

## CHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

CHSAA Office – 8:00 a.m.

### 1.0 ROLL CALL

President Land convened the meeting at 8:05 a.m. All members were present with the exception of Nancy Todd, Colorado State Legislature and Tom Sifers, Colorado Association of School Boards.

P	Don Anderson	A	Tom Sifers
P	Kevin Aten	P	Stephen Strong
P	Harry Bull	P	Dennis Tjaden
P	Dave Callan	A	Nancy Todd
P	John Condie	P	Paul Angelico
P	Alex Halpern	P	Rhonda Blanford-Green
P	Richard Hargrove	P	Bert Borgmann
P	Andy Johnson	P	Bill Reader
P	Dick Katte	P	Tom Robinson
P	Kevin Land	P	Bethany Schott
P	Shelli Miles	P	Harry Waterman

### 2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of CHSAA Executive Committee meeting of October 1, 2008 – It was moved (Miles) and seconded (Katte) to accept the October 1, 2008 Executive Committee Minutes. The motion carried unanimously without discussion.

2.2 Information Items – President Land directed the committee to the correspondence enclosed in the agenda packets.

### 3.0 ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

President Land asked the group for additional agenda items and none were offered.

### 4.0 REPORTS AND OLD BUSINESS

4.1 President's Update – President Land gave his President's Update and reported on solid fall season championships. He also expressed gratitude for serving as president of the committee.

4.2 District Reports

District 1 – Western Slope – Andy Johnson reported on the Western Slope League meeting yesterday. The 4A classification had no new concerns. He spoke of a possible 3A girls' tennis proposal and a forthcoming 2A volleyball proposal. The league is not in favor of the volleyball proposal due to the increased travel.

District 2 – Centennial, Frontier, Northern – Harry Bull did not have a report.

District 3 – High Plains, Lower Platte, Mile High, North Central, Patriot, Union Pacific, YWKC – Dennis Tjaden did not have a report.

District 4 – Jefferson County, Skyline – President Land reported that the Skyline League had selected Joe Shehan from Skyview High School to represent District 4 on the Executive Committee next year. Jefferson County is concerned about their election and mill levy increase not passing and the inevitable financial repercussions. Kevin mentioned that there will be a bylaw from the Jeffco League brought forward regarding the overlap in the winter/spring seasons, and also that Nick DeSimone, Wheat Ridge High School, is looking to bring a bylaw forward regarding volleyball game limits.

District 5 – Denver, Metropolitan, Northern Front Range – Dick Katte reported that the Denver Prep League is proud of their two fall state championships: Denver East (boys' soccer) and an individual cross country champion (Denver North). The Northern Front Range League is concerned about the dwindling number of teams in their schools. He also reported that Lookout Academy (formerly part of the Metro League) is no longer offering athletics, which is causing scheduling concerns in the league.

District 6 – Continental, Front Range, 5280, Pioneer – Dave Callan reported that the Pioneer League is a new league consisting of five schools. The 5280 League reported they like they have a voice. The Continental League's biggest concern is lower level teams, as well as their bond not passing.

District 7 – Black Forest, Colorado Springs Metro, Tri-Peaks, West Central – Shelli Miles reported that the CS Metro League is concerned about some inexperienced AD's.

District 8 – Fisher's Peak, Intermountain, San Juan, Southern Peaks, Southwestern – Steve Strong reported that the Intermountain League is concerned about travel costs, consistency of officiating across the state and obtaining top level coaches. The Fisher's Peak League reported that they don't like the "all class" state track meet. The Southern Peaks League is concerned about travel expenses. The San Juan League reported that Mancos is looking to play 8-man football instead of 1A.

District 9 – Arkansas Valley, Santa Fe, South Central, Southeastern – Richard Hargrove reported on a great state volleyball tournament. He spoke broadly for the leagues and mentioned that increased travel costs for football playoffs is still a huge concern.

