

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

UHSAA Office

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

9:00 am

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

1. **Welcome and Chairperson Business:** Mr. Hammer welcomed members to the meeting. He excused Ryan Bishop and Spencer Singer. Mr. Bart Peery was representing Mr. Bishop and Ms. Carolyn Gough, Riverton HS Principal, was introduced as the new Region 3 Chair.

A. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Monson shared some thoughts as to why members serve and why athletics are important. He shared a story about a young man who had been bullied mostly about his clothes. Two students decided they didn't want to be part of the bullying and worked with the football team and friends who donated money to purchase the young man some new clothes. It made national news, and celebrities got involved and rewarded the school and the two students who started the project. Mr. Monson said it is a great story, but he feels it also sends the wrong message that we reward those who are just doing the right thing. He had a young lady at his school who wanted to do 100 days of kindness and asked permission to pursue that goal. She was a cross country runner and a father captured her stopping to help a member from the opposing school who had fallen. The father was so impressed, he shared the video with Mr. Monson. Last spring, Mr. Monson witnessed a young lady hit a foul ball and when she returned to home plate the catcher leaned over to tie her shoe. Simple acts that are so very important. Sports is more than winning, it's about being good people. He then offered a prayer.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Astle said last March he had the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. While visiting the military monuments, he had time to reflect on why he is free. At the World War II monument, he was touched by the feelings he felt at the monument and seeing an older gentleman standing nearby deep in thought. Mr. Astle reflected on his own father that fought in the Pacific in the Army. In the battle of Okinawa, his father received his purple heart. He wished his dad had seen the memorial. The monument is a sacred place and he honors those who have served, and he knows why he is free. The Korean War monument included the words, "Freedom is not Free." We need to remember those words. The Viet Nam War Monument moved him because his friend's brother's name is inscribed on the wall. Again, he remembered why he is free. At Layton's Friday night football game, he had a great experience as he was introduced to Brent Taylor's wife, Jennie. Again, he was reminded why he is free. He is grateful to those who have sacrificed so much. He then led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

C. Staff Introductions: Mr. Cuff introduced Curt Pettingill who is starting year five with the Association. Jennie Thomas started last November and Kassie Brock started in August. Mr. Cuff thanked them and shared his appreciation for their great work. The members gave them a round of applause.

D. Chairman's General Observations (including Section 7/8 Meeting): Mr. Hammer reported on the Section 7/8 Meeting. He said it was a great meeting with the Western states. Mr.

Cuff presented with Wyoming Executive Director, Ron Laird, on sportsmanship. Wyoming has been using the yellow/red card system for spectators. It has been very successful for them. He said there was a good discussion on recruiting and retaining officials and how to combat unruly fans. Classifications and RPI were discussed along with emerging sports. Many of our neighboring states play 6 and 8-man football. They feel they have saved the sport. Mr. Hammer stated that good people work at the Western state associations.

Mr. Cuff said this is the same Section Meeting the UHSAA hosted last year. The UHSAA hosts every 11 years. Classifications and alignment were items of discussion and additional factors to consider for alignment. California is using RPI as part of their alignment that is done every year. Some states use participation numbers. Most states use criteria that can't be manipulated. Procedures will be developed in August for the next alignment. Ms. Ault and Mr. Sherwood are also on the Board of Trustees and can provide feedback. Each classification has a representation by a principal, superintendent and school board member. There is also a charter school and private school rep on the Board. Mr. Hammer said there are no two states that do alignment the same. Everyone struggles trying to come up with the perfect mix.

Mr. Jackson said CIF (California) had data to show how the games went in the first round and how many runaway games vs the new RPI. CIA has a great deal of statistical information on the RPI.

E. Minutes of August 7, 2019 (summary on UHSAA website):

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood made the motion to approve the minutes of August 7, 2019. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

F. Ready Reference Calendar Guides (refer to UHSAA website): Mr. Hammer encouraged members to review the Ready Reference Calendar for deadline dates on Academic All-State and eligibility lists. UHSAA Moratorium dates can also be found.

