



WIAA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Pat McCarthy, President (District 2), Greg Whitmore, Vice President (District 7), Harlan Kredit (District 1), Tim Thomsen (District 3), Scott Chamberlain (District 4), Rich Rouleau (District 5), Lori Wyborne (District 8), Ken Lindgren (District 9), Chris Bigelow (Region A), Wendy Malich (Region B), John Cerna (Region C), and John Wallwork (At Large).

HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS

Brett Lucas (Washington State Coaches Association (WSCA)), Kevin McKay (Association of Washington School Administrators (WASA)), Eric Anderson (Association of Washington School Principals (WASSP)), Lori Oviatt (Washington State School Directors Association), Nick Reykdahl (Association of Washington Middle Level Principals (AWMLP)), Dave Tikker (Washington State Secondary Athletic Administrators Association (WSSAAA)), Todd Stordahl (Washington Officials Association (WOA)), and Kent Andersen (District Directors).

WIAA STAFF

Mike Colbrese, Executive Director; and Cindy Adsit, Andy Barnes, and John Miller, Assistant Executive Directors.

CALL TO ORDER

Pat McCarthy convened the WIAA Executive Board meeting at 3:45 PM on Sunday, January 27, 2019.

- **Thomsen/Lindgren** moved for the Board president and/or designee to begin contract negotiations and final background checks regarding Mick Hoffman as the new WIAA Executive Director, with the beginning date and transition period to be determined, and that this contract be brought to the Executive Board at the March meeting for final consideration and action. MOTION PASSED.

CONSENSUS ISSUES

Pat McCarthy presented the agenda; minutes from the November 11, 2018, meeting; minutes from the November 26, 2018 conference call; minutes from the January 21, 2019 conference call; and consensus items.

- **Lindgren/Malich** moved to approve the agenda, minutes from the November 11, 2018, meeting; minutes from the November 26, 2018 conference call; minutes from the January 21, 2019 conference call and the consensus items. MOTION PASSED.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

YEAR-TO-DATE

Leah Francis presented the year-to-date financial report.

- **Lindgren/Malich** moved to approve the year-to-date financial report. MOTION PASSED.

2017-18 AUDITOR'S REVIEW

Leah Francis summarized the 2017-18 auditor's review of the Association finances which was conducted by Moss Adams (accounting firm) from October 29 through November 2, 2018.

- **Lindgren/Wyborney** moved to accept the 2017-18 auditor's review. MOTION PASSED.

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBER SCHOOL FEE INCREASES

Greg Whitmore added that a membership fee increase is due for 2019-20. The proposed fee increase will be submitted to the membership during the Winter Coalition. After reviewing a number of proposals, the finance committee had recommended a tiered fee structure for the high schools. The actual assessed fee will be finalized during the Winter Coalition by the Representative Assembly members, and will be voted upon during the online voting process.

- **Kredit/Thomsen** moved to approve on SECOND READING a tiered high school fee increase and a middle level membership fee increase . MOTION PASSED.

FALL TOURNAMENT SUMMARY

Leah Francis provided the 2018 fall tournament summary. She shared that fall attendance was down from 2017 by over 5,700, with the major drop in semi-final and final football, and even with the ticket price increase, overall net income was less than projected.

- **Wyborney/Malich** moved to accept the 2018 fall tournament summary. MOTION PASSED.

2019-20 ASSOCIATION BUDGET

Leah Francis presented the 2019-20 Association budget for first reading. Adjustments were made by adding the Hall of Fame since that is offered every other year, website updates, the executive director transition, and the revenue and expenses for Coaches School. The proposed increased fees for music, tennis and golf and the membership fees will be reflected in a later reading.

- **Thomsen/Kredit** moved to approve on FIRST READING the 2019-20 Association budget. MOTION PASSED.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION

SECOND READING REGARDING A ROTATION OF VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULES FOR 2A, 3A, 4A

Cindy Adsit shared that she had requested feedback from schools about the possibility of either combining the 2A State Volleyball Championships with the 3A and 4A or setting a six-year rotation between Saint Martin's University and the Yakima Valley SunDome, where two out of six years each (2A, 3A or 4A) classification would play at Saint Martin's and four out of six years would be in the SunDome. In order for the rotation to work effectively, the 2A, 3A and 4A classification state tournament may need to be held on the same weekend. She added that she has received little feedback and recommended that second reading be postponed until the March meeting.

