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MINUTES OF THE
WOA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
March 24, 2000

In Attendance Friday, March 24, 2000

President Ken Jones called the meeting to order at 9:02am. The following Board members were present:

Board Member

Ken Jones (President)
Jim Carter (Vice-President)
Jack Reynolds
Larry Hearst
Ed Rhoades
Chic Sale
Steve Colby
Cindy C-Wilson
Pam Calnan
Tom Jones
Dick Eglet
Dan Mencke

WOA Region

Region 3 Associations
Region 1 Associations
Region 2 Associations
Region 4 Associations
Region 5 Associations
Region 6 Associations
Region 1 Boards
Region 2 Boards
Region 3 Boards
Region 4 Boards
Region 5 Boards
Region 6 Boards

Ex-Oficio Members Present: George Eastman, soccer and Dean Ratliff, gymnastics.

WOA Staff present: Executive Director Mike Colbrese and WOA Coordinator Todd Stordahl.

WIAA Staff present: Tim Stevens, Technology Coordinator

Tom Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by introductions of all present.

Mike Colbrese gave an update of the status of the WOA Coordination, introducing Todd Stordahl as the new WOA Coordinator.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dan Mencke requested to add an item regarding softball uniforms to the agenda. **George Eastman/Tom Jones** moved to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion passed.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

George Eastman/Pam Calnan moved to approve the minutes of August 13, 1999. **Motion passed.**

BOARD REGIONS DISCUSSED

Mike Colbrese raised the issue of the size of the WOA Board and the size of each region represented, especially given the number of representatives from east of the mountains. He suggested that the Board consider dividing the east side more along WIAA District boundaries. The primary concerns are representation for North Central, Northeast, and Southeast Washington. **Tom Jones/ Cindy C-Wilson** moved to place an item on the August agenda to develop a constitutional amendment that would realign the WOA Regions based upon feedback from the respective regions and data from the state office. **Motion passed.**

WOA FEES FOR 2000-2001 AND OFFICIAL REGISTRATION DATE

The group discussed the impact that the two issues will have on WOA membership fees. The NFOA will be increasing dues by \$2.00 to \$10.00 and the WOA will begin assessing a Hall of Fame fee of \$1.00 for all officials beginning 2000-2001. In the process of determining WOA fee levels, the question of when an official's registration with WOA becomes official was raised. **George Eastman/Dan Mencke** moved that WOA registrations be considered complete when received by mail or when notice received by application via website/email, fax, or phone. **Motion passed.** Larry Hearst was directed to reword the By-Laws to incorporate this motion.

Tom Jones/Dan Mencke moved that registration dues be increased to \$30.00 per official per sport effective June 1, 2001. **Motion passed.**

The Blue Mountain Basketball Officials Association expressed concerns that benefits received for registering for sport (i.e. Boys' and Girls' basketball, Boys' and Girls' Soccer) are not double that of single sports (books, clinics, insurance). Discussion resulted in consensus that registration procedures and fees be left as is. (The Board held significant discussion on this issue during the previous school year.)

Assault legislation

The bill submitted by the WIAA passed through Senate and House, but did not make it out of Rules, but was killed when a House Representative attached a rider to the bill.

Terms for Fee Review Committee

WIAA committees currently meet for three-year terms, but Fee Review meets only every other year. A proposal is being passed on to the WIAA Executive Board to extend the term of the Fee Review Committee to allow each member an opportunity to serve a term of three regular meetings.

George Eastman/Cindy C-Wilson moved to recommend to the WIAA Executive Board to reword the Fee Review Committee term from three years to three regular meetings. **Motion passed.**

George Eastman/Cindy C-Wilson moved to recommend support of the Fee Review committee's action. **Motion passed.**

Expectation/Terms of Rules Clinician

Cindy Adsit presented a form outlining expectations of rules clinicians and the reasons for which a clinician would be released. The purpose is to assure that all clinicians are aware that the term is one year and must be renewed annually.

Clinic Scheduling

Feedback from athletic directors and coaches indicates that they are concerned about the amount of content that is official specific, rather than generic to rules changes. The office is moving toward coordinating all sports clinics for a season at the same location, the same night, and the same time. The advantages are that such a format will allow all coaches from a school to travel to one site, league meetings, and better dialogue between coaches and officials.

WIAA/WOA Camps

Camp information has been sent out only for football at this time. Football, basketball, and volleyball camps will be held this summer. Concerns were raised about the goals of the camps such as audience and sites. The Board reaffirmed its position that the camps are for younger officials with support from veteran officials. The consensus was that information should be provided as early as possible, but the realities are that dates are typically not available for some camps because the institution hosting the camps may delay announcing their dates. The staff was urged to work on getting basic information out as soon as possible.

Process for criminal background checks

The process for performing criminal background checks has gone well. Assigning Secretaries have indicated their need to have some assistance in the process of working through the notification of officials as to their dismissal. The office is facing the challenge of dealing with out-of-state officials by requiring them to submit background checks from their respective state.