#### 4.3 Association Reports

4.3.1 School Board Association Update – Tom Sifers was absent and thus no report was given.

4.3.2 State Department Update – John Condie reported on several unfortunate situations in the schools that reinforced the importance of training and preparing people for all circumstances that may arise.

4.3.3 CADA Update – Dave Callan reported that CADA had spent quite a bit of time at the last meeting talking about volleyball tournaments and scheduling concerns. They also had a conversation regarding the geographically based playoffs. In addition, they are looking at CADA's executive board structure and are planning their spring conference.

4.3.4 CASE Update – Kevin Aten reported that CASE had discussed some of the Executive Committee's proposed bylaws. Kevin reported that his league is concerned about restructuring and realignment. Don Anderson reported that their mill override budget didn't pass and on concerns about 2A volleyball and positive basketball officials travel (less). Don also reported that the CASB Convention will be held December 4-7, and at that meeting, it will be decided who will replace him as the CASE Superintendent representative on the Executive Committee.

4.3.5 Legislative Update – Nancy Todd was absent and thus did not give a report.

4.4 Commissioner's Update – Commissioner Bill Reader welcomed the committee, thanked them for their time and indicated that the fall had been very successful with our state championships that had been conducted thus far. He said that attendance was good, sportsmanship was apparent, and we were blessed with good weather. There were over 700 participants at the Student Council Conference, which is a huge increase from years past. State golf had its first 3A Championship. The transition went well and there was approximately a 50% increase in qualifiers. State tennis was scheduled a week later this year in order to avoid a Jewish high holiday. State softball went smoothly and attendance numbers were quite high. Cross country was held at a new site, Fossil Ridge High School. This was the first time that 2A had their own classification. State gymnastics went smoothly and ran well. State field hockey had great crowds and was successful. State soccer had the best tournament they've had in years. State volleyball was well organized and went very well. State football is in great shape and is moving forward.

4.4.1 Probation Action List – It was moved (Aten) and seconded (Anderson) to remove the schools/coaches listed from probation. Commissioner Reader spoke positively for the removal of probation for the schools/coaches listed. The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved (Aten) and seconded (Hargrove) to table the Roaring Fork restriction. The committee discussed the situation and decided there wasn't enough information to warrant the removal. The committee unanimously agreed to table the request for the removal of restriction.

4.4.2 Commissioner's Goals Update – The committee was directed to the Executive Committee's Goals for the Commissioner and the status of the completion of each goal.

4.4.3 CHSAA President Election 2009 – President Kevin Land indicated that his term would expire in June 2009. He informed the Executive Committee that if there was somebody who was eligible to run for President, that person should submit a letter to the CHSAA Commissioner prior to the Christmas break indicating their intent. Commissioner Reader said that the Executive Committee will select their nominee at the January 2009 meeting and place that person in nomination at the Board of Control the next day. The final vote for the President will happen at the April 2009 CHSAA Board of Control.

- 4.4.4 Electronic Voting Equipment – The Executive Committee heard information concerning the purchase of electronic voting equipment for the CHSAA Board of Control. It was the decision of the Executive Committee to purchase this equipment from eInstruction with the intent of implementing the use of this equipment at the January Board of Control. There was discussion on leasing and possible trade agreements as a corporate sponsor in order to cut costs. Dave Callan wants it to be noted that this device won't just be used two times a year; he can see many other different uses for it. It was moved (Aten) and seconded (Hargrove) to buy the eInstruction System. Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- 4.5 Treasurer's Update (Oct. 31, 2008 Budget Report) – Commissioner Reader reviewed the budget report for October 31, 2008. He indicated that we are considerably behind where we were last year at this time in regards to income over expenses, primarily due to three items – a huge increase in the refund paid to member schools, a huge decrease in corporate income and a loss of interest income due to declining markets.
  - 4.5.1 Corporate Update – Assistant Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green updated the committee on the corporate sponsorship situation. She has been very successful in acquiring funds despite the economic conditions. Rhonda also mentioned some specific sport sponsorships.
- 4.6 Legal Update
  - 4.6.1 Anders Horn Update & Denver East Athlete Lawsuit – CHSAA Legal Counsel Alex Halpern reviewed the preliminary outcome of the Anders Horn arbitration and a lawsuit placed against the Association regarding a Denver East athlete. He indicated that the lawsuit with the Denver East athlete had been dismissed by the court and the Anders Horn arbitration was still in process.