G. Member School Dues, Catastrophic Insurance, By-Laws Confirmation and Board Credentials: Ms. Widerburg reminded members that dues and fees were due on September 15. She asked members to remind region schools of the deadline. Reminders had been sent to individual schools.

Mr. Cluff talked about the Board credentials that have been created for members. He encouraged members to wear the credential to any meeting or event where they represent the UHSAA. We are trying to establish a credential system within the Association. The next step is with all the coaches. Wrestling and Drill Team coaches will be required to have credentials at state tournaments to obtain floor access.

H. Fall Sports Assignment Sheets: Members were asked to sign up for fall sport assignments. The staff appreciates the Executive Committee members help at the tournaments.

2. **USBE Report:** Ms. Parker said a committee has been working on two set of guidance documents for PE Strength and Conditioning and Yoga. Both classes will count for high school graduation lifetime activities credit. Now there will be guidelines for these classes. She is looking for feedback on guidelines for Strength and Conditioning. Mr. Cuff sent members a copy of the guideline for review.

3. BOT Meeting Report:

A. August 22, 2019 Meeting (summary on UHSAA website): Mr. Sherwood reported the meeting.

- Three new member schools for a total of 155 member schools
- Laura Belnap provided a USBE report
- Staff orientation of UHSAA materials
- UHSAA calendar and website
- RegisterMyAthlete
- Board Members Terms of Office – elections
- Catastrophic Insurance – 100% reimbursed from Foundation/UHSAA
- Sportsmanship Program – 10th year
- UHSAA Sportsmanship Handbook has been updated
- Student Leadership Conference – June 11
- Communication Committee – promoting high school activities in the community
- RegisterMyCoach – coaches need to be certified
- Corporate Sponsors – Mountain America is our title sponsor. KUTV and Deseret Digital have post season contracts.
- Officials, background checks
- Lacrosse
- UHSAA Summit for training
- Legal report
- Legislative report
- Summer Moratorium approved for June 28-July 4
- Audit and Budget was approved

4. Region Visits (p. 48):

A. Mr. Cuff reported staff members had been assigned to regions. They would like to attend a region meeting before Christmas if possible. Please reach out to the staff member assigned to your region and discuss meeting dates. The staff enjoys meeting new principals and will discuss items of interest to the region.

(1) UHSAA Summit: Mr. Cuff reported the Summit was held in Richfield and at SLCC. They estimate 125-130 member schools of the 155 attended the Summit. The first session of the Summit focused on UHSAA issues and concerns. House Representative Carl Albrecht was the guest speaker in Richfield and Adrienne Gillespie Andrews, Weber State University Inclusion and Diversity Specialist at SLCC. The second session focused on new UHSAA items. Fan behavior was discussed and the ownership of administrators in using yellow and red card with spectators. Consistency is important in regions. Officials are walking away because of poor fan behavior. The RPI was also discussed and concerns were addressed. Coaches' certification was emphasized and the staff addressed questions. Mr. Cuff asked Executive Committee members to share their ideas for improvement of the Summit.

B. Region Reports, Agendas, Minutes: Regions need to post their agendas and minutes on the UHSAA Website.

5. **Committee Assignments (pp. 49.50):** Mr. Cuff discussed the committee assignments. If members are interested in serving on a particular committee, please notify Mr. Cuff.

6. **Football Endowment Games Report:** Mr. Cuff reported 53 football endowment games were held this fall. In 2008, 44 games were held. The revenue report will be given in November. The revenue is given to the UHSAA Foundation. The Foundation will be funding \$140,000 and the UHSAA funding \$40,000 for 100% catastrophic premium reimbursement to member schools. Boys' and girls' basketball endowment games can be played anytime during the season, but schools must apply online to be approved.

7. **Calendar (refer to UHSAA website for updates):** Mr. Oglesby discussed calendar points.

