

NMAA Board of Directors Meeting
June 7, 2012
8:00 AM
NMAA Office

Welcome:

Meeting was called to order by Ms. Janel Ryan, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 8:05 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Alissa McCarthy, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small, Area A)
Mr. Bill Green (Small, Area C)
Mr. Buddy Little (Small, Area D)
Mrs. Janel Ryan (Large, Area A-President)
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large, Area B)
Mr. Dick Pool (Large, Area C)
Mr. Adan Delgado (Large, Area D)
Mr. Winston Brooks (Large, School District I)
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large, School District II)
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative)

Members not present:

Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)
Ms. Patricia Parsons (At-Large Member)
Mr. Paul Benoit (Small, Area B)

10 members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Ms. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Rounds made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Green seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (10-0)

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2012 meeting as presented. Mr. Casados made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (10-0)

Executive Session

Ms. Ryan asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Mr. Rounds made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Green seconded. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously. (10-0)

Ms. Ryan called the meeting back to order at 9:04 a.m. Ms. Ryan stated that no action was taken and no decisions were made during Executive Session. Ms. Parsons and Mr. Benoit arrived prior to going into Executive Session.

Director's Report:

Mr. Gary Tripp, Executive Director, discussed two items during his report. (1) For the 2013 State Volleyball Championships, pool play games will be played to 21 points. To keep play from going on late into the night, all pool play games will start at a score of 4-4. (2) To be consistent with Board of Directors goals, the staff may ask Board members to evaluate state tournaments and give feedback to NMAA staff.

Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner discussed the financial reports for the fall and winter sports for the 2011-12 school year. Ms. Sally Marquez presented the 2012-13 budget and asked for approval. Mr. Little made a motion to approve the 2012-13 budget. Ms. Parsons seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (12-0) Mr. Green commended Ms. Marquez and the staff for their work on the 2012-13 budget.

Activities Report:

Mr. Gary Tripp, Executive Director, discussed one item during this report. All NMAA directors will be taking over an activity(s) to help promote every activity, increasing participation and creating a more positive environment for student participants throughout the state.

NMOA Report:

Ms. Dana Sanchez, Commissioner of Officials, discussed seven items during her report. (1) Number of Officials for the 2011-12 school year decreased for fall and spring sports, however increased for all winter sports. (2) The NMOA State Clinic is scheduled for July 20-21, 2012. (3) The Referee Educational Forum will take place on August 2-3, 2012 at the NMAA offices. (4) The National Association of Sports Officials Summit will take place July 29-31, 2012 in Portland OR. Future summits include Albuquerque in 2014. (5) Several Basketball Referee Camps will be held this summer for interested officials. (6) Ejection reports for the 2011-12 school year were good. 94 of the 150 member schools had less than 1 ejection reported, showing positive character development. (7) The NMAA Events page on Facebook has proven to be very positive. It has promoted state tournaments throughout the state, creating a lot of excitement and conversation among spectators and participants. NMAA staff will continue to use Facebook to promote state championships and events.

General Action Items

Replacing the NMHSCA poll with the MaxPreps Freeman Rankings in regards to seeding and selection (Action Item) (Referenda):

Ms. Sally Marquez, Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal to eliminate the NMHSCA poll and use the MaxPreps Freeman Ranking system. The coaches input form would still be used as part of the criteria during the seeding and selection process. A motion was made by Mr. Green to approve the proposal. Mr. Pool seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (12-0)

Consider allowing foreign students and foreign exchange students to play at the varsity level if they have not previously participated in the sport. (Action Item) (Referenda): Mr. Gary Tripp, Executive Director, asked that due to concerns regarding Bylaws 6.9.2 and 6.7, that the current versions of Bylaws 6.9.2 and 6.7 be temporarily suspended until further consideration and an amendment to this item can be done. Mr. Rounds made a motion to approve Mr. Tripp's request. Mr. Little seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (12-0)

Consider removing the requirement for non-public schools to report SAEA data to the NMAA. (Action Item) (Referenda):

Ms. Sally Marquez, Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal to remove the requirement for non-public member schools to report SAEA data to the NMAA. Currently all public schools are reporting SAEA data directly to the PED, while non-public members were reporting to the NMAA via the MVP software. Since we are no longer using the MVP software, the NMAA is no longer involved with SAEA as in the past. A motion was made by Mr. Rounds to amend the proposal to require all NMAA member schools to report SAEA data directly to the PED. Mr. Brooks seconded. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously. (12-0)