## 5.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 5.1 Bylaw Proposals – Final Review – Associate Commissioner Paul Angelico presented for final review the bylaw proposals sponsored by the CHSAA Executive Committee. All proposals were discussed and it was decided to continue forwarding these proposals without change. There was further discussion regarding the bylaw proposal, "Amendment of Committee Reports." It was moved (Tjaden) and seconded (Bull) to move forward. The motion passed. Also, there was discussion regarding the "Demonstration Sports" proposal. It was moved (Condie) and seconded (Miles) to drop the proposal. The motion failed 2-8. All proposals will move forward.
- 5.2 Jewish Holiday Accommodation Request – Commissioner Bill Reader reviewed the situation this past fall where some CHSAA member schools had scheduled events on the Jewish High Holidays. There was a question raised since these schools had Jewish students who would then have to make a choice to participate or observe their faith at that time. The Anti-Defamation League became involved through the media with a request that the Colorado High School Activities Association not schedule any interscholastic athletic or activity events on the Jewish High Holidays of Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah.

The Executive Committee encouraged increased communications between students, parents and schools concerning religious observances, but elected not to sponsor a by-law that would prohibit all competition in Colorado, whether post-season or regular season, on the Jewish High Holidays.

- 5.3 Committee Report Amendments – Associate Commissioner Paul Angelico indicated that at this particular point there were no committee report amendments submitted.
- 5.4 Executive Committee Districts – District 3 Representative, Dennis Tjaden, questioned the composition of the Executive Committee districts. He indicated that his district had the most leagues of any district. He indicated that a league would have to wait 28 years before they had an opportunity for a position on the Executive Committee. It was explained that his district has the largest number of leagues of any Executive Committee district, but the smallest number of students of any Executive Committee district. After discussion, this agenda item was tabled until the August 2009 Executive Committee Retreat.

## 6.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.1 CLOC Report
  - 6.1.1 Classification Ranges Bylaw Proposal - 2010-2012 – Commissioner Reader forwarded a classification enrollment range proposal from the CHSAA Classification and League Organizing Committee for their consideration. The Executive Committee elected to support the CLOC Report for enrollment classification ranges for the 2010-2012 cycle. Further discussion indicated that there were no changes being proposed by the CLOC in the football classification enrollment ranges for 2010-2012. It was moved (Aten) and seconded (Bull) to adopt the CLOC proposal. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6.2 December 3, 2008 Budget/Property Administration Committee Meeting – Commissioner Reader indicated that the Budget and Property Administration Committee meeting would happen on December 3, 2008. He indicated that this meeting is primarily looking at the overall budget picture to this point and projecting how that could be used to develop a line item budget for 2009-2010. He invited the Executive Committee members to attend this meeting if they so chose.
- 6.3 Foundation Report – Assistant Commissioner Bert Borgmann gave a report for the Foundation for High School Student Activities. He indicated that the Foundation has a balance of \$159,857; he indicated that procedures for applications for grants from the Foundation are being developed, and finally indicated that the Foundation will have its next meeting in January.
- 6.4 Speech Tournament Site/Date – Associate Commissioner Paul Angelico asked the Executive Committee for approval to move the date of the State Speech Tournament up one week due to facility availability. The committee approved the request.

**7.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the committee, it was moved (Katte) and seconded (Anderson) to adjourn the meeting. There was no discussion and the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

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Bethany Schott  
Assistant Commissioner

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William R. Reader, Ed D  
Commissioner