

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Sleepy Ridge Golf Course
Wednesday, April 28, 2021
8:00 am

Members Present: Greg Wilkey, Carolyn Gough, Jason Smith, Tom Sherwood, Doug Webb, Ryan Bishop, Rusty Taylor, Bill Sivert, Mike Monson, Steven Gordon, Luke Thomas, Jim Langford, Ty Kennedy, Wade Murdock, Craig Morris, Brady Fails, Kayce Fluckey, Jim Wood, Clayton Carter, Darin Jenkins, Craig Hammer, Marc Hunter, Rob Cuff, Jeff Cluff, Brenan Jackson, Jon Oglesby and Jan Whittaker. Excused: David Dunn, Joel Perkins, and Jodi Parker. Minutes: Jeanne Widerburg.

1. **Welcome and Chairperson Business:** Mr. Hammer welcomed members to the meeting.

A. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Carter talked about the school's soccer team that did not get grades (school does weekly check) and they pulled them from the state tournament. He read a John Wooden quote, "Failure is not fatal, but failure to change might be." He then offered a prayer.

B. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Monson shared some thoughts. He talked about the mob breaking into the Capitol building, disruption, rioting, demonstration, etc. We have lost the smile and human touch through Covid. What makes this nation great is the diversity of people and thought. We need to exercise respect for each other and the laws of the land. He then led members in the pledge of allegiance.

C. Mr. Hammer excused David Dunn and welcomed Rob McDaniel who was representing him. He excused Joel Perkins and welcomed Darrell Jensen, Corner Canyon principal, will be the new Region 4 Chair. Jodi Parker was excused as well.

D. Minutes of March 17, 2021 (summary on UHSAA website):

MOTION: Mr. Wood made the motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2021. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Moratoriums: Please look at the Ready Reference Calendar Guide on the UHSAA website.

F. Spring Sports Assignment Sheets: Ms. Whittaker was collecting the names of members who would be representing the classification at state spring tournaments.

G. Distinguished Service Luncheon (p. 103): Mr. Cuff gave members instructions on the Awards Luncheon to be held at noon following the meeting.

2. **BOT Report:** Mr. Sherwood reported the meeting of March 25, 2021.

- Financial Report from endowment games
- Winter activities
- USBE Report
- Winter ejection

- Calendar
- Sportsmanship Initiative
- Dare2Lead Student Leadership Conference will be held in the fall by region/multi region
- Unified Sports Track and Field
- Summer Moratorium
- BOT approved sanctioning of competitive cheer for 2021-2022, but the first Sanctioned UHSAA Cheer competition will not be held until the 2022-2023.
- Legal Report
- Distinguished Service Award winners were announced
- Elections for BOT members

3. **Activities Report:**

A. Solo and Ensemble Music Festivals: Mr. Jackson reported the virtual event went well. Submissions for state ended on April 23. The adjudicators are working on their ratings. The UHSAA Office will be mailing medals directly to schools and certificates will be emailed to music teachers.

B. Theatre/Drama: Ms. Whittaker said the theatre competitions were held in-person. There was a record number of participants. The students and advisors were appreciative that the event was held in-person. She thanked the schools that were willing to host the events.

C. Speech/Debate: Mr. Oglesby thanked everyone for their cooperation on the online competition that was held for all classifications except for 1A. He said it went very well. They look forward to being back in-person next year. He had packets for chairs to deliver to principals in their region.

4. **Calendar/Sites:**

A. 2020-2021 (pp. 104-105 and on UHSAA website): Mr. Oglesby reminded members of conflict possibilities with spring tournaments and graduations.

B. 2021-2022 (UHSAA website): Mr. Oglesby asked for any feedback to the tentative calendar. The calendar will be adopted at the June meeting.

5. **UIAAA:** Mr. Hunter reported on the UIAAA Conference. He thinks Utah is the only state that held an in-person conference both last year and this year. He thought the conference was successful. There will be scholarships offered to first time attendees to the NIAAA Conference in Denver. A link has been provided on the UIAAA website. The summer golf tournament will July 14 in Cedar Hills.

A. UHSAA Hall of Fame Basketball Games: Mr. Hunter asked if the Committee had determined if the games could be held on Monday instead of Tuesday. The revenue from the games helps to pay for UIAAA scholarships. Members approved the UHSAA Hall of Fame Basketball Games to be played on Monday.

