

NMAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, May 6th, 2009
8:00 a.m., NMAA Conference Room A



- I. The NMAA Board of Directors met on Wednesday, May 6th, 2009 for an emergency meeting. Mr. Mike Phipps, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Ms. Jacquelyne Gallegos, Administrative Assistant, called roll and the following Board members were present via teleconference: Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative); Mr. Mike Phipps (Large, Area B); Dr. R.L. Richards (Small, Area B); Dr. James Abreu (Large, Area D); Ms. Zita Lopez (Small, Area A); Ms. Janel Ryan (Large, Area A); Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II); Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I); Mr. Michael Harris (Large, Area C); and Mr. Dion Sandoval (New Mexico Board Association Representative). Mr. Bill Green (Small, Area C); Mr. Rick Ferguson (Small, Area D); and Mr. Dane Kennon (At-Large Member) were absent.

Present from the NMAA were Mr. Gary Tripp, Executive Director; Mr. Mario Martinez, Associate Director; and Ms. Sally Marquez, Associate Director; as well as other NMAA administrative staff.

The minutes from the May 3rd, 2009 Emergency Board Meeting were presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Rounds. Ms. Ryan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

II. *General Action /Discussion Items*

Mr. Phipps stated the NMAA is working very hard for the kids in the state of New Mexico. He stated the actions we have taken on the suspension of athletics and activities are up for discussion.

Mr. Tripp thanked everyone for joining in on the meeting. He stated the NMAA's recommendation is that we resume practice today because we would like to get everything back on schedule.

Dr. Richards made a motion to approve the recommendation made by the NMAA Staff to resume practice today. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. A role call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Phipps stated the district championships and state championships schedule would now be up for discussion.

Mr. Tripp stated he appreciated the fact that there are a lot of American's working to do their best in their research and keeping everyone updated on the Swine Influenza.

Mr. Tripp stated he would like to give the NMAA Staff's recommendations for the 2009 State Championship schedule. Mr. Tripp informed everyone he would go over each sports state championship schedule one at a time.

The first sport Mr. Tripp went over was Track and Field. He stated the NMAA Staff's recommendation was to have each district 3A-5A decided when they would host their district meet. All district meets would need to be concluded by Monday, May 11th, 2009. He stated the NMAA's preference for the districts to host their meet would be on Friday, May 8th, 2009 and/or Saturday, May, 9th, 2009. He stated the NMAA Staff's recommendation for the State Track and Field Championship meet will remain the same as the revised schedule. The revised schedule is as follows:

The State Track and Field Championships for A/AA will be on Wednesday, May 13 – Thursday, May 14. The State Track and Field Championships for 3A-5A will be on Friday May 15 – Saturday, May 16.

A motion to approve the NMAA Staff's recommendations for the State Track and Field Championship Schedule as presented was made by Dr. Richards. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tripp moved on to the sport of Baseball. He stated the NMAA staff recommends the following schedule:

A/AA Recommended State Baseball Championship Schedule:

First Rounds will be played on Saturday, May 9th, 2009 at the home sites.

Quarterfinals will be played on Tuesday, May 11th, 2009 in Albuquerque.

Semifinals will be played on Friday, May 15th, 2009 in Albuquerque.

Finals will be played on Saturday, May 16th, 2009 in Albuquerque.

3A-5A Recommended State Baseball Championship Schedule:

2 out of 3 format will be played at the home sites.

First Rounds will be played on Saturday, May 9th, 2009

Quarterfinals/Semifinals/Finals will be played Thursday, May 14th – Saturday May 16th at Isotope park in Albuquerque.

Dr. Richards felt the NMAA needed to stick with the original tentative schedule which called for A/AA to play the first rounds of state on Monday, May 8th, 2009.

Mr. Tripp stated the NMAA is just trying to get back to the original schedule as much as possible. He stated the NMAA did have an appeal from the Tularosa

District. The Appeals Committee did make a decision that the district would re-man who was first and who was second. He stated this was against the NMAA's recommendation.

