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MINUTES OF THE
WOA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
March 23, 2001
WIAA Office, Renton

In Attendance Friday, March 23, 2001

President Ken Jones called the meeting to order at 9am. 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-Officio Members Present: George Eastman, soccer; Dean Ratliff, gymnastics; Mike Burton, NFIOA Liaison; Kent Andersen, WIAA Board Liaison

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tom Jones/Mike Burton moved to approve the agenda. **Motion passed.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dick Eglet/Pam Calnan moved to approve the August 11, 2000, minutes. **Motion passed.**

REPORT FROM REGIONS

- Region 1:** **Steve Colby** reported that there is support for the Hall of Fame, but the problem that they are facing in his area is the lack of records documenting an official's career. He also reported that WIAA District 1 is including the officials in their meetings and it seems like it is helping to improve relationships, especially when it comes to communication. One concern that is continually brought up is the observation process implemented by the local associations/boards. **Jim Carter** expressed that he has also talked with District 1 about the observation process, as well as the assignment for post-season.
- Region 2:** **Jack Reynolds** reported that the clinics went well for the winter and spring.
- Region 3:** **Ken Jones** reported that the basketball assignors would have a meeting with the District 3 schools in hopes of working out scheduling conflicts. They are hoping that the schools will change some of their game days for the lower level teams so that they might adequately supply them with officials.
- Region 4:** **Tom Jones** reported that the Evergreen Football issue needs to be resolved.
- Region 5:** **Dick Eglet** reported that the clinics went well for the most part, would like to see Baseball and Softball on different nights. He is also going to meet with the schools that he services, to try to move some game nights, to help with the coverage issue. **Ed Rhoades** commented that the Just Play Fair! Portion of the clinic needs to be improved and that he would also like to see Baseball and Softball on separate nights. He mentioned that District 5 and 6 representatives are interested in the post-season selection process, as well as wanting to know what the WOA is doing to address the lack of officials.
- Region 6:** **Chic Sale** reported that the Spokane Officials Coalition is in the latter stages of negotiating a new agreement and things seem to be going quite well. He also reported that Inland Empire Baseball has released a few schools, while Inland Empire Softball has taken on the schools that were service by Palouse Softball. **Dan Mencke** reported that some assignors are approaching schools about altering their schedules to help with the coverage.
- Soccer:** **George Eastman** reported soccer also has the concerns about post-season assignment process. He also reported that the Omak school board approved soccer for next fall and that the area has requested permission to form a new soccer association/board to work the Omak area. He would also like to see improvement in regard to clinic settings and expectations of the Athletic Director at the clinic.
- Gymnastics:** **Dean Ratliff** addressed concerns about the clinic dates for winter sports and that the timing doesn't accommodate gymnastic coaches or judges. He also discussed the fact that the judge's fee has been the same for the last eight years and could be having some effect on new judges coming into the WOA.
- NFOA:** **Mike Burton** reported that the insurance dues will increase as expected beginning with the 2001-02 school year. He also informed the board that the NFOA Leadership Conference will be held April 27-29 and that Todd Stordahl, Steve Colby and himself will be attending. The focus of the conference this year will be on official's education.

BOARD MEMBER ELECTION / SELECTION PROCESS

Elections will be held for WOA Board positions representing Region 2 and Region 4. The following individuals have been nominated: Jack Reynolds (Region 2, Associations); Cindy C-Wilson (Region 2, Boards); Larry Hearst (Region 4, Associations); Dave Losey (Region 4, Associations); Bob Vaught (Region 4 Associations) and Tom Jones (Region 4, Boards). The election process was reviewed, to ensure a smooth election at the Representative Assembly.

SUMMER CAMPS

Information regarding Football and Volleyball Camps has been sent to the assigning secretaries. The information for the Basketball Camps will be sent once the clinicians have been confirmed. All three camps will continue to try different things in order to improve the success of the camps.

USAGE OF 3-PERSON MECHANICS

Two WIAA Districts, 1 and 9, utilized three-person mechanics. Both areas used it during non-league games and seemed to receive a pretty good response from the participating coaches. The Region 1 officials are still working on their final evaluation of the trial and will send the completed evaluation to the schools that participated. The 2A and 3A leagues in District 1 are considering using it for the 2001-02 season. The issue of cost seems to be the reason for limited use of three-person around the state.

STRATEGIC PLAN – PRIORITIES 1-3

Hall of Fame – Chic Sale distributed the information on the Hall of Fame search and the form that was being used. He reminded the board of the requirements, 30 years of service and the official is retired. The board discussed the criteria that have been set, especially the years of service. The board directed the staff to draft a letter that will be sent to assigning secretaries in regard to potential candidates.

Recruitment – Tabled for further discussion at the August Board Meeting. The board directed Steve Colby, Mike Burton, Mike Colbrese and Todd Stordahl to research what other states are doing in regard to recruitment, while at the NFOA Leadership Conference. The board agreed to hold a work session on Thursday August 9, 2001 at 6:00 to discuss the recruitment issue.

