B. Ejection Report (pp. 162-166): Mr. Cluff reviewed the ejection report. He reported an all-time high of 300 ejections. There was a significant increase in boys' soccer and there were more player ejections in all sports. He discussed there has been an increase in bad spectator behavior. Bad calls are going to happen especially in sub-varsity games because that is the training field for officials. There have been over 30 official suspensions this year. Discussion on soccer yellow and red cards. Mr. Perkins said he would like a report on type of ejection to discuss with teams. Mr. Cluff said we need to focus on good sportsmanship at schools and teams to change the culture of bad sportsmanship. The staff is open to ideas to make the system better. Mr. Cluff said he had soccer officials return because of the game fee increase. He suggested that the experienced officials might be stricter. Mr. Bishop said his region appreciates Mr. Cluff and how he handles schools and officials. He has had positive feedback about Mr. Cluff and the conversations between he and the schools.

C. Officials Numbers-Registration Dates: Mr. Cluff announced that official registration opens on July 1 and the \$10 early registration discount continues through July 31. He encouraged teachers, coaches and administrators to consider becoming officials. Educators make great officials.

D. Baseball: Mr. Cluff reported it was a great championship season. The weather was challenging but the turf fields at SLCC and Juan Diego helped tremendously with the 5A tournament. The 4A tournament was moved to St. George and UVU has a tarp so the 5A/6A tournament was able to be completed on time. Mr. Cluff mentioned coaches were upset and ridiculed staff for decisions being made, but stated weather brings chaos to schedules. Mr. Taylor said everyone had their own ideas how to fix it which benefited their school. Mr. Cluff said things could be different next year with the new format.

E. Music: Mr. Jackson reported the Solo and Ensemble Festivals went well. Over 1,000 students participated at both Northridge and Provo. Provo was a new site and it went smoothly. He thanked both schools for their cooperation and help to make the event successful.

F. Boys' Soccer: Mr. Jackson said the tournaments went well. It is great to watch athletes walk out on the Rio Tinto Field because they are so excited for the experience. He said the schools were much more respectful to the facility and he was grateful.

G. Unified Soccer: Mr. Jackson reported the tournament was at Skyridge and he appreciated their efforts. Principal Perkins rolled out the red carpet for the athletes. There were two divisions of eight teams. The athletes had a great experience and Mr. Jackson said it is one of the most favorite events he has attended.

H. Unified Track and Field: Mr. Oglesby said it was a great event. Participants and spectators alike benefited by participating or attending. He again encouraged all schools to participate.

I. Track and Field: Mr. Oglesby said there was weather to deal with, but over all it went well. Over the summer, there will be discussions to help improve both track and field and cross country. He said the coaches' association is interested in a divisional state cross country meet. He will be working with coaches and a survey will be sent about adding some events at track and field.

J. Boys' Tennis: Mr. Oglesby reported there was bad weather for 5A/6A. He appreciated the indoor venues for working with them to complete tournaments. Coaches get frustrated when the meet changes location, but bad weather leaves no choice. This was the first year of ticketing and there were some issues, but he felt it helped with crowd control. Please email him with any suggestions.

K. Speech/Debate: Mr. Oglesby said there is an initiative to help train judges for next year.

L. Theatre/Drama: Ms. Whittaker is meeting with theatre and drama in July and they will be making recommendation for sites and dates.

M. Softball: Ms. Whittaker said bad weather was very difficult issue year. She had to change many venue sites and she appreciated the help of Davis District schools and Salt Lake District schools. Every tournament had a rain delay or postponement. She thanked everyone for their patience in completing the tournaments.

N. Girls' Golf and 1A Boys' Golf: Ms. Whittaker said there were a few weather issues, but overall it went very well.

## **7. Information and Follow-Up Items:**

A. Summer Moratorium Request Forms (meeting handouts): Moratorium changes for the entire school.

ICS	June 23-29
Morgan	June 29-July 5
Tabiona	July 7-14

**MOTION:** Mr. Powell made the motion to accept the requests for summer moratorium changes. Mr. Bean seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Coaches' Certification: Mr. Jackson reminded schools that nfhslearn.com is a great resource. NFHS has developed new videos and the district can adopt this training for certification if they desire. Most of the videos are free.