6. Follow-Up Items from Previous Meeting:

A. Unified Sports – UHSAA/SOUT State Events: Mr. Jackson said the state has been divided into regions for soccer and those teams will play each other. The teams will be invited to Rio Tinto and some championships games in the fall. Mr. Oglesby stated that May 17 will be the State Unified Track and Field championship. It has been discussed to add basketball. The proposed format would have soccer in the fall, basketball in the winter and track in the spring. This would provide opportunities for these students throughout the year.

MOTION: Mr. Morris made the motion to add Unified Basketball. Soccer would be held in the fall, basketball in winter and track in the spring. Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Tennis: Mr. Oglesby said spring tennis will be like the format in the fall. There should not be spectator limitation. All ticketing will be digital and there will be no refunds due to contract tracing. Liberty Park has their bubble up so if there is rain, not everyone will need to move. Masks will be required.

(1) Tennis Seeding 2021-2023: A tennis coaches' meeting was held and this is the first time for all coaches to meet. It helped them to unify and recognize that region seeding is a problem. The UTR system is one consideration and divisionals a possibility for 5A/6A. The Canyon School District has built a program that is similar to the UTR to seed a divisional. Mr. Sherwood felt the meeting was very productive with the coaches. There is some concern for divisionals. Divisionals does not mean a region tournament cannot be held. The Canyon School District program should be ready for BETA testing in the fall. Mr. McDaniel felt this will make the gap wider between the socio-economic issues. There is a clear equity issue. Mr. Sherwood said there are other factors and divisionals will be a great next level event. Mr. Cuff suggested they could look at expanding the tournaments to allow more students. Mr. Taylor feels we need to provide more opportunities for students.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood made the motion to hold tennis divisionals for 5A/6A in 2021-22 and implement a ranking system to seed the divisionals. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Lacrosse Items: Mr. Oglesby reported Bingham HS and West Jordan HS have agreed to host the lacrosse semifinals and Layton HS has agreed to host the finals.

MOTION: Mr. Wilkey made the motion to approve the sites as presented by Mr. Oglesby. Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(1) Classifications: Mr. Oglesby stated lacrosse is preparing to go to 4A/5A/6A in the new alignment now that there are enough teams. A discussion was held on a pilot for a new way to realign.

MOTION: Mr. Morris made the motion to recommend to the BOT to explore a new way to realign lacrosse considering success factor. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Track Items: Mr. Oglesby thanked Davis HS for hosting this year's track meet. It is not an option to move track to BYU this year. Information is coming with tournament packets and schedules.

(1) Track seeding: Mr. Oglesby said the coaches' association has had a discussion for track seeding for the next alignment. Track and swimming use times to qualify.

E. UHSAA Moratorium Adjustments (July 4 - July 10, 2021) (p. 106): Mr. Jackson reminded members of the moratorium dates. He said it is somewhat problematic for football. There are eight days of acclimatization for actual full contact. There cannot be a team camp July 19-24 because of dead time for padded camps. Please make schools aware. The moratorium will be looked at in the future with regards to football camps. Moratorium adjustments need to be sent to Mr. Jackson for approval at the next Executive Committee meeting. Adjustments are for the entire school.

F. Boys' Soccer Survey: Mr. Jackson reported that 82 schools responded to a survey to move boys' soccer to the fall season. Sixty-six schools wanted to remain in the spring and 16 wanted to move to the fall.

Mr. Jackson said the schedule for boys' soccer had changed to work around Rio Tinto's schedule. With the change it has created a longer layoff in their season. Mr. Monson proposed for 2A/3A/4A quarterfinals be held on May 12 (Saturday) instead of May 8 (Wednesday) to shorten the layoff between matches.

MOTION: Mr. Monson made the motion to move 3A/4A boys' soccer quarterfinals to May 12. 1A/2A quarterfinals will remain on May 8. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

G. Wrestling Items: Mr. Jackson discussed wrestling items. He discussed the importance of scheduling so that the best officials are available for state. The NFHS is changing the boys' weight classifications for 2023-24 and will allow 12, 13 or 14 weight classes. The coaches' association would like to stay with 14 weight classes and begin using the new weight classes this next school year. Girls' weight classes will be changed starting at 100 pounds. The NFHS has approved six matches in one day. This would allow a one-day state tournament. A divisional in 4A/5A/6A could not happen in one-day because of going out to 8, 9 and 10th place for alternates. He then discussed the current calendar for 2021 wrestling. If the Association goes to the new format, each classification could have a one-day state meet. Mr. Smith asked if coaches have been notified of the potential change. Mr. Jackson said he was presenting the information so there could be a discussion in the region boards. After receiving that information, a survey could be sent to each school.