Heat Illness Prevention protocol for all outdoor sports. (Action Item) (Referenda):

Mr. Robert Zayas, Associate Director, presented a proposal regarding implementing a heat protocol for all outdoor sports. The rationale being to ensure the safety of all student athletes by having a heat illness prevention protocol when the heat index exceeds 104 degrees or higher for all outdoor sports. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Pool seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (12-0)

Mr. Casados requested a roll call vote be taken on the previous action item regarding foreign students and foreign exchange students participating at the varsity level if they have not already participated in the sport. The previous motion was made by Mr. Rounds that NMAA Bylaws 6.9.2 and 6.7 be temporarily suspended until further consideration as requested by Mr. Gary Tripp, Executive Director.

Ms. Alissa McCarthy, Administrative Assistant conducted a roll call vote regarding this item and the item failed on a vote of 7-5. Mr. Rounds rescinded his vote, and Mr. Parks rescinded his vote, and the action item passed in favor of temporarily suspending NMAA Bylaws 6.9.2 and 6.7 with a vote of 7-5.

Anthony Casados- No

Paul Benoit- Yes

Bill Green- Yes

Buddy Little- Yes

TJ Parks- Yes

Dick Pool- Yes

Adan Delgado- No

Winston Brooks- No

Stan Rounds- Yes

Lawrence Johnson- No

Janel Ryan- Yes

Patricia Parsons- No

Sport Specific Action Items

Wrestling Class 4A Qualifying numbers (Action Item):

Mr. Dusty Young, Assistant Director, proposed adjusting the qualifying numbers for Class 4A for the 2013 State Wrestling Championships. Due to changes occurring in the alignment and classification of schools for the second half of the current four-year block, Class 4A will drop two schools thereby affecting the amount of qualifiers. A motion was made by Mr. Rounds to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Green seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Baseball Wood/Composite Wood bat regulation (Action Item) (Referenda):

Mr. Dusty Young, Assistant Director, presented a proposal to renew the baseball wood/composite wood bat regulation for a four year period. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Rounds seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Revision to volleyball pool play official's fee schedule (Action Item) (Referenda Item):

Mr. Gary Tripp requested this item be tabled as the NMOA volleyball representative was not in attendance to present. Mr. Green made a motion to approve the request to table this item. Mr. Rounds seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. The item was tabled. (12-0)

Consider allowing Cuba to change districts for the 2012-13/2013-14 school years in the sport of track and field. (Action Item):

Mr. Gary Hoodless, Athletic Director at Cuba High School, presented a proposal regarding Cuba High School changing districts in the sport of track and field as the current district they are in creates long travel and a financial burden. Mr. Delgado made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Casados seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Consider allowing varsity basketball teams to schedule an additional regular season game for a fee to benefit the NMAA Foundation. (Action Item) (Referenda):

Mr. Gary Tripp, Executive Director, presented a proposal regarding allowing varsity basketball teams to play an additional regular season game for a fee in an effort to help raise money for the NMAA Foundation. This would be for a two year period and would be the first game of the season with the fee being paid by the host school. A motion was made by Mr. Delgado to approve the proposal with the fee being \$300 as well as this action item must go out to referendum. Mr. Casados seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (12-0)

Consider allowing Class B to qualify 16 teams for the 2013 State Basketball Championships. (Action Item):

Dr. Harrison, Superintendent of Maxwell Schools, presented a proposal asking that Class B qualify 16 teams to the state basketball tournament similar to Class 1A-5A, for the next two years. The rationale being that all classes would then qualify the same amount of teams to the tournament ensuring equality. Mr. Little made a motion to deny the proposal

as presented. Mr. Rounds seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the proposal was denied on a vote of 8-4.