C. RegisterMyCoach (RMC): Mr. Jackson said the RMC information for coaches needs to be entered in by Athletic Directors. RMC makes tracking certification much easier. He said the staff is looking at ways to use the certification of coaches for field passes at events, etc. At wrestling this year, only certified coaches were allowed wrist bands. Mr. Cuff reminded members that the school board is looking to districts to certify their coaches. Coaches should not be with students until they are certified. Mr. McKee said it is difficult to keep up with the turnover of coaches. More and more paraprofessionals are coaches and that adds another level of difficulty. Mr. Cuff said that the state school board is most concerned about paraprofessionals, so it is important to have them certified.

Mr. Bean brought up the concern that athletes are not on rosters. Athletes should not be eligible until they complete RegisterMyAthlete. Regions need to police. He felt students shouldn't play if not on the roster. He asked if the region can enforce? Mr. Cuff felt further discussion was needed to create a uniform policy and local enforcement. It was noted that the coach has control of the roster. Mr. Oglesby reported the office has difficulty creating tournament programs because of incomplete rosters.

D. Wrestling Items: Mr. Jackson reviewed the results of the survey regarding scoring and state qualifying meets. He said 76 schools have responded. It was determined to keep the current scoring procedures and divisionals. 1A, 2A, 3A will score the top wrestler in each weight class and 4A, 5A, 6A will score both wrestlers per weight class. Schools voted to keep divisional tournaments having the UHSAA create a Host Site Template to guide host schools in organizing and running the tournament with consistency with regards to entry fees, tournament workers, medical, security/police, concessions, trophies, medals, ticket prices, custodial, etc.

**MOTION:** Mr. Bishop made the motion to keep wrestling status quo with regards to scoring and divisionals. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson said information will be sent to hosting schools for divisionals. The ticket pricing will be the same as state ticket pricing.

E. Football Reminders (refer to football page on website): Mr. Jackson reported that spring restrictions have ended. Teams can start 7 on 7 and padded camps. He reminded them to fill out forms and submit for padded camps. He encouraged members to review acclimatization requirements.

A request has been made by Corner Canyon and Orem to hold their football endowment game on Thursday, August 15, for KJZZ Broadcast.

**MOTION:** Mr. Bishop motioned to approve Corner Canyon and Orem request to hold football endowment game on Thursday, August 15. Mr. Monson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

F. RegisterMyAthlete (RMA): Mr. Oglesby reported RMA is ready for the 2019-20 school year. Schools can begin to set up rosters. Please call RMA for issues. The summertime months are a great time to get help from their technical advisors.

G. UHSAA Summits (September): Mr. Oglesby said tentative dates have been set for the UHSAA Summits. Summits will be held in Richfield on September 10 and along the Wasatch Front on September 19. Different initiatives will be presented: RPI, Sportsmanship, Fan Behavior and Emerging Sports.

H. Tennis Items: Mr. Oglesby reported he had sent suggestions and a starting place for brackets for tennis, cross country and track to the members. He reviewed the suggestions. He said in some regions there is an imbalance and it is challenging to get equitable seeds for state tournament. Changes can be made in August and changes will be reflected in handbook.

I. Cross Country/Track: Mr. Oglesby discussed the possibility of divisionals, but felt it is at least a year or two away. If divisionals happen for cross country, the EC can revisit and consider adjustments. Three region classes will have a minimum of region qualifiers. 3A will have five qualifiers and 2A will have four qualifiers in track. 1A will have unique numbers of qualifiers that will be stated in the pairings and procedures portion of the UHSAA Handbook.

1A, 2A, and 3A will hold to the current qualifications in cross country. In 6A, Region 1, will have six qualifiers, other regions will have four qualifiers in track and cross country.

**MOTION:** Mr. Morris made the motion to approve current ratios for brackets and pairing for upcoming year in cross county and track. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Mr. Perkins asked about the history for qualification for state. He wondered about other options because of RPI. Discussions will be held with coaches' association and ADEC. Mr. Hunter said a UIAAA rep will meet with the committee. Motion carried, but not unanimously.

J. Lacrosse Items/Alignment: Mr. Oglesby reported that Alpine School District has indicated they might be having lacrosse so there are no solid numbers to determine divisions. It is a spring sport for both genders so teams can still join. August 7 will be the drop-dead date for interested teams.

