

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

UHSAA Office

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

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, Jim Langford, Ty Kennedy, Wade Murdock, Brady Fails, Spencer Singer, Jim Wood, Clayton Carter, Darin Jenkins, Craig Hammer, Marc Hunter, Rob Cuff, Jeff Cluff, Brenan Jackson and Jan Whittaker. Excused: Craig Morris, Jodi Parker and Jon Oglesby. Minutes: Jeanne Widerburg

1. **Welcome and Chairperson Business:** Mr. Hammer welcomed members to the meeting. He excused Craig Morris, Jodi Parker and Jon Oglesby. He welcomed Mitch Argyle who was representing Craig Morris.

A. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Thomas shared some thoughts about the tragedy in Grantsville that impacted the high school. One of the students who was a soccer player was murdered along with other family members by her brother. He has learned from this experience how amazing people are and how they rally in a crisis and tragedy. Tooele HS and Stansbury HS were dressed in red to support Grantsville and donated money. The student body officers from the two schools posted positive sayings throughout the school. Morgan HS and Grantsville HS athletes stood hand in hand and Morgan's coaches were all dressed in red. When we stand united, we become stronger. Sometimes we find ourselves caught up in the rivalries, but this gives perspective more importantly to relationships. He thanked members for their support and then offered a prayer.

B. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Gordon stated it is difficult to watch the lack of respect shown to our country and leaders. He feels as educators they can help younger people to understand respect for leaders. He shared a quote about respect and then led members in the pledge of allegiance.

C. Minutes of January 15 Meeting (summary on UHSAA website):

**MOTION:** Mr. Taylor made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 15 meeting. Mr. Murdock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Academic All-State Deadlines, UHSAA Moratoriums, Eligibility Lists Deadlines (Refer to Ready reference Calendar and UHSAA Website): Please watch deadlines.

2. **BOT Meeting Report (January 23, 2020):** Mr. Sherwood reported the meeting.

- Chair Whitlock was excused and Ms. Richards conducted the meeting
- Mr. Cuff discussed USBA elections results for BOT members
- Ms. Belnap discussed school fees
- Fall champions and financial reports
- Calendar, website
- Dare to Lead Conference – change format and curriculum
- Unified Sports – soccer and track
- Fall ejection report

- Sportsmanship and registering new officials
- Independent Football Schools approved: Cottonwood Payson and Timpanogos
- Legislative items were discussed
- Mr. Van Wagoner was not present
- Super Fan, Circle of Fame, Heart of the Arts and Spirit of Sport Award recipients were announced
- First 2021-2023 realignment consideration
- Emerging sports would be discussed at the March meeting

Johnny Stott, Spirit of Sport recipient from Green Canyon, was also the winner of Section 7.

### 3. Winter Activities Report:

A. Winter Activities Report: Mr. Cuff congratulated winners and those teams that placed. He stated it had been an outstanding year with good weather and matchups.

B. Basketball Endowment Game Report: Mr. Cuff reported the basketball endowment game revenue was down about 3K from last year. He thanked schools for hosting endowment games. We are in the 21<sup>st</sup> year of the endowment games. The Foundation has paid a 100% premium disbursement 8 out of the last 10 years. With continued good matchups and revenue, the Foundation will be able to continue to support the catastrophic premium for schools.

C. Wrestling: Mr. Jackson said there were six days of great wrestling. Two days at SVC and four days at UVU. He appreciated the help and support at the tournaments. The 1A/2A members said the SVC site is working well for wrestling.