- **Wyborney/Lindgren** moved to table second reading until the March 17, 2019, meeting. MOTION PASSED.

SECOND, THIRD AND FINAL READING OF PROPOSED MAT CLASSIC SCHEDULE AND FORMAT CHANGES

John Miller presented the proposed Mat Classic schedule and format changes which have been prompted, in part, due to structural changes made during the renovation of the Tacoma Dome, and in part to minimize time in the Dome by participants and spectators. The proposed change will allow the athletes, coaches and fans to be in the Dome for only four (4) hours on Friday, rather than spread out over a ten (10) hour period. The first two (2) rounds will be conducted during each four (4) hour session, with all mats being utilized with the mandatory 45-minute rest period between matches. The Saturday schedule will remain the same as in previous years.

- **Thomsen/Wyborney** moved to approve on SECOND, THIRD AND FINAL READING the 2019 Mat Classic schedule and format changes. MOTION PASSED.

SECOND READING ON THE 2019-23 WIAA/WOA STATEWIDE AGREEMENT

Tim Thomsen presented the 2019-23 WIAA/WOA Statewide Agreement for review.

- **Thomsen/Lindgren** moved to approve on SECOND READING the 2019-23 WIAA/WOA Statewide Agreement. MOTION PASSED.

2019 BRUSKLAND AWARD NOMINEE – COY JONES

Andy Barnes provided a summary of the 40-plus years of involvement Coy Jones has had with the diving community, serving as the diving referee for the Diving State Championships, conducting training clinics, and serving as an advisor for the WIAA.

- **Wyborney/Malich** moved to approve Coy Jones as the 2019 recipient of the Bruskland Award. The award will be presented during the 2019 Coaches School in Yakima. MOTION PASSED.

2019 BOUND FOR STATE TRACK AND FIELD REGULATIONS

John Miller presented the 2019 Bound for State Track and Field Regulations. He added that, although there are no changes from last year, all portions have been carefully reviewed by the Track and Field Coaches Advisory Committee, and the Track and Field Coaches Association.

- **Lindgren/Wyborney** moved to approve the 2019 Bound for State Track and Field Regulations. MOTION PASSED.

PETITIONS TO OPT DOWN IN FOOTBALL ONLY

John Miller reported that the District Directors heard petitions from four (4) 2B schools to play eight-person football for the 2019 season. The petition filed by Bridgeport High School was approved while those of Mary Walker High School and Wilbur-Creston High School were denied. Bridgeport High School played eight-person during 2018 and has an eight-person schedule for 2019. Both Mary Walker and Wilbur-Creston High Schools played a combined 1B/2B schedule during 2018. A conference call was held in order to hear the appeal of Mary Walker High School requesting to be allowed to play eight-person football for the 2019 season. Mark Edwards, head football coach, Wyatt Edwards, football player, and Rick Winters, superintendent, represented Mary Walker High School. Rick Winters shared that a unique aspect of enrollment at Mary Walker High School is a high rate of absenteeism, including international students and alternative education students who typically do not compete. He stated that the community needs hope that goes hand-in-hand with a winning season, and coaches are focused in teaching the players to win gracefully. The 2018 team played an independent schedule and went five

and five, with the wins in eight-person football. He added that the team will play only eight-person football during the 2019 season. The last time the school had a team involved in the football playoffs was in 1988, and that team lost. The only state championship presented to Mary Walker High School was in slowpitch softball in 1988. The football team typically starts off the season with around 20 participants, and ends in the low teens. Mr. Winters also shared that superintendents in the area are looking at developing a different football playoff structure based upon competitive equity.

- **Thomsen/Lindgren** moved to approve the request of Mary Walker High School to play eight-person football for the 2019 season. MOTION FAILED. Note: Greg Whitmore abstained from voting. It was suggested Mary Walker High School play a full eight-person schedule for 2019 to better allow for a fair review of the team's competitive abilities if it intends to appeal for postseason access for the 2020 season.

