EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
UHSAA Office
November 8, 2017
9:00 am


1. Welcome and Chairperson Business: Mr. Hammer welcomed members to the meeting. He excused Jim Birch and Gary Twitchell. Mr. David Tilby, assistant principal at Herriman, was representing Mr. Birch and Mr. Chad Wilson, assistant principal at Westlake, was representing Mr. Twitchell.

   A. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. McKee said he had the opportunity to discuss with his Student Body officers his thought on veterans and the those that have sacrificed for all of us for a Veteran’s Day assembly. He then led the members in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Cuff reported state football championships would be held on Saturday which was Veteran’s Day. They planned to make the script for the flag ceremony more special for that day.

   B. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Morris talked about the beginning of a new season. He said that provides energy and hope shines at the beginning. Facing adversity makes playing sports unique and part of student development and can’t be duplicated anywhere else. Adversity is at the center of the learning process. He quoted John Wooden, “Adversity is the state in which man most easily becomes acquainted with himself being especially free of admirers.” He then offered a prayer.

   C. Minutes of Previous Meeting – September 27, 2017:

   MOTION: Mr. Morris motioned to approve the minutes of September 27, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bean. Motion carried unanimously.

   D. Deadlines for dues, catastrophic insurance, by-laws & arbiting fees: Ms. Widerburg reported schools that were still owing the UHSAA. Members were asked to follow through with schools in their region.

   E. Academic All-State deadlines, UHSAA Moratoriums, etc.: Mr. Hammer reminded them of the deadlines. He also discussed concerns from administrators of athletes not finishing season and receiving the academic all-state award. The definition of a contributing member was discussed.

2. USBE Report: Jodi Kaufman distributed a copy of an application for USBE credit. There is a new credit process. She would send link to Rob to forward to members.

3. Football Endowment Games Report: Mr. Cuff reported the football endowment game revenue was over $100,000. The monies will go to the USHAA Foundation. He thanked members for their support and good matchup games.
Catastrophic insurance premium increased this year with 10,000 more participants. Schools will be reimbursed about 85% of the catastrophic premium.

4. **Region Visits by Staff (p. 57):** Staff is enjoying meeting with the regions. They will try to attend at least one meeting during the year.

5. **Calendar:**

   A. 2017-18 Calendar:
      (1) Forensics: Mr. Oglesby reported that South Summit had offered to host the 2A Forensics.

      **MOTION:** Mr. Woolstenhulme motioned to hold 2A Forensics at South Summit. Mr. Salvo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

      (2) State Theatre: Ms. Whittaker reported the Theatre Committee recommended date changes because of spring break and new sites for some classifications.

         6A One Acts at Riverton HS and IEs at Bingham on April 12, 14
         5A Skyridge on April 19-21
         4A Spanish Fork on April 19-21
         3A Richfield on April 19-21
         2A APA Draper on April 20-21
         1A Panguitch on April 19-21

      Mr. Wood asked if there were going to be enough judges with most classifications on the same date.

   B. Tentative Calendar (pp. 71-74):
      (1) Golf Fall Sites (p. 75): Mr. Morris asked if there was a course further north and if there is a rotation. It was pointed out these courses want to host high school golf. Spring 2018 sites have been approved. Need motion for Fall 2018 sites.

      **MOTION:** Mr. Wood motioned to approve the golf fall sites for 2018. Ms. Hardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

      (2) Football Semifinals: Mr. Jackson said it is difficult to move games when contracts are signed at universities. It has been requested to look at more central locations even if the site is a high school. Coaches and administrators are getting pressure from communities on travel. Dixie and Snow College might be additional new sites. The UHSAA has TV contracts 4A-6A classifications. These contracts are being renegotiated and the staff could work to negotiate more flexibility in 4A contract. Please discuss in regions regarding priority sites and backup sites for flexibility in 1A-3A and 4A. There would need to be a default site.

   C. Refer to UHSAA website for changes and updates throughout the year.

6. **Legal Report (pp. 107-110):**

   Mr. Hammer thanked the BOT members who were present for coming. He feels it important the boards be unified. He is committed to find a way to travel down the same road.
MOTION: Ms. Hardy motioned to go into executive session meeting to discuss pending litigation that was filed, but not served, and to receive legal advice. Mr. Henke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to leave executive session. Mr. McKee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. New School Member Applications:

A. New School Applications for 2018-2019:
   • Farmington High School (pp. 82-83)
   • Lava Heights Academy (pp. 84-85)
   • Paradigm High School (pp. 86-87)
   • REAL Sale Lake Academy (pp. 88-89)
   • Utah Military Academy (American Fork) (pp. 90-92)
   • WayPoint Academy (pp. 93-94)

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to recommend consideration of new member applications and site visits to the BOT. Mr. McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Applying for Athletics:
   • American Heritage School (pp. 95-98): 2A Classification would be preferred
   • Freedom Preparatory Academy (p. 99): 2A Classification would be preferred.