D. Basketball: Mr. Cluff congratulated the champions. He reported the tentative sites for 2020-2021:

6A/5A	Dee Events Center
4A	SLCC
3A	SVC
2A	SUU
1A	SVC and Richfield HS

He reported for Mr. Oglesby that a few schools had not entered their games in the RPI. This led to a delay of five hours of the ranking release. This made the UHSAA look bad when it was because of individual schools. Bonneville, Woods Cross, Box Elder, Copper Hills and Herriman did not list the games on MaxPreps. Both teams were included on the list. Either team can enter the scores. Mr. Taylor said there was one positive because it did build up anticipation and people kept checking for rankings. Mr. Cluff said there are weekly reminders for schedules and scores to be posted. This is a big deal. Overall, basketball was great. There were great championship events with three 2-point games in 5A/6A boys, close matchups, overtime games in 2A girls and 1A boys, etc. The RPI did what it was supposed to and put seeds together at the right time of the tournament. Parking continues to be a problem at the U of U, but UTA Trax does help.

E. Drill Team: Ms. Whittaker reported that the rating system used to seed the teams worked well. Quarterfinals were held and teams that had never been to state participated. The premier seating presale tickets also worked well. Mr. Taylor said he received feedback on the

late-night session and then an early start next morning. Ms. Whittaker said that schedule will flip for next year.

F. Swimming: Ms. Whittaker reported an additional session was added to the 3A meet. All events had prelims and finals. There were an additional six participants in each event, and they qualified based on times. The two tournaments were over two weekends on Friday and Saturday. BYU was able to accommodate the tournament much better with the new format. Ms. Whittaker appreciated the help received at the tournament.

G. Ejection Report (pp. 107-109): Mr. Cluff reviewed the ejection report for winter sports. He said that 20 coaches were ejected of the 40 ejections. Most of the coach ejections were in sub-varsity basketball. Mr. Langford noted that the gym is quiet for sub-varsity and everybody can hear what is said. Mr. Cluff emphasized that the sub-varsity games are the training ground for new officials. He would encourage better sportsmanship in those games. He would appreciate the varsity coaches to set the example and lead the charge of sportsmanship. He asked members to have a point of conversation with coaches and administrators.

Mr. Cluff reminded members of the new ejection policy. For example, in baseball, if an athlete is ejected in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, they must sit out subsequent games between and through the next game 4<sup>th</sup> inning of level they were ejected. In soccer, if the player is ejected first half, the player is not back in until the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the next game. Information can be found in the handbook. If there are questions, please contact the staff.

H. Swim Officials: Mr. Cluff reminded members that swim officials were added to Arbiter Sports. Two years ago, the swim officials were approved to be paid. Some officials are not being paid by schools. Ms. Whittaker said officials are paying to register, which includes background checks. The first year of background checks determined 30 individuals that should not be officiating. This year there were five.

#### 4. Calendar:

##### A. 2019-20 (pp. 110-112):

(1) 3A Baseball: Mr. Cluff said they are looking for a site. SLCC might be hosting their conference. He is looking at Lindquist Field in Ogden or switch 2A at Kearns to St. George and 3A at Kearns. Classification to discuss.

(2) Lacrosse: Semi-finals will be held at Juan Diego and Corner Canyon HS. Finals will be held at Zion Bank Stadium.

(3) Spring Soccer: Mr. Jackson reported that Rio Tinto is not available on May 9 for 2A/3A/4A boys' soccer. They are willing to host on Friday, May 8, which would move semifinals to Thursday, May 7. 2A/3A semifinals would be held at Juan Diego and 4A at Jordan HS.

**MOTION:** Mr. Langford made the motion to approve the change for 2A/3A/4A boys' soccer semifinals to be held on Thursday, May 7, and finals on Friday, May 8. Mr. Sivert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6A Boys' soccer semifinals will be held at Juan Diego and 5A at Jordan HS. The 5A/6A finals will be held at Rio Tinto on May 21.

B. 2020-21 (pp. 113-120): Mr. Cuff said the “tentative” needs to come off the tentative calendar today or next meeting. Any changes, after tentative is removed, need to be made by motion.

(1) Basketball: Discussion of 3A sites. SLCC could now be in rotation. Mr. Thomas said their region would like to consider Weber State and have a three-year rotation. Mr. Gordon said Richfield HS doesn’t feel they are at state because it is a home site to them.

