Executive Committee Meeting Summary
August 7, 2019

1. Chairman Craig Hammer welcomed everyone to the first meeting and introduced 10 new members of the Executive Committee: Joel Perkins, Skyridge HS, Region 4; Doug Webb, Lehi HS, Region 7; Bill Sivert, Uintah HS, Region 10; Mike Monson, Sky View HS, Region 11; Steve Gordon, Emery HS, Region 12; Luke Thomas, Grantsville HS, Region 13; Ty Kennedy, Wasatch Academy, Region 15; Wade Murdock, North Summit HS, Region 16; Brady Fails, Beaver HS, Region 18; and Spencer Singer, Monument Valley HS, Region 19.

2. There are three new member schools for 2019-20. They are Cedar Valley HS, Crimson Cliffs HS and Mountain Ridge HS. There are now 155 total UHSAA member schools and 107 member schools participate in football.

3. Chairman Hammer and UHSAA Staff provided an orientation of UHSAA procedures and materials and Executive Committee roles and responsibilities.

4. Mr. Rob Cuff, Executive Director, explained that catastrophic insurance will continue for the 2019-20 school year as per Board of Trustees decision in May. The UHSAA Foundation will fund $140,000 and the UHSAA budget will fund $40,000 of the $180,000 premium. This will be the tenth year that schools have been reimbursed for paid premiums. Schools will be reimbursed 100% of the premium this year.

5. The UIAAA administrators’ training meeting will be held in the UHSAA offices on September 16. The training is very helpful for new athletic directors, principals and assistant principals who supervise athletics. A course is taught by the athletic directors and the UIAAA discusses items from their organization.

6. The UHSAA staff will provide two UHSAA Summits this year. On September 10 the staff will be in Richfield at the Sevier Valley Center and on September 19 the staff will be at Salt Lake Community College. The training is specific to district administrators, principals, administrators over athletics, and athletic directors on state association items. Every member school should be represented by at least one participant.

7. Mr. Jon Oglesby discussed the improved UHSAA website (www.uhsaa.org) and provided training for the information found there. He also discussed the RegisterMyAthlete and RegisterMyCoach programs.

8. Mr. Oglesby discussed the promotion of high school activities to our communities. He explained the role of the Communication Advisory Committee who will assist in the marketing of education based activities.
9. Region rules and etiquette clinics for golf were discussed. The deadline for 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A boys is September 15. The deadline for 1A boys and all girls’ golf is April 15.

10. Mr. Brenan Jackson emphasized the importance and responsibility of districts and/or schools to certify coaches. He discussed the criteria for coaching certification and importance of having certified coaches working with student athletes. Coaching credentials were discussed and will be implemented this school year in the sports of wrestling and drill team.

11. Sports Medicine items were discussed with the Committee by members of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC).

12. Ms. Jan Whittaker reviewed the statewide sportsmanship program. A new UHSAA Sportsmanship Handbook has been updated and posted on the UHSAA website. Other details regarding the sportsmanship program can also be found on the UHSAA website, including the criteria for earning the 2020 star. This is the tenth year for the sportsmanship program, which has provided the opportunity for schools to earn yearly stars. When a school receives five stars, it will be recognized as a “five star sportsmanship school.” Every school can be a winner when it comes to good sportsmanship. All member schools are invited to TEAM-up to Raise the Bar, Earn Your Star because Sportsmanship Matters!

13. The 2019 UHSAA/UIAAA Student Leadership Conference, Dare to Lead, was reviewed and discussed. With the help of many individuals, including the UHSAA Sportsmanship Committee, the conference was once again a tremendous success. During the Conference students partnered with Special Olympics Utah athletes and personnel. Team work and leadership skills were learned and applied. Students from all parts of the state were asked and challenged to make a difference by taking the information and implementing it into their schools and regions.

14. The 2020 UHSAA/UIAAA Student Leadership Conference, Dare to Lead, will be held next summer on June 11 at a site to be announced. This will mark the ninth annual conference. The conference will allow for each member school to select a male and female student to participate in the one-day event. It will provide motivational speakers, activities and interactive group discussions on the issues facing education-based athletics and activities. In addition, the student leaders will participate in a community service project with Special Olympics Utah.

15. Mr. Jeff Cluff reviewed ejection procedures for coaches and the new student athlete ejection procedures were discussed.

16. The Committee discussed the “two weeks prior” rule regarding the start dates for sanctioned sports, including the sport of volleyball. The item will be discussed again at the September meeting.
17. An emerging sports questionnaire will be sent to member schools and discussed at the Summits in September.

18. Mr. Mark Van Wagoner provided a legal report regarding the Association.

19. Mr. Cuff provided compliance training to the Committee.

20. Mr. Cuff shared sportsmanship articles found in NFHS High School Today.