John Miller requested the WIAA Executive Board determine the timeline and process for dealing with late requests from 2B schools. Due to the short turn-around following the conference phone call on January 21, Liberty Bell, Soap Lake and South Bend High Schools were unable to submit the required paperwork in time to be heard by the District Directors on January 23. Lori Wyborne added that an enrollment reduction of even five (5) students could make a difference on the ability to field a football team, so allowing for petitions to be filed during every year might be most appropriate. The three (3) schools would have until Friday, February 1, 2019, to submit the required paperwork.

- **Wyborne/Lindgren** moved to allow Liberty Bell, Soap Lake and South Bend High Schools to petition their 2019 football classification with all paperwork to be submitted by Friday, February 1, 2019. MOTION PASSED.

REQUEST FROM DISTRICT 7 TO SWITCH BOYS AND GIRLS SWIM SEASONS

Greg Whitmore presented the request by District 7 to switch the boys and girls swim seasons. Tim Thomsen shared that many girls who compete in diving in the fall also compete in gymnastics in the winter, and there are a number of boys who swim in the winter also compete in tennis or golf in the fall. Switching the seasons would create conflicts for those multi-sport athletes.

- **Whitmore/Lindgren** moved to switch the boys and girls swim seasons. MOTION FAILED.

PLANNING

FORMAT and SCHEDULE for REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY and WINTER COALITION

Mike Colbrese provided the agenda and schedule for the 2019 Representative Assembly and Winter Coalition meeting. Cindy Adsit provided the names of the individuals who will present each of the amendments.

REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY VOTING

Andy Barnes shared that the online voting of the amendments and the service fees will take place between April 24 and May 3, 2019.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mike Colbrese reported that part of the process to determine the make-up of this committee is to involve the affiliate organizations with which we work. He has met with the principals (AWSP), school directors (WSSDDA), superintendents (WASA) and the independent schools (WFIS). Each has been

asked to nominate two (2) individuals for this committee. The purpose of this committee will be to review the decisions of the WIAA Executive Board upon request.

REPORTS, UPDATES and OTHER INFORMATION

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

DIVERSITY

Pat McCarthy shared that the Diversity Committee met on January 11, 2019. During the next meeting, the committee will develop topics, including eliminating barriers to participation, that need to be covered during upcoming trainings. Tim Thomsen added that an anti-bias training about officials should be considered.

RPI COMMITTEE/FOOTBALL SEEDING COMMITTEE

Greg Whitmore reported that the Football Seeding Committee met and seeded the brackets for the first time. He felt the process was good and that, overall, feedback has been positive. John Miller added that the committees were extremely professional in seeding the brackets in a fair manner. Greg Whitmore indicated that the process will continue to be modified and improved.

Greg Whitmore added that the bracket comparisons from 2018 spring baseball, softball and soccer, and fall soccer and volleyball will be sent to the league presidents by mid-February. Each league will be asked to provide feedback on a sport-by-sport basis, if the RPI should be implemented. The RPI Committee is slated to meet on Sunday, March 10, 2019, to review the data. Recommendations from the committee will be presented to the WIAA Executive Board during the March 17, 2019, meeting.

GOVERNANCE

Ken Lindgren reported that the committee met on December 6, 2018. Some key stakeholders from around the state were invited to participate in discussion about the equitable entry policy, and a review of district alignment, representation, and standardization of postseason qualifying tournaments. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2019.

CLASSIFICATION

Rich Rouleau indicated that there is a heightened awareness in the media of the proposed classification amendments. He also presented an article submitted by Glenn Johnson, superintendent of the Cashmere School District, regarding trends that show a decline in youth sports due to poverty.

UPDATES FROM STAFF

TOURNAMENT PLANNING

STATE CHEERLEADING

Cindy Adsit reported that, due to a record number of qualified performances, the State Cheerleading Championships expanded to a two-day event. Last year 63 schools competed in 87 performances; this year 79 schools will compete in 109 performances. She is planning to meet with representatives of the Cheer Coaches Association after the event to determine if a change in format can be developed that will benefit participants, coaches and fans alike. Despite the measles outbreak, the Clark County Public Health Director determined that the event could continue to be held at Battle Ground High School and that each qualified school will need to decide its course of action regarding its participation in the event.