A. 2020-21 Tentative Calendar: Work has begun on the tentative calendar and will be coming soon to the UHSAA Website.

B. 2019-2020 Calendar (pp. 51-54):

(1) Debate: 5A is moving from Skyline HS to Wasatch HS. 1A Debate has enough schools to be viable for competition, but not enough schools for entire tournament on their own. 1A would like to combine with another tournament such as 4A. Crimson Cliffs HS is hosting the 4A tournament.

MOTION: Mr. Wood made the motion to approve the 1A Debate tournament to be combined with the 4A Debate Tournament at Crimson Cliffs HS. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(2) Theatre/Drama Sites: Ms. Whittaker said all classification dates and sites were approved last meeting except for 1A. The proposal is for 1A to be held April 10-11 at the Hurricane Community Arts Center.

MOTION: Mr. Jenkins made the motion to hold 1A Theatre/Drama on April 10-11 at the Hurricane Community Arts Center. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(3) Wrestling Divisionals: Mr. Jackson reported the wrestling divisionals have been set except for 1A. Piute (A) and Rich (B) will host the divisionals for 1A wrestling. 1A, 2A, 3A, 5A and 6A divisionals will be held January 31 and February 1 and 4A is February 7 and 8. Information is on the UHSAA website wrestling page.

8. **Follow-Up Items from Previous Meetings and Other Items:**

A. Sportsmanship Items: Ms. Whittaker reported that all schools were sent the information for the school video competition. The videos are due on October 31. Each classification will be awarded one \$1,000 scholarship for the member school winner. Please encourage schools to participate. The Sportsmanship Committee is working on a tier-awards program so schools could earn a bronze, silver or gold depending on criteria met. The video is part of earning a gold star.

B. Emerging Sports Update: Ms. Whittaker stated a document was sent to schools to be completed by October 31 so the Association can identify what sports and activities students are participating. The participation needs to be at a competitive level. The three districts involved in the girls' football lawsuit will be sent an official survey from Attorney General's Office for each district school to complete. The Committee will meet in November to compile the data from member schools and create the first emerging sports list. Once on the list, schools can request limited service through a form provided by the Association.

C. Student Leadership Conference: Ms. Whittaker said the Student Leadership Conference has been held for several year and the Sportsmanship Committee met and discussed the Conference. They feel the conference is very valuable, but the participation numbers are decreasing each year. The Committee is looking at the curriculum and different options to increase the participation. She introduced Shad Stevens, Athletic Director at South Summit HS, who serves on the Committee to present an idea for Student Leadership. The Committee wanted Mr. Stevens to present it to the Executive Committee for feedback before moving forward.

Mr. Stevens felt the members have dealt with hundreds/thousands of students and have influenced struggling students one way or the other. He asked members to think about times they have spent in the outdoors. He asked them to combine the two thoughts. Imagine the struggling student in an outdoor situation. Students are spending less and less time outdoors. The proposal for the Dare to Lead Conference is to provide an outdoor learning environment with the help of Sun Rock Adventures. The Sportsmanship Committee wants to provide an opportunity for students to be inspired, learn and encourage personal growth. He shared a video showing how the outdoor activities (rock climbing, river run, etc.) can get students into complete absorption learning. He feels this activity could increase participation. They have discussed arranging district busses to transport from different areas of the state. Grand County HS has agreed to let conference participants sleep at the school. The junior high has an additional gym to separate genders. The food would be catered at the school cafeteria. The event would be 2nd or 3rd week of June. Groups would be 15-20 students with advisers. He distributed the 3-day, 2-night schedule for a retreat in Moab. The cost would be \$295 per student. Mr. Stevens said they could work on some sponsorships to lower the cost. Mr. Hammer asked about liability. Mr. Stevens said the companies used are professional companies and they are licensed and insured. They can provide information to the school boards. It is important that a decision be made as soon as possible to make reservations. Mr. Hammer asked members to discuss in regions and report back to Ms. Whittaker. Are regions interested? Mr. Smith said his thoughts were about cost and liability. It would be almost \$600 for two students. Mr. Cuff said regions would need to decide if this would replace the current format because the Association can't do both. Mr. Hunter said it is the metropolitan area students that are not coming. Could we try something different and make a difference?

