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**Minutes of the
WOA Executive Board Meeting
January 8, 2010
WIAA Office**

In Attendance Friday, January 10th

President Cindy C-Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:35am. The following Board Members were present:

Board Member

Cindy C-Wilson (President)
Dick Eglet (Vice-President)
Dean Corcoran
Steve Colby
Ira Dunbar
Ken Jones
Max Howard
Bob Berg
Ed Rhoades
Mike Hellman
Kammi Smith
George Eastman
Cara Heiner
Terry Beckstead

WOA Region

Region 2 Boards
Region 5 Boards
Region 1 Associations
Region 1 Boards
Region 2 Associations
Region 3 Associations
Region 3 Boards
Region 4 Associations
Region 5 Associations
Region 6 Associations
Region 6 Boards
Soccer
Spirit
Wrestling

WOA Staff Present: Todd Stordahl, WOA Commissioner and Kerri Sanders, WOA Director of Operations.
Cindy C-Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by introductions of all present.

Approval of Agenda

Dick Eglet/Steve Colby moved to approve the agenda with additions. **Motion Passed**

Approval of Minutes

George Eastman/Ed Rhoades moved to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion Passed**

Reports from Regions

Region 1: **Steve Colby** reported the Region 1 meeting went well and there is a very positive relationship between the district director, the schools and officials. Feedback from Region 1 on the statewide agreement/ArbiterSports has been positive.

Region 2: **Cindy C-Wilson** reported the Region 2 meeting will be held February 8 at the WIAA office.

Region 3: **Max Howard** reported the Region 3 meeting will be held January 18 at Bellarmine Prep.

Ken Jones reported Region 3 is reviewing their recreational fees, and that there is discussion regarding access to officials and prioritizing in over-lapping seasons. They have reached an agreement that the primary sport should have priority in assigning.

Region 4: **Bob Berg** reported the Region 4 meeting will be held March 22 at Spiffy's Restaurant.

Region 5: **Ed Rhoades** reported the Region 5 - North meeting will be held March 24 at Wenatchee High School.

Dick Eglet reported the Region 5 - South meeting will be held March 23 at Sunnyside High School. District 5 has approved admission for officials to district games with the WOA State Tournament Pass.

Region 6: **Mike Hellman/Kammi Smith** reported the Region 6 meeting will be held March 1 at Gonzaga Prep.

Soccer: **George Eastman** reported that there were three sites for the fall soccer tournaments this year. George will be putting together a proposal on how postseason officials are assigned and will be presenting the proposal to the WOA Executive Board.

Spirit: **Cara Heiner** reported that Dance/Drill and Cheer are working on learning Arbiter and how it translates to their sport. Dance/Drill judges are working together with Oregon judges in regard to training and the sharing information.

Wrestling: **Terry Beckstead** reported the statewide agreement has been well received by the wrestling officials. Associations would like to see further training on ArbiterSports and will be encouraged to review some of the new expanded training modules and webinars available.

WIAA Report

Todd Stordahl reported that Mike Colbrese was married on New Year's Eve and is on his honeymoon.

Fall State Tournament Report

Todd Stordahl reported that all the state tournaments went well. There were very few complaints. Rick Wells did a great job on videotaping football state tournament games and officials are extremely pleased with getting a DVD for training purposes. WOA staff used ArbiterSports for assigning state tournaments this year.

WOA Conference Report

Kerri Sanders reported the planning is going well for the upcoming conference. Don Collins has been confirmed as the keynote speaker. **Steve Colby** reported we are looking at adding sponsor for the golf tournament to help cover the increase in green fees, so we are able to keep the price the same for the officials. We will continue with the silent auction to benefit the WOA Scholarship.

Grievance Appeal

A local Board appeared in front of the WOA Executive Board to appeal a decision by the Regional Appeal Committee to reverse a suspension at the local level. The Board was given an opportunity to provide relevant information as to why they felt the decision should be reversed.

