

CHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

CHSAA Office – 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1.0 ROLL CALL

- 1.1 Welcome – President Shelli Miles, Widefield High School, requested a roll call from CHSAA Assistant Commissioner Harry Waterman. All members of the CHSAA Executive Committee were present.

P	Kevin Aten	P	Tom Sifers
P	Harry Bull	P	Stephen Strong
P	Dave Callan	P	Dennis Tjaden
P	John Condie	P	Nancy Todd
P	Alex Halpern	P	Paul Angelico
P	Andy Johnson	P	Rhonda Blanford-Green
P	Dick Katte	P	Bert Borgmann
P	Carl Lindauer	P	Bill Reader
P	Shelli Miles	P	Tom Robinson
P	Randy Miller	P	Bethany Schott
P	Joe Shehan	P	Harry Waterman

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2.1 Minutes of CHSAA Executive Committee Meeting of October 7, 2009 – It was moved (Tjaden) and seconded (Katte) to accept the CHSAA Executive Committee Minutes from the October 7, 2009 meeting. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.
- 2.2 Information Items in Packet – President Miles directed the committee members to the information items in the packet given to each committee member for their review.

3.0 ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

President Miles asked for additional agenda items. Board member Nancy Todd requested that an additional agenda item concerning a proposed state law be added to the agenda. President Miles placed this item on 4.3.5-Legislative Update.

4.0 REPORTS AND OLD BUSINESS

- 4.1 President's Update – CHSAA President Shelli Miles welcomed the committee to the meeting. She reviewed the busy agenda for the day. She indicated that lunch would be brought in rather than going out as had previously been planned. Finally, she indicated that there would be an eligibility appeal to be heard today at 11:00. She wished the committee members well in their deliberations with the very busy agenda for the day.

4.2 District Reports

- District 1 - Western Slope – Andy Johnson reported that it would be the preference of the Western Slope that geography be the #1 consideration in the playoffs.
- District 2 - Centennial, Frontier, Northern – Harry Bull reported that the Frontier League is in a financial crisis and would be in favor of a reduction of regular season contests.
- District 3 - High Plains, Lower Platte, Mile High, North Central, Patriot, Union Pacific, YWKC – Dennis Tjaden expressed concern about co-ops only having one team for several schools.
- District 4 - Jefferson County, Skyline – Joe Shehan reported that the Skyline League will increase to a 13 school league.
- District 5 - Denver, Metropolitan, Northern Front Range – Dick Katte expressed concern with travel for officials to district games for the sole purpose of providing neutral officials. He also asked if playoff games could be played earlier if weather forecasts are a concern on game days. Clarification was requested regarding who can be listed on the gate lists.
- District 6 - Continental, Front Range, 5280, Pioneer – Dave Callan reported that the Pioneer, Front Range and Continental leagues have some concerns around the change of league affiliation. Dave also expressed that declining enrollment is becoming an issue.
- District 7 - Black Forest, Colorado Springs Metro, Tri-Peaks, West Central – Shelli Miles reported that several new teams will be joining the Tri-Peaks League. Money is a key issue for their league. The Black Forest League has concerns about 1A track. The CSML has concerns with football scheduling if 4A/5A conferences are approved.
- District 8 - Fisher's Peak, Intermountain, San Juan, Southern Peaks, Southwestern – Steve Strong had no report.
- District 9 - Arkansas Valley, Santa Fe, South Central, Southeastern – Carl Lindauer expressed difficulty in securing officials for volleyball. There does not appear to be a set of new volleyball official recruits on the horizon.

4.3 Association Reports

- 4.3.1 School Board Association Update – Tom Sifers informed the committee that the CASB Winter Convention will be in December in Colorado Springs.
- 4.3.2 State Department Update – John Condie reported that the educational content standards will be adopted in December by the State Board of Education. The CDE is trying to unify one plan for accreditation.
- 4.3.3 CADA Update – Dave Callan indicated that one of the CADA goals is to speak to more outside organizations. The CADA will bring in CASE speakers for this year's conference.

- 4.3.4 CASE Update – Randy Miller is searching for information on how many athletic directors are full time teachers. He requested that there be flexibility in setting game times in the playoffs.
- 4.3.5 Legislative Update – Nancy Todd reported that the budget is in dire straights and everyone is going to feel the effects. Consolidation and streamlining will be strongly considered in all areas including education. The CSAP revisions are in the works and teacher/administrator evaluations will be reviewed and adjusted. Nancy also reviewed proposed legislation that would cause professional athletes who are fined for poor sportsmanship while competing in Colorado to forward their fine to some group or foundation in Colorado so that Colorado students may benefit from the poor behavior shown by these professional athletes. She said at this particular point this is in the formative stage, but was seeking input so that she may go forward with this bill.
- 4.4 Commissioner's Update – CHSAA Commissioner Bill Reader gave his report of the recent activities since the last CHSAA Executive Committee meeting. He congratulated Executive Committee members who had a team or teams that were very successful in the recent state playoffs in all sports. Dr. Reader commented on the weather induced rescheduling of the state cross country, field hockey and soccer events as well as the fall student leadership conference. As a result of the cancellation, the CHSAA donated the food that was guaranteed for the student leadership conference to a homeless shelter. He also reported that Colorado had two inductees to the inaugural NIAAA Hall of Fame, Alice Barron and Rob Conklin. Finally, he asked if anyone had comments or questions, and then wished the committee members well with their deliberations during the day.
 - 4.4.1 Probation Action List – Commissioner Reader reviewed the probation action list and recommended the removal of the names on the list. It was seconded (Aten) and approved unanimously.
 - 4.4.2 Commissioner's Goals Update – Commissioner Reader briefly and succinctly stated that all goals were on-going, which drew criticism, but laughter from the committee members.
 - 4.4.3 Assistant Commissioner Bert Borgmann reviewed the number of coach ejections in the past year. The numbers revealed an alarming number of ejections.
- 4.5 Treasurer's Update - October 31, 2009 – Commissioner Reader quickly reviewed the October 31, 2009 budget report. He indicated that it's too early in the budget cycle to establish any trends or future projections. He did highlight a few areas where income was solid or greater than expected and a few expenses that were less than what had been projected. He finalized his comments by indicating that the budget looks reasonable at this time.
 - 4.5.1 Corporate Update – Assistant Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green gave a detailed and complete report on the corporate contributions and corporate contracts currently held by the Association. She was very cautious about the future of corporate income for the Association due to the financial times at hand. She indicated that during this year the Association was in a holding pattern with new corporate contracts, but at the end of the year and based on the financial status of our society at that particular point, she would work to increase our corporate contributions.