Mr. Carter said 1A would like a change from SVC as well. Mr. Cuff asked if they are willing to change format to Thursday, Friday and Saturday like other classifications? It will need to be discussed in 1A. A different site could be found if the format is changed.

5A/6A Basketball would like to discuss sites. Mr. Cuff said BYU is interested in hosting again and the staff will be making a site visit. We are under contract with University of Utah through 2026 (2022, 2024, 2026).

(2) Baseball: Mr. Cluff said the Baseball Coaches’ Association has not reported their proposal for moratorium. The current moratorium runs from Thanksgiving until the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. It mirrors softball. The August date (8/10-23) needs to be removed from the tentative calendar.

(3) Spring Golf: Ms. Whittaker said spring golf has not been determined.

Calendar remains tentative until the next meeting.

5. **UIAAA:** Mr. Hunter reported the AD Conference will be held April 16-18, 2020. They have record enrollment for this year’s conference. He reported the UIAAA gave out six scholarships. Last week at the Section 7 meeting the top male and female winners were also picked as the Section 7 winners giving them an additional \$1500. He is pleased they can offer the scholarship through UIAAA cross country meet and UIAAA basketball games and the UIAAA golf tournament.

## 6. **Staff Items:**

A. Sportsmanship Items: Ms. Whittaker said the award criteria is already posted on the UHSAA website. The application link will be sent out the first part of May.

(1) Student Leadership Conference Proposal: Ms. Whittaker said the proposal was to hold the leadership conference at a region level. The UHSAA will send a representative and train region representatives in the curriculum. It could be a ½ day conference or regions could hold a full day and include information specific to their region for part of the day. She suggested September could be a sportsmanship month and all regions hold their conference then or at a time convenient to the region. Mr. Monson said they already hold a region sportsmanship conference and it is very successful. Mr. Wood asked if they could hold it on a divisional level. It was felt that would be fine.

**MOTION:** Mr. Monson mad the motion to hold Student Leadership Conference on a region level. Mr Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tournament Sportsmanship: Mr. Cluff reported two situations at state basketball tournaments where there were significant issues with some administrators. The UHSAA staff was not being supported. Administrators were yelling derogatory things at the officials on the floor. The staff was uncomfortable talking about it and yet they need to ask for administration support. There is a process for handling grievances and it needs to be used. It is a real concern for officials when administrators are the ones yelling at them. The staff counts on support from the administrators.

Schools can block out officials, but officials can also block out schools. Mr. Hammer said the staff needs support from members of the Executive Committee when assigned to tournaments. The assignment is more than handing out the trophy. Members need to be consciously aware. Mr. Perkins felt we need to layout the expectations of administrators at the tournament in the tournament information packet. Ms. Whittaker said it is written in the Sportsmanship Handbook. Mr. Sherwood said Jordan HS was sanctioned for not having enough administrators at a soccer state event. He stated there are times when there are more activities than there are administrators. Mr. Hammer said that is the reality of adding more activities. Members were asked to discuss sportsmanship and the support of administrators at tournaments during their next region meeting.

B. Drill Team Items Survey: Ms. Whittaker reported the coaches' association proposed a change in categories. The proposal was presented to ADEC and a survey was sent to schools with 80.6% voting favorably for the "Show" category. Currently, drill team has three categories – military, dance and a rotating category between kick and character. The coaches' association is proposing that "Kick" be dropped and add a "Show" category. The "Show" category would include three performance styles. This next year would be a trial year.

**MOTION:** Mr. Sherwood made the motion to approve the "Show" category for a one-year trial period for 2020-21 as proposed by the coaches' association. The "Show" category would replace the "Kick" category. Each classification would pick the three genres to be included in the "Show" routine. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. The three drill team competition categories for the 2020-21 season would be: Military, Dance and Show. Motion carried.