Anthony Casados- No	Adan Delgado- No
Paul Benoit- No	Winston Brooks- Yes
Bill Green- Yes	Stan Rounds- Yes
Buddy Little- Yes	Lawrence Johnson- No
TJ Parks- Yes	Janel Ryan- Yes
Dick Pool- Yes	Patricia Parsons- Yes

Sally Marquez, Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal regarding the state tennis team championships. In Class 4A and 5A only, the district champion will automatically qualify for the state tournament while the remainder of the field (5 teams) will be selected. Currently, the top two teams from each district in Class 4A and 5A automatically qualify with no at-large berths. This would keep the sport of tennis consistent with all other sports and ensure that the best teams are given the opportunity to participate at the state tournament. Mr. Bob Foreman, Head Boys Tennis Coach at Sandia High School, Dick Johnson, Head Boys Coach at La Cueva High School, and Mike Pick, Head Boys Coach at Eldorado High School spoke on the proposal's behalf. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks to amend the proposal, approving as presented, adding that the NMAA staff would seed and select the teams rather than the current system in which seeding and selection is done by the coaches. Discussion ensued. Mr. Brooks withdrew his motion. Mr. Rounds made a motion to table the proposal. Mr. Brooks seconded. A vote was taken and the proposal was tabled by a unanimous vote. (12-0)

Mr. Rounds and Mr. Brooks left the meeting.

Tennis North/South All Star Event (Action Item) (Referenda):

Mr. Thomas Mabrey, Executive Director of the New Mexico High School Coaches Association, presented a proposal regarding the creation of a North vs. South All-Star Tennis Event, in conjunction with the Coleman Vision Professional Championship Tournament held annually in September. The proposal is a request for a one year waiver to NMAA Bylaw 7.6.21 C-D as currently in the bylaws, All-Star matches must include only graduated seniors and take place in the summer directly following their senior year. A motion was made by Mr. Johnson to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Green seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (10-0)

Separate Class A-AA in Cross Country (Action Item):

Mr. Rudy Aragon, Assistant Director, presented a proposal to separate Class A-AA for Cross Country thereby having a state champion for each classification. The rationale is to increase participation numbers in Class A and give more of an opportunity to compete at the state championships. A motion was made by Mr. Green to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Pool seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (10-0)

Addition of the following wording in the sport of soccer: “tournament organizers have the ability to modify the overtime procedures during regular season tournaments” to NMAA bylaws. (Action Item) (Referenda Item):

Mr. Robert Zayas, Associate Director, proposed the additional wording be added to the soccer bylaws as presented. The rationale is to help the tournament organizers stay on time and potentially eliminate overtime periods. A motion was made by Mr. Green to amend the proposal as presented adding “prior to the tournament beginning, tournament organizers have the ability to modify the overtime procedures during regular season tournaments.” Mr. Little seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (10-0)

Mr. Tripp stated his concerns regarding complaints these games will not be viewed as a true game in accordance with the NFHS handbook and the need to fulfill a regulation game for seeding and selection purposes. Mr. Zayas stated these regular season tournament games would still be considered regulation games.

Additional wording to Bylaw 7.17.3 D in the sport of soccer (Action Item):

Mr. Robert Zayas proposed adding “on Saturday unless the two schools can agree to play on Friday” to NMAA bylaw 7.17.3 D. The rationale is if games are played on Friday, this could disrupt instructional time for the visiting teams if travel distance is very long. Mr. Zayas stated the NMAA staff’s concern regarding a possible shortage of officials if all games were played on Saturday morning or afternoon. A motion was made by Mr. Delgado to approve the proposal as presented. Ms. Parsons seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (10-0)

Consider having bowling participants follow the athletic transfer eligibility rules and regulations. (Action Item)(Referenda):

Ms. Sally Marquez, Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal regarding having bowling participants follow all athletic transfer rules and regulations. The rationale being that the number of participants involved in bowling has tripled in size and has become very competitive. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Pool seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (10-0)

General Discussion/Information Item

Classification and Alignment for the 2014-2015/2015-2016 Block:

Mr. Robert Zayas, Associate Director, discussed five proposals being discussed for the 2014-15/2015-16 block. Proposals 1-4 each have a 1.5 multiplier involved.

(1) Reduction to 5 classes. Schools with less than 85 students enrolled will be placed in Class A, the remainder will be divided into four equal classifications.

(2) 6 equal classifications.

(3) Use the current system; hard numbers.

(4) Divide into 5 equal classifications.

(5) Divide public and private schools into separate classifications.

Public Comments:

Mr. Anthony Escaderra and Ms. Sherry Wells, parents of student athletes at Hope Christian School discussed the topic of the 2012 Hope Christian School vs. St. Michael's High School Class 3A boys state basketball championship game.

Mr. Rodney Wright, Athletic Director of Belen High School, discussed the topic of knowing the results of the roll call votes in regards to the referenda's.

Consider Adjournment

Ms. Ryan adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Next Board of Director Meeting date will be TBD (NMAA).