2001-02 WOA FEES

Todd Stordahl reviewed the WOA Fees for the 2001-02 seasons. The registration fee will be \$30, with an associate fee available for those officials that are under 19 and still in high school. The associate fee will be \$20 and you must contact the WOA office in order to receive this fee. The 2001-02 game fees will increase \$1.00 per sport for every level.

TRACK OFFICIALS UNDER WOA

The WOA Board took no action on adding track officials to the WOA. **George Eastman/Mike Burton** recommended the staff prepare a proposal for the August meeting to offer an optional WOA membership to track and swimming officials. **Motion Passed**

WEBSITE

Tim Stevens, WIAA Technology Coordinator, presented the new features that will be available to assigning secretaries. The features included on-line registration, adding and deleting officials, viewing and editing their associations/boards current roster and on-line ordering of supplies. Mr. Stevens will demonstrate these features during a breakout session at the WOA Representative Assembly.

PROCESS FOR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

The WOA Board discussed the process that would be used to re-check those officials who have completed an initial background check. **George Eastman/Cindy C-Wilson** proposed that we re-check every three years. **Motion Passed**

Larry Hearst/Dan Mencke moved to add language to Article III Section 8 of the WOA By-Laws, which would reflect that background check information would be re-submitted to the WSP every three years. **Motion Passed**

OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT AT BOARD MEETINGS

The WOA Board recommended the staff to organize outside involvement, both within the WOA Board meetings as well as the WOA Executive Board being represented in meetings. One of the main groups mentioned was the Coaches Association. Pam Calnan, Dick Eglet, George Eastman and Steve Ayres (Inland Empire Basketball) will represent the WOA at the 2001 WSSAAA Conference. They will serve as panelist for the topic Current Issues Facing Officials.

CLINIC SCHEDULING

Clinic scheduling issues were discussed including clinic times, accommodating the larger associations with two clinics, making sure the league meetings end on time so that the clinic can start on time and separating the clinic dates for Baseball and Softball. The staff will try to keep these issues in mind when scheduling for the 2001-02 school year.

WOA BUDGET

Larry Hearst/Ed Rhoades moved to accept the budget report as submitted. **Motion Passed**

WOA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY 2001

Reviewed the agenda for the 2001 WOA Representative Assembly and assigned board members to oversee different portions of the agenda.

REQUEST FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mike Colbrese and Cindy Adsit shared a list of a few situations of misconduct that occurred at the 2000-01 State Basketball Tournament. The expectations of a WIAA State Basketball Tournament Official was distributed to all board members and briefly discussed. Ken Jones asked for recommendations on resolving violations of the expectations. **Pam Calnan/Jack Reynolds** moved to send a letter to any Association/Board outlining any violations involving their officials prior to the August board meeting, which would allow the Association/Board a chance to respond or appear in front of the WOA Board at the August meeting. **Motion Passed**

- A. Steve Colby shared concerns with the observation process at state events and a desire to create a consistent system. **Steve Colby/Ed Rhoades** moved that a subcommittee be established to discuss the observation process for state basketball and make a recommendation to the WOA Board. **Motion Defeated.** Mike Colbrese suggested that the observation process should be discussed with assigning secretaries, coaches, WIAA and WOA board members. The WOA Board directed the staff to provide a recommendation at the August board meeting.
- B. Ken Jones discussed the number of officials at state basketball and the number of games each official was guaranteed. Currently, the WIAA is communicating with assigning secretaries, officials that worked the tournament and coaches, in order to gather more information on this issue. Cindy Adsit will make a recommendation during the August board meeting, which would then need the approval of the WIAA Executive Board.
- C. The WOA Board took no action on the proposal that allocations should be based only on schools serviced.
- D. The WOA Board took no action in regard to the issue of passes or reduced ticket prices for officials at state events.
- E. The WOA Board directed the staff to select a date for the 2002 Spring WOA Board meeting and Representative Assembly.

George Eastman/Mike Burton moved to recess until Saturday. **Motion Passed.**

WOA Board meeting re-convened March 24, 2001 at the Renton Holiday Inn Select.

Dan Mencke/Dick Eglet moved to change the by-laws, so that allocations for the state tournaments will be based on the previous year's totals. **Tom Jones/Pam Calnan** moved to table the discussion. **Motion Passed**

Pam Calnan/Cindy C-Wilson moved to re-elect Ken Jones as President and Jim Carter as Vice-President. **Motion Passed**

Larry Hearst/Pam Calnan moved to appoint George Eastman, Dean Ratliff and Mike Burton as Ex-Officio members representing soccer, gymnastics and the NFOA respectively. **Motion Passed**

George Eastman/Mike Burton moved to adjourn. **Motion Passed**

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Colbrese, WOA Executive Director
Todd Stordahl, WOA Coordinator

Next WOA Executive Board meeting: August 10, 2001 at 9am