The following styles were selected for each classification:

- 2A – Hip Hop, Kick and Prop
- 3A – Hip Hop, Character and Prop
- 4A – Hip Hop, Character and Kick
- 5A – Hip Hop, Character and Prop
- 6A – Hip Hop, Character and Prop

Ms. Whittaker wanted to discuss a start date for drill team. This is a concern because of physicals that start on April 15. Girls are auditioning without a physical. It was discussed the number of tryouts for several different groups (dance, cheer drill, etc.) and the need to complete registration process at the schools for upcoming school year. Mr. Cuff asked if the physical date could be changed? Mr. Jackson felt the physical date could be changed to March 15 to cover the tryouts. It was suggested the third Monday in March would be the start date for school year 2020-2021.

**MOTION:** Mr. Taylor made the motion to add a start date for drill team. The start date will be the third Monday in March beginning with school year 2020-2021. Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Whittaker asked which classifications want to keep region competition. All but 5A wanted to include a region competition as a qualifier for state.

C. Golf: Ms. Whittaker said a suggestion was made to hold spring golf in St. George for all classifications. The PGA said they can make that work for 2020-21.

**MOTION:** Mr. Monson motioned to hold spring golf (2020-21) in St. George for all classifications. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Whittaker asked members to remind golf coaches that a rules/etiquette clinic is required for spring golf players. Once the clinic is complete, they must declare on the UHSAA website that the clinic is completed. If the clinic is held as a region, each coach must still declare completion on the UHSAA website.

Next fall, scoring will be reported online and it will count the slope. There won't be a yardage stipulation next year. Coaches will be able to see their ranking during the season.

D. State Solo and Ensemble Festivals: Mr Jackson announced that the Solo and Ensemble Festivals will be held on April 25 at Northridge and Provo High Schools. There is a school listing on the UHSAA website for each location.

E. Spring Football Concerns: Mr. Jackson said there are concerns with spring football practice. He emphasized there is no competitive 7 on 7 until after Memorial Day weekend. Out of state participation would be a violation. Current seniors would not be participating, it would be 9-11 graders. Call Brenan with questions.

F. Soccer Items: Mr. Jackson introduced Ms. Stacy Moon from Hurricane HS. She was present to discuss her son's circumstances with soccer and the national soccer tournament. Her son participates on a soccer team in Las Vegas that is rated #3 in the nation. He drives two hours to and from practice. The National League tournament was approved by the UHSAA, but to play in the league, you must play in your own state's state cup. The State Cup for Nevada is played in the spring (April) for the following year. Mr. Jackson clarified that Utah holds their state cup in the fall for the following National League tournament. Ms. Moon is looking for an exception for the Nevada state cup so her son can play at Hurricane HS. Mr. Cuff reminded members that the players can practice on two teams. Ms. Moon was thanked for coming in and she will be notified of the decision.

Mr. Cuff said Ms. Moon was told she needed to present to the EC to ask for an exemption. He felt it was good when high school and club can coexist. Utah soccer in spring is problematic for national tournaments. For the National Showcase in Utah, the athlete needs permission from their high school coach to participate. There is a form and process like ODP (Olympic Development Plan). The staff recommendation would be to allow the student to go through same process for the State Cup qualification which is an extension of the National Showcase. Mr. Jackson said the only difference is for Utah club soccer they have state qualifying event in the fall and all other states have their state qualifying event in April to qualify for the next year's tournament. Staff had a meeting with Senator Hemmert and Representative Roberts who had been contacted by the Youth Soccer Association and parents wanting legislation to pull soccer out of the limited team membership rule because of spring soccer. The only thing that saved the Association from legislation was that the parents did not come through the Association's process for a change. They will be attending the Constitution By-Law meeting in April. Mr. Perkins felt the exception seems reasonable. Mr. Jackson explained it could be an exception for 3 or 6 days depending if they win the first weekend. It was asked if approving the exception would put pressure on the high school coach. It would be a coaches' decision.