(1) American Fork: A request has been made by American Fork to move their wrestling moratorium from August 8 to September 5 to allow a wrestling camp at their school. No movement on their request.

H. Football: No 7 on 7 until after Memorial Day for football. Mr. Jackson said a request has been made by Skyridge and Fremont to play a football endowment game on Thursday, August 13, for KJZZ broadcast.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood made the motion to approve Skyridge vs Fremont endowment game on Thursday, August 13, for KJZZ broadcast. Mr. Taylor second. Motion carried.

I. Coaches' Certification (p. 107): Mr. Jackson suggested the AD's job could be made easier if a district develops a certification policy. The districts could list that all training offered through NFHS will be accepted.

J. Coaches' Credentials: Mr. Cluff said spring credentials have been sent to schools. Any coach not receiving a credential needs to contact Mr. Oglesby or Mr. Cluff. There is a

\$100 fine per coach for a late credential request. Mr. Cluff said some coaches submitted erroneous pictures for their credential and will not be allowed to coach in post season.

K. Executive Committee Terms (pp. 108-109): Mr. Cuff reviewed changes for next year's Committee. The term stays with the region, not the individual.

Region 3 – Todd Quarnberg
Region 4 – Darrell Jensen
Region 13 – replacement for Luke Thomas
Region 15 – Nate Marshall
Region 16 – Jade Shepherd

L. 6A Principal to BOT: Mr. Cuff thanked Mr. Sherwood for his service and contributions as the 5A Principal the past three years

MOTION: Mr. Wilkey made the motion to have David Dunn as the 6A Principal on the BOT. Ms. Gough seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Cuff reported that the superintendents have appointed Jerre Holmes to continue as the 1A/2A representative and Paul Sweat will be completing Sam Jarman's term of one year and then a three-year term as 5A/6A superintendent representative. School board members Gary Olson will serve as the 3A representative and Jeff Nielsen will represent 4A after elections were held at UHSAA.

7. Staff Items:

A. Sportsmanship Items: Ms. Whittaker said the school sportsmanship applications are available online. Encourage schools to complete the application.

B. Dare2Lead Student Leadership Conference: Ms. Whittaker said the Conference will be held on a region or multi region level. She requested regions to select a sportsmanship specialist who will attend training the end of the summer. Please send their name and contact information to Ms. Whittaker.

C. Softball: Ms. Whittaker said the 5A/6A Softball Tournament was planned for the Cottonwood Complex in SLC. Salt Lake County has implemented new restrictions and it is now problematic to hold the tournament at that site. Ms. Whittaker requested the tournament be moved to Spanish Fork. The move was approved by the 5A/6A classifications.

(1) 2A schools need to adjust their region/divisions for the new alignment.

D. Golf Items: Ms. Whittaker said with the new alignment, a determination needed to be made how to qualify for golf.

2019-2021 qualifications:

- 5A/6A – Top two schools in each region and next eight schools that qualified by overall average team score.
- 4A – Each region qualified so many teams
- 3A – Top two schools in each region (6) and next eight schools that qualified by overall average team score.

- 1A/2A – Top two school in each region (8) and 50% of the remaining schools that had complete teams.

2021-2023:

- 6A – Remain the same
- 5A – Top two schools in each region and next six schools that qualify by overall average team score.
- 4A – Remain the same
- 3A – Top two schools in each region and next eight schools that qualify by overall average team score.
- 2A – Everyone with a full team
- 1A – Remain the same

E. Drill Team Items: Ms. Whittaker needed to know if regions were going to hold a region competition. Regions could combine for a region competition. 2A – Regions 16 and 19 will hold a region competition. Monticello needs to be assigned a region. A representative from the region needs to fill out the form on the drill team page for the site, date of competition and competition director.

F. Competitive Cheer Sanctioning: There will be no state competition for 2021-2022. What is the expectation? Mr. Smith feels if it is sanctioned, they should begin following the rules. Ms. Whittaker said they need to be safety certified in May and they have already had tryouts without the transfer rule. Limited team membership needs to be discussed because there is no state competition. Should they be allowed to compete as a club? They need to be on RegisterMyAthlete in the fall, coaches need to be certified, transfers begin with start date (3rd Monday in March 2022), 20-hour rule practice, summer moratorium 2022. Competition date – week before drill or week after basketball. Discuss season in regions. There will be a committee to begin the transition.