D. Volleyball Moratorium: Ms. Whittaker met with members of the UHSAA, UVCA USA and AAU leaders and it was suggested that volleyball coaches be allowed the same consideration as drill team to be able to select their specific moratorium dates that would best fit their school situation. They noted there is a big difference between rural and urban volleyball programs. The proposal included four options the schools could choose from.

- Option 1 – Combine the 4-week moratorium with the Christmas moratorium and New Year moratorium (this is the existing moratorium).
- Option 2 – A 4-week period beginning right after the respective state tournament.
- Option 3 – The last 3 weeks of December (Christmas moratorium included in the time frame) and last two weeks of May.
- Option 4 – 2 weeks in July (not to include the 2-weeks prior) and 2 weeks after the respective state championships.

Mr. Hammer felt regions needed to discuss with principals, AD's and coaches and bring back to the November meeting. Mr. Webb was wondering if this would open the door for other sports. Ms. Whittaker feels that volleyball is a little different because so many of the high school coaches are also coaching club ball. Mr. Perkins feels this would be a legitimate plan to address the issues. There is always a concern how to enforce. The club presidents agreed to abide by the decision made. Ms. Whittaker said the school would need to police. Mr. Morris thinks this is a

good solution for volleyball. The question will come up in every other sport. He thinks it should be looked at in a more comprehensive manner for all sports. Mr. Hammer said each sport could bring their own proposal. He also presented his concern that students specializing in one sport and playing year-round isn't the best for an athlete. He thinks this would need to be discussed sport by sport. Mr. Perkins felt the volleyball could move forward with their proposal. Mr. Monson asked if the moratorium could be determined region by region to help with enforcement.

E. Theatre/Drama Items: Ms. Whittaker said Theatre proposed adding costume design and scenic design categories. The scores would not go toward the sweepstake points. This would add six more medals per classification.

MOTION: Mr. Perkins motioned to add costume design and scenic design categories to the Theatre/Drama Festival. Mr. Monson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

F. 1A Baseball Bracket: Mr. Cluff said the bracket had been updated.

G. Officials Update: Mr. Cluff said winter sports officials have been registering. Swim officials have been registering and officials can be paid through the ArbiterPay account. Schools should have received access to the ArbiterSports account. If not, please contact the UHSAA Office. Robyn Peterson is the assigner for swimming. Basketball registration is about half of past numbers, but he anticipates more to still register. Wrestling officials are within 10. Mr. Cluff is happy to help in anyway to recruit officials. The best officials are in education because they understand high school sports.

H. Winter Schedule Deadline (October 15): Mr. Cluff reminded members that all winter schedules needed to be entered by October 15. A fine will be assessed for late entries. Spring schedule deadline is January 15 and fall deadline is May 30. Any questions should be directed to Mr. Cluff.

I. Ejections: If a player is ejected, please don't reach out to the official, but work with Mr. Cluff.

J. Football Items: Mr. Jackson reported that 2A semifinals would be held at Orem HS and 3A will be held at Mountain View HS. The championship games are scheduled at Dixie State University. Dixie State has a home game and is currently scheduling high school games at 5:00 and 7:30 pm on Saturday, November 16. It has been proposed for 3A to play on Friday, November 15, and 2A play Saturday, November 16. This would allow 4A semifinals to be held at 7:30 pm in the event two schools from the St. George are playing.

MOTION: Mr. Gordon motioned to play 3A football finals on Friday, November 15, 2A football finals on Saturday at 5:00 and in the event two St. George schools are in the semifinals they would play on Saturday at 7:30 pm. Mr. Fails seconded the motion. Motion carried.

K. Soccer Items: Mr. Jackson said it has been difficult to find sites for the semifinals for soccer. The staff would propose moving 2A, 3A, and 4A semifinals to Thursday. 2A and 3A would play at Juan Diego and 4A would play at Jordan HS. The 4A championship would be played on Friday at Rio Tinto with 5A and 6A. The 6A game would be played at 11 am, 5A at 1:30 and 4A at 4pm.