C. Status of 2017-2018 New Schools:
   • Green Canyon High School (4A, Region 12): Doing great.
   • Great Basin High School (2A, Region 16): Mr. Salvo reported they are making efforts. They are independent for another year.

8. Realignment: Mr. Cuff reported the Realignment Committee has met twice and have had very productive discussions. Next meeting is January 11. A recommendation will come to the EC on January 17. They are suggesting a format statement that makes it clear the BOT has final decision power on final alignment. The Child/Nutrition Survey comes out in January, so it will be the 2017 report used in the 2019-2020 alignment process.

The Realignment Committee discussed lacrosse season and how many classifications. A lacrosse committee is meeting to suggest season and number of classifications. Mr. Bean asked that schools be part of that committee (principals). Schools hire the lacrosse coach. Mr. Bishop said there is some concern that the community lacrosse coach might assume they will be the school coach. Mr. Cuff said the recommendations will go through UIAAA with a survey to make recommendation to the EC. The committee needs to know which schools will be participating. A discussion was held regarding moving boys’ soccer to fall and the issues that would create.

Mr. Cuff asked members to give ideas and suggestions to the Realignment Committee. The staff will survey schools to collect data indicating the percentage of students and athletes who are out of boundary at each school. Any 8th grade feeder school to a private school would not be considered out of boundary. Mr. McDaniel said the data will help discussions of the perception there is a huge issue of out of boundary athletes which may or may not be true. The survey will use 2016-2017 data.
A. Layton Christian Academy (p. 106): Mr. Cuff said this is the second request for Layton Christian Academy to move up a classification in 2018-2019. Mr. Morris said it would unbalance regions and some schedules are set for the two years of alignment. Item was tabled until new schools were assigned to regions and then consider their request.

9. Current Items:

A. Weight Management Program: Mr. Jackson reported the hydration testing takes place on November 17 and 18. Retake sites have been scheduled for football championship teams. The Coach Association is requesting that medical care professional be defined for the medical form for wrestlers to allow or disallow wrestling participation. Mr. Jackson felt it best to specify who can disallow a wrestler from wrestling and who are the appropriate medical personnel who can allow a student to wrestle. Mr. Bishop suggested that a UHSAA representative be the last signature on the form for better communication at the tournament.

B. Coaches Certification: Mr. Jackson said the first RegisterMyCoach report was not great. Many coaches are not on the system. Schools need to be prepared for an audit. Coaches should be registered prior to coaching.

C. Sports Medicine Proposals (p. 76):

(1) Pre-participation physical exam date must be performed on or after April 15 to be valid for the following school year through July 15th of that year.

MOTION: Mr. Morris motioned to approve Pre-participation physical exam date. Mr. Madsen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

(2) Exertional heat stroke – cold water immersion tubs on site. Mr. Sherwood pointed out that some schools are on different campuses with different sports.

MOTION: Mr. Bishop motioned to approve the cold-water tubs on site recommendation dropping the “shall be” language. Mr. Madsen seconded the motion. Motion carried, but not unanimously.

(3) EAP (Emergency Action Plan) in place for after school activities sponsored by the UHSAA. EAP templates are available. AEDs need to be accessible within two minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Powell motioned to approve the Sports Medicine Committee proposal on EAPs and AEDs. Mr. Wood seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Tennis Brackets: Mr. Jackson discussed bracketing issues in tennis. The recommendation is to rotate the true #1 between 3A regions. This could be fixed for boys’ tennis in the spring. Mr. Bean said the classification would look at the brackets and evaluate.

E. Unified Sports (UHSAA/SOUT): Mr. Oglesby reported he would be meeting with SOUT. He is encouraging schools to participate and grow the program. There are grants for schools to develop a unified sports team.

F. Rosters on RegisterMyAthlete: It is important team photos and rosters be provided on RegisterMyAthlete. The tournament programs rely on the rosters and photos. Please talk to schools in regions. Ms. Hardy suggested schools receive a fine for not providing the
information. Mr. Wilson is concerned if a school isn’t providing a roster because it is tied to eligibility.

G. NFHS #MyReasonWhy (pp. 77-79): Mr. Oglesby said phase 2 of MyReasonWhy has been launched focusing more in depth how high school sports make a difference in the lives of young people. There is weekly content that can be tweeted. Free posters will be available to schools. Mr. Oglesby will forward the pertinent information to schools as it comes.