Associate fee for student officials

Marc Blau of the Pierce County Volleyball Board submitted a proposal requesting a fee structure to allow student officials to work middle level games under an "associate fee." Under the proposal, the fee would cover administrative expenses for WOA and NFOA registration as well as materials. Student officials would receive training and testing by the board and would be responsible for obtaining their own rulebooks (either through the board or other source such as WOA). The purpose of the program is to facilitate the use of collegiate students, who normally become available after the season has begun, as officials. **Pam Calnan/Cindy C-Wilson** moved to direct staff to develop such a fee available to all associations upon request, provided written implementation is provided. **Motion passed.**

Strategic Plan

Priorities #2 (training of officials) and #3 (retention of officials) are being worked effectively. The #1 priority (recruitment of officials) still continues to be addressed.

Hall of Fame Committee

Larry Hearst/Cindy C-Wilson nominated Chic Sale to serve as Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee. His role is to work with Ken Jones and staff to select a committee comprised of a varied membership and develop the application process and identify the first group of recipients.

Three-person basketball mechanics

The Three-person Basketball Committee had submitted their recommended plan of action following their fall meeting. The concept of three officials is receiving mixed support from schools because of costs. Mr. Colbrese reported that the Washington State Basketball Coaches Association is not in favor of three-person mechanics. **Larry Hearst/Dan Mencke** moved to accept the three-person mechanics report and to take no action upon the proposal until such time as adequate input has been generated from WIAA member schools and WOA Assigning Secretaries to indicate that implementation is desirable. **Motion passed.**

Dan Mencke/Ed Rhoades moved to allow approval of three-person mechanics on an experimental basis provided the following conditions are met: there is no variance in the fee per official; approval is given by both schools involved; an adequate written training and evaluation program is in place with approval by the WIAA Executive Director, and the program is in place for both genders. **Motion passed.**

Pam Calnan/Cindy C-Wilson moved to summon those associations/boards before the WOA Executive Board in August to address their use of three officials during the 1999-2000 season. **Motion passed.**

Mark Reilly of Spokane Women's Basketball Board requested that the WOA consider a proposal to have three officials in attendance for back-to-back games and receive four game fees split three ways. Both games would be worked three-person mechanics. Districts 7 & 8 have approved this proposal. Mr. Reilly was directed to present a written proposal at the August WOA Board meeting outlining details and supporting evidence.

Basketball Summit

A number of concerns have been raised about the game of, especially in terms of inconsistency of calls, the variations between regular season and post-season, the increasing physical level of play, and recruitment and advancement of officials. A basketball summit, to discuss what the expectations are for how basketball games are to be called, the relationship between officials and

coaches and administrators, and related issues, is being developed for May 8. Invitees will include a boys' and girls' coach and an athletic director from each league, and all basketball assignors.

Meritorious Service Award Applications

Of all the applications received, three applicants did not meet all of the requirements. Corky Arthurs' application did not indicate he held office in his association. Larry Hearst verified his service as President of the Association at one point. Application was subsequently approved as a matter of course. Greg Fallon did not work any state level tournaments in the state of Washington due to extenuating circumstances. **Chic Sale/ Jim Carter** moved to approve Greg Fallon's application. **Motion passed.** Mike Hubbard did not meet minimum number of years of service (14 instead of 15). Hubbard's application was tabled for reconsideration next year, at which time he will meet the eligibility standard.

WIAA Amendment Proposals

Two proposals involving officiating have been submitted to the WIAA Representative Assembly for consideration. **Dan Mencke/Cindy C-Wilson** moved to support ML/HS amendment #9, stipulating that after an ejection the official is to recommend whether a suspension of one game is to be implemented. **Motion failed.**

Dan Mencke/Tom Jones moved to support ML/HS amendment #12, stipulating a one game suspension following a third yellow card against a soccer player coach in a season. **Motion failed.**

Representative Assembly

The group discussed the format for the next day's Representative Assembly.

Uniforms/Equipment

Dan Mencke/Jack Reynolds moved to have WOA staff investigate availability of uniform supplier to make pre-embroidered uniforms available to officials, with a reimbursement back to WOA. **Motion passed.**

Soccer officials uniform

George Eastman/Jim Carter moved to direct the staff to review the new NFHS soccer uniform colors and make a recommendation back to the WOA Board as to the standard. **Motion passed.**

Cindy C-Wilson/George Eastman moved to recess until meeting Saturday. **Motion passed.**

Meeting re-convened March 25, 2000, at the Bellevue Hilton.

Dan Mencke/Cindy C-Wilson moved to re-appoint Ken Jones as President of the WOA Executive Board. **Motion Passed.**

George Eastman/Pam Calnan moved to re-appoint Jim Carter as Vice-President of the WOA Executive Board. **Motion passed.**

Dan Mencke/George Eastman moved to adjourn. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Stordahl
WOA Coordinator

Mike Colbrese
WOA Executive Director