MOTION: Mr. Taylor motioned to move 2A, 3A, 4A semifinals to Thursday, October 24. The 4A finals would be held on Friday, October 25. The 2A and 3A finals would remain on Saturday, October 25. Mr. Monson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

L. SMAC Items: Mr. Jackson reminded members the SMAC Committee has suggested wet globe bulbs and information has been sent out to schools. The SMAC Handbook has been updated with the recommendations made into policy. The wet globe bulb has not been included with those policies.

M. Wrestling Items: The divisional sites for wrestling have been determined. Wrestling coaches will pilot a program for required credentials in order to be allowed on the floor. Only certified coaches will receive a credential. The credentials will be determined prior to the tournament.

Hydration testing will take place November 22-23. The information will be posted on the website next week.

N. Track Items: Mr. Oglesby reported the proposal for 4A, 5A and 6A is to add the 4x2 and 4x8 meter relay. The medley relay would not be held. Surveys were sent out and the responses were overwhelmingly positive. At their last meeting, ADEC also approved the change. Mr. Oglesby and Mr. Burley are working on schedules.

MOTION: Mr. Perkins motioned to add 4x2 and 4x8 meter relay for 4A, 5A and 6A replacing the medley races. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

O. Cross Country Items: Mr. Oglesby met with the administration of Highland HS and he would like to formally thank Highland HS for their support hosting the Cross Country meet. He reminded members to remind regions to be mindful of Highland HS property and for students to be respectful and refrain from damaging the site. Schools would be expected to help in repair costs for any damage their students or community is responsible.

Mr. Oglesby said conversations are taking place as to the future of cross country. The event has maxed out at Highland HS with increased participation numbers. He would like to form a committee to explore other potential sites and formats. Mr. Perkins asked if consideration of splitting classifications or a change of site is on the table. Mr. Oglesby said either/or or possibly both. A split could be problematic. Mr. Perkins and Mr. Taylor volunteered to serve on the committee. The committee will look at options to present to the Executive Committee.

P. Tennis Items: Mr. Oglesby said the tournament is scheduled for Liberty Park and brackets are posted. Thursdays are 5A, 6A and Fridays 3A, 4A and Saturday a mix. 6A and 4A will be the first week – October 3-5. He reminded members the event is a ticketed event. He has posted on the website the ticket entry process. Only qualified players will be allowed in without a ticket. Please remind everyone of the ticketing policy. Mr. Oglesby reminded regions that tennis officials will be paid through ArbiterPay and not through the Tennis Association.

Brackets: Mr. Oglesby said if there are concerns about the brackets, the Executive Committee has the right to change a bracket. The Executive Committee is the body that establishes and creates the brackets and votes to ratify the brackets. He mentioned there were a few concerns in 6A. Mr. Perkins said Region 4 schools are frustrated because without an RPI their region has the fewest number of seeds moving into the tournament. He stated his coaches wanted changes before the tournament, but recognized the challenges that would face. He said it is difficult to

not have an RPI when many of the sports do and recognize each week it is a neck in neck battle in their region. Top teams are being left home because of the number of seeds. He would like to see a method created to fix this problem moving forward and possibly for this year. Mr. Perkins said Region 1 has five seeds in all categories, but one. Region 2 has 3 seeds in second singles and the rest four, Region 3 has 3 seeds in third singles and the rest four and Region 4 has 1st singles and 1st doubles with 3 seeds. From Region 3's perspective, those are their strongest individuals and only have 3 seeds. Mr. Oglesby said over a two-year span it is an access ratio in Region 2/60%, Region 3 and 4/61.5% and Region 1/62.5%. Mr. Perkins said it makes sense mathematically, but looking at the players it is frustrating. They would like to see a play in between the fifth seed in Region 1 against Region 4 fourth seed. Mr. Hammer suggested Mr. Perkins make a formal proposal.