**MOTION:** Mr. Sherwood made the motion to allow an exception for student athletes participating in Las Vegas club soccer to participate in the State Cup held in the spring to qualify

for the National Showcase. Process and forms to be completed like ODP. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Jackson reminded members that there are no more ties in soccer because of the RPI. A reminder was sent on December 19<sup>th</sup> to administrators. He reported there are still ties being reported. Please – no more ties in soccer or any sport for varsity. Mr. Cluff said a game ending procedure needs to be developed for baseball when teams attend tournaments with time limits. Mr. Cluff will present a proposal regarding a baseball game ending procedure.

G. Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Report: Mr. Jackson said the SMAC Committee is in the process writing a letter to schools for preventative measures for the coronavirus. No more handshakes after games, but use fist or elbow bump. They are working on current information from the CDC regarding the coronavirus. Mr. Cuff said there would be no fines for cancellations/breach of contract if schools/districts close. With RPI, we could seed into a state tournament and finish out the year. There are a lot of unanswered questions regarding year end activities.

H. Special Olympic Utah – Unified Sports: Mr. Jackson reported he and Mr. Oglesby met with Special Olympics. They have new leadership and want to create a great working relationship for the Unified Sports. All schools are encouraged to participate.

I. Tennis Items: Ms. Whittaker said Mr. Oglesby has been working to find a seeding system that is agreeable to the coaches' association. UTR seems to be best, but seeding will be status quo for this spring. Please remind schools of ticketing and protocol for the spring tournament. Mr. Sherwood said 5A/6A sent a survey to all tennis coaches regarding divisionals. He feels if they have a face-to-face meeting to explain, they will gain support for divisionals. Region 4 still has concerns.

J. Track and Field Items: Mr. Cluff said Mr. Oglesby reported that a two-turn stagger will be used for the 4x200 meter relay due to existing lines at BYU. However, the Association continues to work with BYU and coaches' association to look for other options. There is a possibility a new format could be considered before the state tournament if a new option is found to be agreeable to all parties in a suitable amount of time. Qualifying marks and schedule for track state meet can be found online.

K. Lacrosse Items: Mr. Cluff reported for Mr. Oglesby. The boys' lacrosse coaches' association is working on a proposal to amend the moratoriums for lacrosse. They are trying to gain support from the girls' lacrosse association as well. Stats and game operations information is available on the website. For questions, please contact Mr. Oglesby. The lacrosse semifinals will be at Juan Diego and Corner Canyon. If a third site is needed, the staff will work to retain an additional site. Mr. Cuff said lacrosse coaches are not used to working with administration. Coaches need to be reminded to work with school administration to get games scheduled and game protocol. The new girls' lacrosse assigner is Megan Poulsen and the boy's lacrosse assigner is Grant Nielson.

L. Speech/Debate Report: The 3A Debate tournament has already happened. All other classifications are scheduled for the following week. The UDCA would like to continue to combine 1A with another classification. The UHSAA Speech Advisory Committee and UDCA are working on a proposal for judges' registration and certification. This would include a background check. The discussion will include judges' fees to help offset certification costs.

M. Communications Committee Report: Mr. Cuff reported for Mr. Oglesby. He hoped everyone was following UHSAA on social media. The efforts to promote student athletes continues to gain traction. Some of the highest posts were with Milford girls winning in basketball and Juab wrestling. The top tweet showcased Utah Jazz player, Donovan Mitchell, who attended the 5A/6A basketball tournament. Instagram followers have increased over 118% this year with 16% increase in twitter. We have over 5,500 followers. There have been over 1.4 million impressions on social media regarding positive information promoting member schools, student athletes and the UHSAA mission. KSL did a story defending our medical procedures at wrestling regarding skin checks. The medical community was very supportive. There has been positive coverage on the RPI. Thanks to those that serve on the committee.

7. **Legal Report:** Mr Van Wagoner reported on legal matters.