K. Golf Items: Ms. Whittaker stated that she, Mr. Hammer and Mr. Powell had met with the PGA staff. They talked about the impact on golf courses for high school golf. It is getting harder to schedule courses. The PGA wants to grow the sport, but they need to keep in mind the impact on courses. They have suggested to standardize region and state policies. They want a maximum of eight players at region matches. She said the PGA is taking a hit and we need to accommodate their request. Another request is that JV matches be scheduled different times from varsity. Next, they would like to see contest limitations cut to 10 from 14. It was suggested that contest limitations would need to go through ADEC. Mr. McKee said that spring has a bigger impact. Multiple schools at a single course is hard to accommodate. Mr. Perkins felt that if every team played at the home site that would be a step forward before imposing contest limitations. The PGA also wants coaches to not be allowed to play during the contest. Ms. Hardy felt this was good for more supervision because of reported cheating taking place. Mr. Whittaker said they would assign a professional to each region to organize their tournaments and clinics. It was felt the courses will work better together if a professional is helping to schedule. Also, the PGA suggested a maximum stroke of nine to be recorded on every hole to speed up play.

**MOTION:** Mr. Powell made the motion to have eight players at region match, no coach plays, PGA Pro to schedule course and clinics and max nine strokes per hole. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The PGA suggested that top two in each region qualify and then stroke team average for qualification and yardage stipulation.

- 1A Top 2 and 50% of remaining schools in a region, no yardage stipulation
- 2A Top 2 and 50% of remaining schools in a region, no yardage stipulation
- 3A Top 2 and top team averages for the next 8 schools
- 4A Region 9 qualify 6, Region 10 qualify 5, Region 11 qualify 5, same individual qualification
- 5A Top 2 and top team averages for the next 8 schools
- 6A Top 2 and top team averages for the next 8 schools qualify

Ms. Ault said they had a region discussion about the UHSAA paying the green fee. Mr. Cuff said that is on a wish list for the Foundation. Right now, all monies are paying for catastrophic premium. It was suggested green fees would cost about \$50,000. The UHSAA pays the PGA

\$5000 for boys and girls golf to help keep the low green fees. The UHSAA has five non-revenue activities, including golf.

L. Soccer Officials and Timing: Mr. Cluff said there was a significant controversy over time at the state championship game. Official game time is on the clock at state championship games and semifinal games and the official does not keep it on his watch. NFHS rulebook states that is how it is to be done. If there is a visible scoreboard, the time should be kept on the board. It is important that everyone uses a clock for all games. A clock can be purchased for \$279. Don't allow coaches to decide to use alternative method.

8. **UIAAA Business:** Mr. Mike Hunter said that the UIAAA Golf Tourney would be held July 10 at the Wasatch State Park. The golf tournament helps to fund the five \$1500 scholarships they award each year. They also will host a cross country meet on September 13 that helps fund the scholarships.

9. **Legal Report:** Mr. Van Wagoner was not in attendance.

**10. Reports:**

A. Sportsmanship Committee: Ms. Whittaker reported the committee met and reviewed the 2018-19 applications and discussed the new criteria for 2019-2020. The criteria will be listed on the UHSAA website. Mr. Whittaker distributed the list of schools earning their star for their school banner and a list of schools with zero ejections.

The staff is working to update the UHSAA Sportsmanship Handbook. The changes include policy for unsportsmanlike behavior for fans.

B. SMAC Report: Mr. Jackson reported the committee had met and would be meeting again in August. He said two items they are looking at is the wet bulb globe that measure heat and humidity and EAP (Emergency Action Plan) and best practices. Another item of discussion is acclimatization policy for all sports.

C. 1A Athletics: Nothing to report.

D. 2A Athletics: Nothing to report.

E. 3A Athletics: Nothing to report.

F. 4A Athletics: Nothing to report.

G. 5A Athletics: Nothing to report.

H. 6A Athletics: Nothing to report.

**11. Election for Executive Committee Chair 2019-2021:**

**MOTION:** Mr. McKee nominated Mr. Hammer as Executive Committee Chair for 2019-2021. Mr. Powell seconded. Mr. Morris motioned to close nominations. Mr. McKee seconded the motion. Motion carried.



12. **For the Good of the Order:** Mr. Cuff provided the Committee positive articles regarding education-based high school activities.

13. **NFHS Summer Conference in Indianapolis:** Mr. Cuff encouraged attendees to participate fully at the conference.

**MOTION:** Mr. Powell motioned to adjourn at 12:41. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion.  
Motion carried.

Next meeting: August 7 at 10:00 am.