Mr. Oglesby said a member school had students participate in a tournament in St. George and competed even though their member school did not sanction their team to go. The team was listed as Draper HS and they made it to the finals. Mr. Hammer said St. George City runs the tournament and Pine View HS was the sponsoring high school. The coach was a mother who registered the kids to play. The question is whether those matches count against their contest limitation. Mr. Sherwood said he had the same situation with one of his coaches. The coach said they weren't going so a parent took the kids in a van to play tennis. The coach had no oversight or control. Mr. Hammer said the problem lies with who is running the tournament. Moving forward they will not allow any unattached team to the St. George City tournament. Members will look at it again in November. Mr. Oglesby said individuals in golf and tennis can compete unattached. This was a sanctioned high school tournament. Mr. Hammer said it needs to be cleaned up. He felt there are golf issues, too.

Q. Two-Week Prior Discussion: Mr. Perkins reviewed the reason why the two-week prior rule is in place. It was put into place to identify the start of the season, official start date and a fair tryout for students. It is not a moratorium that is giving everyone a break. He is mostly concerned with the baseball and softball two-week prior because of the pre-conditioning on players' arms. He said there is a progression that needs to be followed to save damage to students' arms. There has been precedence set for making exceptions for proper mechanics and safety for swim. He feels the coaches are leaving it up to the catchers to monitor the mechanics of throwing pitches during the two-week prior. He does not feel this is safe. With the start date one week after the two-week prior, he feels we are setting up pitchers for significant arm injuries. He had researched the fifty states and how they handle pitcher/catcher early starts. He would propose to recommend to the Constitution By-Laws Committee to allow individualized pitching instruction and conduct throwing workouts with pitchers and catchers only.

Mr. Sherwood said the issue he would have with the proposed changes is that it will become a tryout. Mr. Hammer feels they are better off with supervision to protect students. He read an article about a 12-year old catcher on a little league baseball team who participated in the 2018 little league world series. The young boy required a bone replacement surgery on his elbow due to overuse. He feels we need to take steps to protect them. Mr. Cuff said under the current rule the coach is present, but not allowed to coach. This would allow them to talk to the pitchers and correct any mechanic issues. Discussion continued. Mr. Hammer asked members to take the proposal back to regions for discussion to bring back in November. Mr. Cluff said he would send the proposal to baseball and softball coaches association to get their feedback.

R. Lacrosse Items: Mr. Oglesby reported that information was sent to all stakeholders of lacrosse inviting them to attend a meeting on Monday, October 28. Boys' lacrosse will be held

from 5-6 pm and girls' lacrosse will be held from 6:30-7:30 pm. Please have a representative present if your school is participating.

Currently, the lacrosse RPI has been set up into 6A and 5A classification. 5A would receive 5A percentages and 6A would receive 6A percentages in RPI. The state tournament is set to take the top 16 RPI scores into Division A and remaining teams into Division B. Corner Canyon suggested all teams receive 6A percentages because of the percentage consideration at the end of season for post season qualification. Mr. Oglesby felt it was a good idea so all games be weighted the same.

S. RPI: Mr. Oglesby reported the office is receiving many questions regarding the release dates. The release dates can be found on the UHSAA website. Seeds will be released and then brackets will become available. Mr. Monson felt the period when RPI is not available has presented some concern. Is it possible for at least the AD to have access to the information for making travel arrangements? Mr. Oglesby said they can't do the reveal until all games are played and verified. The UHSAA is seeing a positive response with increased viewing on the website and unique viewers. People are interested in the releases of rankings and the Association is part of people's conversations. Mr. Cluff said some press has been critical, but it is positive because the goal was to have people talking about high school sports. The staff hopes the trend moves forward to increase exposure of the students. Social media is blowing up over high school sports. Mr. Oglesby said the success of the RPI is dependent on everyone working together. We need schools to ensure schedules and scores are entered on MaxPreps and that they are accurate. Reminders are sent to coaches when there are missing scores in the schedule. It is important that school directories are updated so that the correct person is receiving the email reminders. Some schools haven't updated information in RMA since 2014. Directories in MaxPrep need to be updated as well.