8. **Follow-Up Items:**

A. Executive Committee Terms (pp. 121-122): Mr. Cuff said that each region is assigned a term. The following terms end June 30. Please bring representative name to the April meeting for Region 3, 5, 6, 11, 13, 18 and 19.

B. Board of Trustees Terms (p. 123): Mr. Cuff said Marilyn Richards and Cory Anderson won their election in January. The superintendents will be determining superintendent representation for 3A/4A. The Executive Committee will decide who will be representing 1A/2A principal on the Board of Trustees.

C. UIAAA Basketball Hall of Fame Game: Last meeting, one region brought a concern if the game should be counted in the RPI. Mr. Hunter looked at the RPI and he doesn't think the game affects the schools RPI, but he admits he is bias. Mr. Cuff said it could make a slight difference in the seed. Ms. Gough said they discussed it in their region and they were asked to discuss it with the EC. No motion was made – status quo.

D. Cross Country Proposal: Ms. Whittaker asked for feedback from the regions regarding divisionals for cross country. Do they want to move forward with the proposal?

**MOTION:** Mr. Perkins made the motion to move forward with divisionals for cross country in 5A/6A. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. UHSAA Moratorium Adjustments (p. 124): Mr. Jackson reminded members that summer moratorium adjustment forms are due by May 22. The adjustment must be for the entire school.

F. Executive Committee Meeting: It was discussed if the EC meeting scheduled for June 3 could be held on May 27.

**MOTION:** Mr. Wood made the motion to move the Executive Committee meeting from June 3 to May 27. Mr. Langford seconded the motion. Motion carried.

G. Coaches' Certification: Mr. Jackson said credentials were given to certified coaches at drill team and wrestling tournaments. Ms. Whittaker said they did not have any issues. Mr. Jackson said it went well. He was amazed how quickly coaches completed their certification once a credential was required for floor access. Mr. Langford said he was in attendance and reported it went smoothly. He would like credentials for all coaches. The RegisterMyCoach

program is a mechanism provided by the UHSAA for districts/schools to track the training. The UHSAA does not specify the training programs other than the Fundamentals of Coaching and concussion training. Districts/schools can choose to use the trainings found on nfhslearn.com for the additional requirements.

H. Football 2A/3A Semifinals and Finals: Mr. Jackson said the coaches' association in 2A discussed not using a university site for finals. They suggested looking at a neutral site in the Salt Lake Valley. Members were asked to discuss this in their region meetings. Mr. Jackson said the semifinals will be held in Utah County. The games times will be spread out with more time between games and staff will encourage presale ticket sales. Mr. Sherwood felt all schools should consider using GoFan (NFHS) for selling online tickets. Mr. Oglesby will be asked to prepare a presentation at the next meeting. Mr. Wood asked about credit cards at SVC. An ATM is made available by UHSAA at SVC because of high credit card fees.

I. Volleyball Coaches' Association Items (p. 125): Ms. Whittaker referred to page 125 which summarized the coaches' association proposals.

(1) Start Date: It is proposed that the start date be the first Monday in August.

**MOTION:** Mr. Perkins made the motion that the start date for volleyball will be the first Monday in August. Mr. Langford seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(2) Contest limitations: 20 match minimum/32 match maximum is coaches' association proposal. The staff would recommend 16 match minimum/28 maximum with 3 out of 5. After discussion it was determined, 16 minimum matches with 2 tourney (max 6) or 17 minimum matches with 1 tourney or 18 matches and no tourney – all 3 out of 5.

(3) RPI formula change: 30-40-30. No motion

(4) No penalty when playing within 2 classifications. No motion

(5) Varsity sanctioned contest will be the best 3 out of 5 matches. There will be fewer tournaments with 3/5.

(6) Tournaments: Tournaments would count 1 for 1. No more matches than 4 in one day and 6 over two days. Varsity 3/5 and sub-varsity 2/3.