Mr. Harris asked if we have time to settle this decision by the weekend.

Dr. Richards state he understood the State Track and Field Championship schedule issue, but he did not understand the rescheduling for the State Baseball Championships.

Mr. Tripp stated small school Track and Field volunteers were told the meet was cancelled and they will be here next week. For Baseball, the problem isn't compounded as much as Track and Field. In the sport of Baseball we feel this recommendation is the best for the students of New Mexico. Mr. Tripp stated the NMAA would like to use the new schedule as presented.

Dr. Richards made a motion to alter Mr. Tripp's recommendation whereas the revised A/AA State Baseball Championship Schedule with the First Rounds to be played on Monday, May 9th, 2009, and the Quarterfinals, Semifinals, and Finals to follow. The teams will be seeded 1-16 as per the revised schedule. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tripp stated the A/AA State Baseball Championships will begin on Monday, May 9th, 2009. He stated, to clarify what the NMAA will do with A/AA State Baseball Championships; we will seed A/AA on Friday, May 8th, 2009.

Mr. Phipps asked if there were any more discussions that needed to be made about the 3A-5A State Baseball Championships recommended schedule by the NMAA.

Ms. Ryan made a motion to approve the NMAA Staff's recommendations for the 3A-5A State Baseball Championships Schedule. Dr. Richards seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Phipps stated we would move on to the sport of Softball.

Mr. Tripp stated the NMAA recommends the sport of Softball resumes their regular season play through Saturday, May 9th, 2009. He stated the seeding meeting would be on Sunday, May 10th, 2009. He stated the NMAA would follow the revised state tournament schedule. A/AA would play on Friday, May 15th, 2009 – Saturday, May 16th, 2009.

Mr. Rounds made a motion to approve the NMAA Staff's recommendations for the State Softball Championships Schedule. Dr. Abreu seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Phipps stated we would now move on to the sport of Golf.

Mr. Tripp stated the Districts have the choice of hosting a District Tournament. He stated all District Tournaments must be concluded by Saturday, May 9th, 2009. He stated all results from a District Tournament must be turned in to the NMAA by 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9th, 2009. He stated there will be no practice rounds for the State Golf Championships. He stated, due to the changing of the state schedule the State Golf Championship host sites needed to make adjustments to their schedules and this did not allow for any practice rounds to be scheduled for the championships. Mr. Tripp stated the State Golf Championship schedule would be as follows:

The seeding meeting will take place on Sunday, May 10th, 2009.

A-3A will play at UNM on Monday, May 11th – Tuesday May 12th, 2009.

4A will play at Socorro NM Tech on Tuesday, May 12th – Wednesday, May 13th, 2009.

5A will play at NMSU on Tuesday, May 12th – Wednesday, May 13th, 2009.

Ms. Ryan made a motion to approve the NMAA Staff's recommendations for the State Golf Championships Schedule. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Richards asked if teams could travel for practice rounds.

Mr. Tripp stated the State Golf Courses had to make different arrangements due to the rescheduling of the events, so they are not available for practice rounds. Mr. Tripp wanted to remind everyone that there will be sanctions for scores that are not reported by the deadline. He stated we do not want to penalize students for adult mistakes.

Mr. Phipps stated we would move on to the sport of Tennis.

Mr. Tripp stated the NMAA recommends that we stick with the revised schedule, and we keep the State Tennis Championships on Thursday, May 14th – Saturday, May 16th, 2009.

Mr. Abreu made a motion to approve the NMAA Staff's recommendations for the State Tennis Championships schedule. Dr. Richards seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Phipps stated the Rodeo Championships which were to be held in Gallup would resume as planned.

Mr. Phipps stated he would like to apologize to the state of New Mexico for any inconvenience and problems this may have caused anyone. He assured everyone that the NMAA has worked very hard on the new schedules and to make sure no athletes are left behind.

III. *Consider Adjournment*

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Lopez. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sandoval. A vote was taken and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.