The Executive Board members had an opportunity to ask both the local representatives and the official questions about the situation.

George Eastman/Max Howard moved to go into Executive Session. **Motion Passed**

George Eastman/Ira Dunbar moved to go out of Executive Session. **Motion Passed**

George Eastman/Steve Colby moved to uphold the decision of the Regional Appeal Committee.

Motion Passed (**Ira Dunbar/Ken Jones** abstained from voting on this issue due to potential conflict of interest)

2009 – 2010 Membership Breakdown

Todd Stordahl reported the number of registered officials has increased, although the percentage of certified officials is currently lower this year. There has been an issue regarding some middle schools that are not WIAA members and the associations/boards not being aware of the school's membership status. We may need to develop a better system to verify whether a school is a WIAA member in order to guarantee L&I coverage for officials working these contests.

Statewide Agreement/ArbiterSports

Todd Stordahl reported the implementation of the statewide agreement and the transition to ArbiterSports has been positive for the most part. There were a few issues early on with the agreement, but those issues seem to have been settled. The recommendation from staff is to gather feedback from the associations and schools in order to see if there are some common areas of concern. The WIAA/WOA Agreement Review Committee will review the concerns to see if any adjustments need to be made to the agreement.

Requests for Action

Deadline to Delete Officials – Region 2 presented a request to extend the deadline to delete officials. The Executive Board did not take action but requested clarification of the process to delete officials and certify officials.

Vendor Request for Proposal Review – Todd Stordahl presented a handout to compare proposals that were submitted by the interested vendors. In order to have a non-bias discussion about the proposals, the information did not contain information that would identify the company. There were four companies and they were listed as Company A, B, C, and D. The purpose of the proposal was to designate a WOA Preferred Vendor. Officials would still have the option of choosing which vendor to use when purchasing their uniform or other officiating needs. **Steve Colby/Kammi Smith** moved to accept the proposal from company D. **Motion Passed** (Company D is Gerry Davis Sports)

Royalty Program – In addition to the preferred vendor, the WOA will establish a royalty program with vendors that currently sell WOA logoed apparel. If a vendor chooses to not establish a royalty program, they will be asked to stop selling apparel with the WOA logo. **Kammi Smith / Dick Eglet** move to develop a royalty program for vendors that sell WOA logoed apparel. **Motion Passed**

Rules Test Proposal

Todd Stordahl will participate in a webinar with the NFHS to review a new proposal for testing. The changes proposed by the NFHS would increase the costs of the test. If the proposal is implemented by the NFHS, the recommendation from staff is to create a WOA test rather than utilizing the NFHS test. **Ed Rhoades/Mike Hellman** moved to create a WOA test to replace the NFHS test starting in fall 2010. **Motion Passed**

Service Boundaries

Todd Stordahl presented a proposal to review current policy on year-round service boundaries. **George Eastman/Cara Heiner** moved to have the President approve a sub-committee to review the issue. The review would be an opportunity for WOA to clarify the mission statement. The committee would also look at prioritizing assigning for overlap of seasons. **Motion Passed** (Committee: Kammi Smith, Bob Berg, Dean Corcoran, Ken Jones)

Commissioner's Report

Newsletter - Todd Stordahl reported that WOA staff has received a lot of positive feedback from the newsletter. Officials are encouraged to submit ideas, articles, and photos for future issues.

Property Update – Todd Stordahl reported that Mike Colbrese will be moving out of the rental house at the end of the month. WOA Executive Board will discuss future options at the next board meeting.

2008-2009 Financial Report – Todd Stordahl provided the 2008-09 financial review and answered questions related to the review. **Ed Rhoades/Max Howard** moved to approve the financial report.

Motion Passed

George Eastman/Ed Rhoades moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Passed**

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Sanders, WOA Director of Operations

Next Meeting Date – Monday, May 3, 2010, WIAA office