**MOTION:** Mr. Sherwood made the motion to approve item 2, 5, 6. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(7) Out of state play: Classification adjustment for out of state contests. Ms. Whittaker said schools on Max Preps can determine similar classification and the coach would enter classification when they put the game on MaxPreps. This would be a manual entry. It was discussed a declaration form will be created and the coach will fill it out and return to UHSAA Office when playing an out of state game. The school classification determination only needs to be done once a year with same opponent.

**MOTION:** Mr. Perkins made the motion that a coach must submit a declaration form to the UHSAA in order to play out of state games. The form will indicate the classification to be entered on MaxPreps for all sports. Mr. Fails seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(8) Hourly officials' rate for tournaments. No motion

(9) Proposal of State Tournament changes:

a. Intermixing classifications in same rounds of play – has been done before and received complaints.

- b. Start times later in the day (not before 9)
- c. Rotate 3A/4A dates with 1A/2A for weekend play. It was reported that 4A would like a chance for weekend for spectators.
- d. Move two classifications to another venue and play all games at the end of the week (Friday and Saturday at SVC). UVU and SVC are the only options with four sports courts. It was discussed it could be rotated.

The Executive Committee will take the state tournament proposal under advisement and look at possible options.

J. Emerging Sports Update: Ms. Whittaker reported the Board of Trustees members were given the EC recommendation to sanction girls' wrestling and look at the possibility of sanctioning competitive cheer. The BOT discussed boys' volleyball and everything was tabled until the March BOT meeting. A committee was formed to look at girls' wrestling, but a final vote won't happen until next Thursday at the next BOT meeting. Mr. Jackson reported the girls' wrestling committee meeting went very well and was favorable to sanctioning. Mr. Cuff reported the superintendents have concerns that the addition of activities is moving too fast. Mr. Sherwood asked members what the barriers are for sanctioning competitive cheer for 2020-21. Mr. Dunn said there were many questions being asked about the organizational structure for competitive cheer. Mr. Perkins said those making money on the current competitions have reservations about turning it over to the Association because they will lose significant income. He would like it to be sanctioned if we are prepared to find a way to make it happen. Mr. Hammer stated that if we continue to add activities the UHSAA Office will need more help. Mr. Thomas asked if adding competitive cheer would not help with Title IX issues. Mr. Van Wagoner said it would show we are trying to address the interest of girls' participation. The districts and schools have scarce resources and physical ability to do everything that is demanded. Mr. Sherwood emphasized that Title IX does not require equality, but we need to be working to show improvement on opportunities for girls.

Mr. Cuff said E Sports is being pushed. It is currently a club sport. They are using Play Versus under the NFHS umbrella. Mr. Sherwood discussed state legislation regarding school clubs. It has restricted schools' ability to have non-curricular clubs at schools. Is there any access to the legislature to include club sports that are non-curricular? Mr. Hammer said it is very difficult to separate. He doesn't know where to start. The kick back would be hard if funding went to non-curricular activity.

K. Recommendations for Article 7, section 6 (pp. 126-128): Mr. Hammer stated he was looking for an EC recommendation to the Constitution By-Law Committee regarding forfeitures. The Committee will be meeting on April 22. Mr. Webb said absolutes are difficult because there are so many factors for an ineligible player. They felt the region could make the decision knowing the circumstances. Mr. Hammer asked what the penalty should be for playing an ineligible player. It is difficult to leave it to regions because of the varying outcomes. Mr. Hammer said there needs to be a consistent penalty across the board. Mr. Webb felt it difficult to penalize an entire team when it is an adult's fault. Mr. Sherwood felt the problem is in relying solely on the tool (RegisterMyAthlete) instead of the institution being more vigilant. We can't totally count on RegisterMyAthlete and need to pay more attention. He said no matter whose fault, it must impact the game result when players that contributed are ineligible. The penalty on the adult should be more significant. Ms. Gough's region had a similar conversation, but they don't know how to impose a forfeiture without impacting all teams. That is why their conversation moved more to penalizing the coach, fine to school, etc. They also discussed that a total disqualification of the team is the only way to not impact other teams. After the discussion,

Mr. Hammer said he would report the EC could not make a recommendation to the CBL, so the committee will need to make a recommendation to the EC.