STATE FOOTBALL

John Miller shared that the Tacoma Dome renovations had a bigger impact than anticipated. With the new bleachers, the first row is now 16 feet from the football playing surface, the slope of the seats has been decreased and the sideline was visible only from the first five (5) rows. The entire field was visible only from endline seating and families can no longer meet with teams on the field after games. He added that 2018 was final year of the contract with the Tacoma Dome. If the Dome is not used, the games would be played outdoors. Mike Colbrese requested discussion and direction from participating schools and the finance committee prior to his negotiations with the Dome.

John Miller summarized an unfortunate incident that occurred following the conclusion of the 3A championship football game. He shared current language in the Bound for State General Regulations that best addresses the issue. He was directed to bring proposed changes to the March 17, 2019, meeting.

- **Thomsen/Wyborney** moved to direct staff to contact Eastside Catholic to determine what action has been taken. MOTION PASSED.

STATE BOWLING

John Miller reported that participation in bowling continues to grow and provides a great avenue for students who typically do not compete in other interscholastic sports.

STATE GYMNASTICS

Cindy Adsit shared that everything is coming together for State Gymnastics that will be held at Sammamish High School, February 21-23, 2019. She added that the 3A glue request by Districts 7 and 8 has been resolved, and the qualifying event will be held with District 1.

REGIONAL AND STATE BASKETBALL

Andy Barnes reported that he has met with the westside regional basketball managers and the Hardwood Classic managers. He added that there will be some new regional basketball sites.

FALL ELIGIBILITY REPORT

John Miller summarized the fall eligibility report that shows the number of appeals heard during the fall, and the number of appeals that were granted. He added that the eligibility appeal process is working, since it has been a number of years with no amendments proposing to change the eligibility process. He complimented the eligibility committees on their consistency and diligence.

2018 FALL EJECTION REPORT

Andy Barnes provided the ejection report dated through January 24, 2019. Of particular concern is the increased number of ejections due to more fans becoming involved, threats to officials and opposing coaches and an increase in violent behavior.

Mike Colbrese shared that the increase in violent behavior at high school basketball games was a major topic of discussion during the recent NFHS winter meeting. Staff was asked to provide specific data regarding ejections due to violent conduct.

EJECTION APPEAL REPORT

Mike Colbrese provided a summary of the ejection appeals that have been heard to date. Of the over 60 appeals that have been processed, only 11 were overturned or received a reduced suspension.

COACHES EDUCATION

John Miller reported that the Coaches School has been held at the Yakima Convention Center for a number of years. Due to increasing costs, other venues are being researched for the Coaches School. The 2018 Coaches School was a one-stop shop where, with the exception of the online rules clinic, all aspects of the WIAA coaches standards could be met. It was suggested that coaches' testimonials be provided as a means to promote Coaches School.

AFFILIATE GROUP REPORTS

Nick Reykdahl (AWMLP) shared that there are concerns being expressed about the ramifications of the sixth grade amendment, should it pass.

Dave Tikker (WSSAAA) reported that the state conference will be held for the last time in Spokane in April. The conference will move to the Tri Cities beginning in 2020, and the schedule will move back a day to get athletic directors back to their buildings a day earlier. He added that Mike Colbrese will be honored during the WSSAAA Hall of Fame dinner on Tuesday, April 30.

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Mike Colbrese reported that there have been no new cases filed against the Association.

NFHS

Mike Colbrese provided the list of topics discussed during the recent NFHS Winter Meeting.

REVIEW OF JANUARY BOARD MEETING ACTION

Andy Barnes reviewed action taken by the WIAA Executive Board during this January 27, 2019, meeting.

MEETING CONCLUSION

- **Lindgren/Thomsen** moved to adjourn at 6:35 PM on Sunday, January 27, 2019. MOTION PASSED .

President Pat McCarthy resumed the meeting on Monday, January 28, 2019, at 2:25 PM following the conclusion of the Winter Coalition for continued discussion regarding the proposed membership fee.

- **Kredit/Thomsen** moved to approve the tiered high school system and the middle level membership fee increase on THIRD AND READING. MOTION PASSED. NOTE: All Representative Assembly members will vote on the proposed fee increases.

Submitted by:

Pat McCarthy, WIAA Board President
Mike Colbrese, WIAA Executive Director
Cindy Adsit, Recorder

Next Meeting: March 17, 2019