H. Communication Topics: Mr. Oglesby reported there are challenges in how to communicate the UHSAA message both internally and externally. We need to improve our presence on social media. It has been suggested that AD’s or representative be invited to region board of managers meeting to pass on internal communications. It was suggested that the UHSAA link be available on the school website. The staff is working to improve communications. A crisis communication flow chart is being developed so notifications could be sent quickly. Working to improve communications between EC and BOT and EC to principals. Mr. Madsen felt good about today’s meeting with BOT and felt that would be a great communication tool and should be considered in the future. Invite BOT members to the region meetings. Members of the EC are a critical link to the schools in their region.

I. Rules Clinics: Winter rules clinics are now online. Head coaches are required to attend a live clinic or an online clinic.

J. Basketball Exception (p. 80): Summit Academy requested permission to participate in a 4 on 4 tournament. The request died due to lack of a motion.

K. Spirit of Sport Award (January 16): Ms. Whittaker reported the award is for a student, coach or administrator who exemplifies positive ideals in sports. It is usually someone who has overcome some adversity or challenge. Application due January 16.

L. Heart of the Arts Awards (January 16): Again, the award is for a student, coach or administrator who exemplifies positive ideals in Arts/Activities. It is usually someone who has overcome some adversity or challenge. Applications due January 16.

M. Sportsmanship Items: Ms. Whittaker reported the Sportsmanship Committee met the previous day and want to keep most of the initiatives. Battle of Fans program is under question. Mr. Wilson feels it needs to continue for at least another year. It has grown each year. The Committee discussed if the two-yellow card ejection should not count toward the “no-ejection” award. Mr. Morris asked if it could be distinguished if it is a sportsmanship card. The Committee will look at it further.

N. UHSAA Student Leadership Conference: Thursday, June 14, 2018 @ Jordan High School.

O. State Golf Qualifications: Mr. Powell said the 2A would like to propose a 2-day golf tournament with no cut on second day for boys’ golf. Ms. Whittaker will check with the PGA.

P. Baseball State Tournaments: Mr. Cluff said that 3A and 4A tournament options were distributed. 3A wants to stay with Option 1 (status quo) which starts on Thursday. 4A will report decision at the January 17 meeting.
10. **UIAAA**: Mr. Hunter reported the UIAAA Conference will be held April 18-21. Registration is online. The NIAAA conference is December 9-13 in Phoenix. Mr. Everett Kalepolo (Springville HS), Jamie Sheetz (Park City HS) and Marc Hunter will be receiving awards at the event.

The AD’s have suggested that the AD certification be required and could be included and tracked on the RegisterMyCoach. Mr. Hunter was asking for the support of the Executive Committee. Mr. Bean felt it might be difficult for the smaller schools to require certification. Mr. Hammer suggested the ADEC send out a survey to schools regarding AD certification.

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

   A. **UHSAA Distinguished Service Nominees:**
      - 6A Coach/Advisor of the Year: Taylor Allen – Syracuse
      - 5A Coach/Advisor of the Year: Todd Etherington – Brighton
      - 4A coach/Advisor of the Year: Arthur Miyazaki – Juan Diego Catholic
      - 3A coach/Advisor of the Year: Marc Peterson – Richfield
      - 2A coach/Advisor of the Year: David Peck – North Summit
      - 1A Coach/Advisor of the Year: Curtis Barney – Panguitch
      - Athletic Director of the Year: Ron Dolphin – Grand county
      - Female Official of the Year: Tam Staheli
      - Male Official of the Year: Al White
      - Small School Music Educator of the Year: Robert Lacey- Valley
      - Large School Music Educator of the Year: Geoff Anderson – Fremont
      - Speech Educator of the Year: Sharon Ellsworth-Nelson – Park City
      - Theatre Educator of the Year: Phaidra Atkinson – Corner Canyon
      - Distinguished Contributor: Bob Peterson – UHSAA Executive Committee; Mark Hildebrand – UVU; Jared Kearns – UVU; Garth Rush – UHSAA Unified Track and Field
      - Distinguished Media Contributor: Ryan Comer – Ogden Standard Examiner

   **MOTION**: Mr. McKee motioned to approve the UHSAA Distinguished Service Nominees. Mr. Henke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

   **MOTION**: Mr. McKee motioned to go into executive session to discuss legal issues. Mr. Henke second. Motion carried unanimously.

   **MOTION**: Mr. McDaniel motioned to leave executive session. Mr. Bean seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

   The Executive Committee discussed holding a joint meeting with BOT in March and August.

   **MOTION**: Mr. McKee motioned the Executive Committee supports a collaborative process with all stakeholders to address specific concerns that have recently impacted policies and governance of the UHSAA. The recommendation of the Executive Committee is that the recent litigation is rescinded, and a commitment is put forth to work with legislators, state school board members and all concerned parties. Unified effort and progress will be monitored and evaluated in future UHSAA meetings. Mr. Madsen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.