**9. Realignment 2021-2023:** Mr. Cuff reviewed the timetable for realignment found on page 129. The Policy and Procedures are discussed between January and May – August. The second part of realignment starts after the October 1 counts are complete. This is when schools are placed in classifications. The alignment is supposed to be finalized by December for the 2021-2023 school year. He presented a copy of the proposed format and procedures with the changes the BOT is considering and then discussed the changes. He discussed the possibility of not having regions, but only classifications. If we align sport by sport, it is not feasible to have regions. Mr. Dunn said his region does not want to lose regions and would like to see region champions rewarded in the RPI. Mr. Hammer distributed a 4A proposal to alter state tournament seeding. Mr. Taylor discussed his proposal. The proposal: Region champions would get the 1, 2, and 3 seeds, based on their final RPI rankings. The proposal emphasizes the importance of a region championship and makes those game matter. This would be for football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, baseball and softball. Mr. Cuff said this will skew the RPI. Mr. Sherwood said it won't be good to have an artificial inflation of RPI. Mr. Cuff said when we are locked into regions, the gerrymandering begins for alignment. Without regions, schools can create their own schedules and that will help with schools going independent. There would be sports commissioners who would be responsible for everyone having a schedule. Mr. Hammer said that will work along the Wasatch Front, but not in St. George. The communities won't buy into no regions. Mr. Cluff said the RPI is designed to take the full body of work to place in seeding for the post season. Once you start to manipulate the RPI by manual selection, points for region champions, etc., it will take away what the RPI is designed to do. Mr. Perkins said the committee was in differences of philosophy. Are we positioning to eliminate regions in the next realignment? Mr. Cuff said possibly a pilot in football only. Mr. Perkins said if we are headed in that direction, we should hear from the voice of the membership. His region will not want to devalue regions. Mr. Sherwood asked, "What is the value of regions?" Mr. Gordon said the value was to have opponents come to their school and how would schools self-report and hold each other accountable. Mr. Sherwood said that is more a governance issue. Mr. Hammer said region is important to Region 9. Mr. Sherwood suggested a large group of coaches need to hear the proposal and promote a pilot. Mr. Webb said the conversation changes as schools find out how it will affect them in the realignment. They would not want to go 6A. Mr. Cuff asked how many members are interested in aligning sport by sport. Mr. Cluff said we could do alignment differently for 1A-4A and 5A-6A. There appears to be different obstacle in the two groups. Mr. Cluff said the realignment process is difficult because of region assignment. Mr. Cuff said they can discuss with the BOT and suggest slowing the process and survey schools regarding region play. It was thought a football pilot might be feasible because they already cross classification lines.

Mr. Sherwood brought up the fact he was told that it is a Title IX issue to split the fan base. There has been concern if the girls play at 5 and the boys at 7, the boys are given the "prime" time. It is okay to play them at the same time at different sites. Ms. Gough said she represents three districts and there are differing interpretations. She said they all need to get on the same page. She said the information she has received only indicates about the time and not the day. Mr. Hammer said he would make a call to OCR.

#### **10. Reports:**

- A. 6A Athletics – nothing to report
- B. 5A Athletics – nothing to report

- C. 4A Athletics – nothing to report
- D. 3A Athletics – nothing to report
- E. 2A Athletics – nothing to report
- F. 1A Athletics – nothing to report

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

- A. Education Emphasis (p. 130)
- B. Participation...Benefits (pp. 131-132)

**12. NFHS Summer Conference – Denver, Colorado (June 28-July 2, 2020):** Mr. Carter and Mr. Jenkins were interested in attending the conference.

Next meeting: April 29, 2020