G. Officiating Update: Mr. Cluff said boys' soccer ejections have significantly increased. Lacrosse has limited officials; rescheduled dates are not guaranteed, especially girls. Check before rescheduling busses, etc. Mr. Monson asked how we can increase the lacrosse officials? Mr. Cluff said we need to recruit and train. Two long time lacrosse officials quit because of how they were treated this year. We have sportsmanship agreement with parents, but there is no penalty. Schools are notified of issues.

(1) Basketball Camp: Mr. Cluff said they are working out the details of the camp.

H. Baseball Items: Mr. Cluff said currently we have only secured one venue for state baseball. SLCC will be used for three weeks of post season. Kearns field is not ready and not an option. BYU pulled out yesterday. UVU has not decided. Spanish Fork is an option. 3A unanimously approved baseball at SLCC May 13-15. 2A to be determined. 4A needs to be moved from UVU to SLCC – unanimously approved by classification. 5A will be played at SLCC and 6A at UVU.

I: Basketball Sites: Mr. Oglesby said they are moving towards 2A/3A/4A on the same weekend and 1A/5A/6A on the following weekend. Tentative sites:

- 1A Richfield/SVC
- 2A SUU
- 3A North (SLCC possibly)

4A Dixie State (next year northern site)
5A/6A U of U (Weber State following year)

Mr. Morris pointed out that a discussion should be held regarding that the same classifications have a shorter season year after year.

J. Grand County Girls' Basketball Request (meeting handout): Mr. Dolphin, Grand County AD, requested that Grand County Girls' Basketball be allowed independent status for the next two-year alignment (2021-2023). A Memo of Understanding was drafted. Schools playing them will not have to count the game towards their game limitation.

MOTION: Mr. Morris made the motion to approve Grand County Girls' Basketball independent status for the 2021-2023 alignment period. Mr. Fails seconded the motion. Motion carried.

K: Football: Mr. Jackson discussed possible sites for next year. 1A/2A/3A/4A will have similar schedules. Finals for those classifications will be at the same time as the semi finals for 5A/6A. Staff is trying to schedule the 4A finals the same week as the semifinals for 5A/6A. They will look at college for semis if the matchups are in the same area, otherwise semis would be at homesites.

(1) Spring restrictions: Coaches cannot coach their athletes at any competitive 7 on 7 until after Memorial Day.

L. Communications: Streaming for post season is moving from KSL.com to KSLsports.com. Home post season events can be streamed as it was during the regular season. The UHSAA state sites will be streamed by KSLsports.com.

M. Bracket Release: Mr. Cluff reported a 2A soccer score was not reported and the bracket needed to be redone. The two schools (Telos and Merit) will be receiving a \$500 fine.

MOTION: Mr. Wood made the motion to approve the fine for Telos and Merit for not reporting soccer scores prior to the 2A Soccer Bracket release. Mr. Fails seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Reports:

A. Constitution/By-Laws Report: Mr. Hammer reported on the meeting.

(1) Private School Boundaries: They were asked to present to the EC regarding boundaries in June. Mr. Cuff said the brick and mortar of the private school, whatever boundary they are in, becomes their boundary. If a private school is interested in changing their boundary, they would need to make a proposal to the EC.

(2) Transfer Rule: Currently there are five transfer considerations. Should there be a sixth reason? Mental health? What would the criteria be? No conclusion was reached. The committee wanted feedback from the Executive Committee.

(3) Hearing Panels: It was discussed how to increase the diversity of the hearing panel members. How would you expand? Complaints have not been received regarding the Hearing Panel members. The Committee tabled the item.

(4) Diversity Representation on UHSAA Boards: Mr. Cuff reported the Diversity Committee will include this item on their agenda. It was suggested that an individual approved by the Diversity Committee sit on the EC Committee if a person of diversity is not already represented.

B. SMAC Report: Mr. Jackson thanked the SMAC Committee for all their work this year. They would recommend on the Pre-Participation Physicals that Chiropractors not be allowed to approve.

MOTION: Mr. Fails made the motion to ratify the SMAC Committees recommendation to eliminate Chiropractors from giving physicals for athletes. Mr. Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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.

9. **For the Good of the Order:** Mr. Cuff provide articles for members to review. Implicit Bias is a new course from the NFHS and he encouraged members to watch and share the information.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.