The schedules and scores are so important, the staff is recommending a fine for missing game information. It is suggested a \$200 fine for 1st missing score and \$100 for each score thereafter per team. If there are multiple teams missing scores in MaxPreps at the end of season, there would be a \$1000 fine per school in addition to the per missing score fine. Mr. Hammer said we don't want to fine schools, but we need to put some teeth into the importance of scores. It is a problem for everyone, not just the individual school, if the score is missing.

MOTION: Mr. Morris made the motion to adopt the RPI fine structure. Schools will pay at the end of the season \$200 for a missing score and \$100 for each score missing thereafter. If a school has multiple sports missing, there will be a \$1000 fine in addition to the individual score missing fine. Mr. Fails seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Morris thought we should consider how we look at tournament game situations that are played at a shortened length because they count as a full game. He also thinks we should consider if out-of-state opponents in the RPI should count because he feels the RPI would be more accurate if they were not counted. Mr. Cluff said the staff felt the out of state of opponents were included because most bordering states are in MaxPreps. They also didn't want to detract from schools who are on the border that typically cross the border for some of their games. The out-of-state RPI is of lesser value, but is still beneficial. He said the shortened games were discussed, but it was determined to try it this year and then evaluate. Mr. Wood said taking away out-of-state games is problematic for some of the rural schools. He also was concerned with schools only playing six games in 1A baseball and how that affected their RPI. Do we need a minimum of games? Staff is also evaluating that situation. Mr. Morris said

in club lacrosse they had to play 12 in-state games and if they didn't, the team was not eligible for state tournament competition.

T. Academic All-State: Mr. Oglesby reminded members that the due date for Academic All-State is Wednesday, October 2. If there is a technical issue, please contact Mr. Oglesby. This is a hard deadline. Please remind those involved.

9. **Legal Items:** Mr. Van Wagoner reported that we are waiting on a motion from the federal judge regarding the girls' football lawsuit. He said they have been working on depositions of expert witnesses. Mr. Van Wagoner said there have been many UHSAA transfer hearings, but they are going well.

10. **UIAAA:** Mr. Hunter said the UIAAA has sent a letter to every superintendent and principal regarding the certification of athletic directors. The list of certified AD's is available on the UIAAA website. The UIAAA Cross Country meet will be held on Friday, September 27. They have 23 teams coming. They are hoping to raise \$2000 to go towards their scholarship fund for athletes. This year, they will be awarding six \$2000 scholarships thanks in part to a donation. A link will be sent to schools the end of October. The 40th Anniversary AD Conference will be held April 16-18. The UIAAA is looking for suggestions for workshop topics. The UIAAA had a great turnout for the new AD workshop. Encouragement for certification helped to bring out 33 participants.

11. **Reports:**

A. Communications Advisory Committee: Mr. Oglesby reminded members to encourage school accounts that are managed through Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to follow the UHSAA accounts.

B. Music Advisory Committee: Mr. Jackson needed to have region music chairs reported on the form he was sending around in preparation of the Solo and Ensemble Festival.

C. 1A Athletics: Nothing to report.

D. 2A Athletics: Mr. Morris said the 2A, 2nd round of boys' and girls' basketball will be held at Snow College in Ephraim on February 14-15.

E. 3A Athletics: The 3A, 2nd round of boys' and girls' basketball will be held at USU Eastern in Price. The classification runs the tournament.

F. 4A Athletics: 4A is holding 1st and 2nd round basketball at home sites.

G. 5A Athletics: Nothing to report.

H. 6A Athletics: Nothing to report.

12. **For the Good of the Order:** Mr. Cuff said the Awards Committee will meet prior to the next meeting on November 13 at 7:30 am. The Distinguished Service Award and Super Fan Award nominations are due on November 1. Forms were included in the meeting packet. Regions select the DSA nominee. A one-page bio and letter of recommendation needs to be provided with the nomination. Any member school can nominate a Super Fan.

- Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.