- 4.5.2 December 2, 2009 Budget/Property Adm. Committee Meeting – Commissioner Reader indicated that the Budget Committee meets twice during the year, once in December and once in March. The December meeting is more philosophical in nature asking the committee for recommendations for the development of the line item budget. Executive Committee member Randy Miller, who also chairs the Budget Committee, made some comments about the budgeting process as well.
- 4.5.3 T-Shirt Vendors – Associate Commissioner Paul Angelico reviewed the current status of our T-shirt vendor, Kukulski Brothers. He indicated that the Kukulski Brothers still owe the Association approximately \$35,000 to meet their contractual obligations for the 2008-2009 school year. He said that they had had on-going conversations about the lateness of this money and their struggle in these financial times. Paul believed that this Association should invest in people. He believes that the Kukulski Brothers will meet their financial responsibilities when financial times do improve. Further, he also indicated that there was a possibility they may renegotiate the contract to bring their financial obligations to a current state. This item will be placed on the January Executive Committee Agenda for review.
- 4.6 Legal Update – Alex Halpern, CHSAA legal counsel, indicated that there was no current litigation for the Association and very little in the way of legal considerations.
 - 4.6.1 LRG Proposal – Commissioner Reader and Alex Halpern reviewed a proposal from the LRG licensing group that would cause T-shirt vendors such as Walmart, Walgreens, etc. to license their product and have a financial responsibility to the schools for which they sell T-shirts. Questions, answers and review of the contract followed. Commissioner Reader was instructed to put this concept on the January Outreach Agenda so that this concept can be reviewed by our member schools.
 - 4.6.2 Personnel – The Executive Committee announced the status of the process for replacing retiring Commissioner Reader. It was moved (Bull) and seconded (Katte) that Paul Angelico be moved forward in the process to determine the next Commissioner.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 5.1 By-law Proposals – Final Review – Paul Angelico quickly reviewed the by-law proposals submitted by the Executive Committee for final review. There were very minor corrections made to these proposals.
 - 5.1.1 Head Trauma By-law – Assistant Commissioner Bethany Schott reviewed a new by-law proposal not considered by the Executive Committee prior to this time concerning releases for return to competition by students who suffer head trauma. This new proposal was reviewed, slightly corrected and will be forwarded to the CHSAA Board of Control.
- 5.2 Committee Report Amendments – The committee quickly reviewed committee report amendments and by-law proposals submitted by CHSAA member leagues for consideration at the January Board of Control.

- 5.3 Football Conference Update – Assistant Commissioner Harry Waterman showed the committee his final proposal for football conferences for the 2010-2012 classification cycle. There were no changes made.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1 CLOC Report – Commissioner Reader reviewed the agenda for the CLOC meeting that happened on November 16-17. He quickly reviewed the highlights of the meeting and indicated that it was a great success.
- 6.2 Foundation Report – Assistant Commissioner Bert Borgmann, the Secretary-Treasurer for the CHSAA Foundation, gave a review of the balance forwarded and activities of the CHSAA Foundation for Student Activities.
- 6.3 Video Conferencing Demonstration – Assistant Commissioner Bethany Schott and Commissioner Reader conducted a demonstration of the video conferencing equipment recently purchased by the CHSAA. Included in the demonstration was Don Anderson from Burlington and Richard Hargrove from Springfield High School.

7.0 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- 7.1 Archuleta Appeal – At 11:00, an eligibility appeal was held concerning a transfer waiver for Taylor Archuleta, a student at Legacy High School. Reports were given by Dr. Reader and the Archuleta family followed by a lengthy discussion. A motion was made (Bull) and seconded (Callan) to go into Executive Session. After deliberations, it was moved (Bull) and seconded (Callan) to come out of Executive Session. It was then moved (Sifers) and seconded (Callan) to reverse the decision of the Commissioner. The motion failed with 3 in favor and 10 against. The decision of the Commissioner was upheld.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the committee, it was moved (Bull), seconded (Shehan) and passed to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

Harry Waterman
Assistant Commissioner

William R. Reader, Ed D
Commissioner