

NMAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS EMERGENCY MEETING

Thursday, July 23, 2009

5:00 p.m., Embassy Suites Hotel



- I. The NMAA Board of Directors met on Thursday, July 23, 2009 for an emergency meeting. Mr. Mike Phipps, NMAA Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Ferguson to approve the agenda. Dr. Richards seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the June 3, 2009 NMAA Board of Directors Meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mr. Kennon to approve the minutes. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- II. *Directors' Report* - Mr. Tripp welcomed the Board of Directors and thanked them all for attending. He stated there were three items he needed to discuss.

The first item Mr. Tripp discussed was Springer Municipal Schools have chosen to play in Class A as opposed to Class B. The NMAA will need to redo the Alignment and Classification. There were a few schools that chose to move up in classification. The revised version of the Alignment and Classification will be presented at the September Board of Directors Meeting.

The second item Mr. Tripp discussed was the Life of an Athlete Program. He stated Rudy Aragon and Robert Zayas of the NMAA attended the Life of an Athlete program in Lake Placid. Mr. Tripp stated the NMAA signed a contract with the New Mexico Department of Safety and Traffic which will hopefully allow for more funding for the Life of an Athlete program. He stated the program will

kick off the first week of August and will be in Farmington, Roswell, Las Cruces, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque. So far 300 people have signed up for the program.

The third item Mr. Tripp discussed was that he spoke with Michael Josephson about the True Champions curriculum for coaches. This program helps coaches understand what they need to do in order to move kids in a positive direction. Coaches from around the country have compiled some of their own ideas and have made it available to others for review. Coaches can use some of these ideas and implement them into their own coaching styles. Right now the NMAA is looking at a way to fund this program, so far the only idea has been funding through assessments. The NMAA feels that they can come up with the financial possibilities of funding this program. The NMAA will share this information with everyone in further meetings.

Dr. Richards asked if the coaches would receive a book, if this would be a year long deal, if the coaches would report to someone, and if the coaches take the test online.

Mr. Tripp stated the NMAA would go to schools and share these ideas with coaches. This would then lead to the coaches taking a ten question test online and also be able to share their own ideas on how to move kids in a positive direction. This will allow coaches to go online and access other coaches' best practices tips from around the country.

III. General Action Items – Consider approving the movement of the New Mexico Activities Association Principal Investment Accounts (scholarship money) to the NMAA Foundation to be distributed yearly via scholarships as to bring all NMAA scholarships under one umbrella. – Ms. Derr stated at the June retreat the Board of Directors were presented with some issues about money not coming in for certain scholarships. She stated the total amount that would be transferred from the NMAA Principal Investment Accounts to the NMAA Foundation Account would be \$63,000. Major changes would be made to the nomination and scholarship application process.

Mr. Tripp stated what the NMAA is trying to do is take the money that is not gaining any interest and place it into accounts that will be able to continue gaining interest thus keeping the scholarships alive. He stated the NMAA will meet with financial investors and ask for advice as to what to do with the funds.

Mr. Kennon made a motion to approve the movement of the NMAA Principal Investment Accounts to the NMAA Foundation to be distributed yearly via scholarships as to bring all NMAA scholarships under one umbrella. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

General Action Items – Consider approval of Multi-Year contracts for state championship events. (i.e. wrestling at Santa Ana) – Mr. Tripp stated this year we have a few championship contracts that are up. By having multi-year contracts for state tournaments would help keep the championships centrally located. It becomes hard for schools that have to travel across the state for a championship event. Mr.

Tripp stated with the sport of wrestling we have the option to lock into a five year agreement at a lower cost.

Mr. Young stated the price of parking will drop and the concession would give us 5% of their earnings.

Mr. Tripp stated we would like to be able to negotiate some contracts that are best for the kids.

Mr. Ferguson asked what other sports are we talking about for long term contracts.

Mr. Tripp stated it would be softball, wrestling, and cross country that have gone out for bid.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to approve multi-year contracts for state championship events. Dr. Richards seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Sports Specific Action Item – Consider approval of the revised Baseball tie-breaking procedures starting with the 2010 season – Mr. Young stated in March the Board of Directors passed a tie-breaking procedure rule for the sport of baseball. There were a few things that came up for certain districts that did not have a tie-breaking procedure in place. The baseball sports specific members felt there were too many steps and agreed it was best to simplify the procedures.

Mr. Phipps asked if this was what the sports specific committee recommended.

Mr. Young replied by saying yes.

Mr. Kennon asked if this would be statewide.

Ms. Marquez stated some districts that had problems were ones that did not have a policy in place. Yes, we will be going statewide with this.

Dr. Richards asked if this was a tie-breaker procedure for first and second place in a district.

Mr. Young stated it would be a tie-breaker procedure for any place within a district.

Mr. Green made a motion to approve the revised Baseball Tie-Breaking Procedures starting with the 2010 season. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Sports Specific Action Item – Consider approval of the revised Soccer Tie-Breaking Procedures starting with the 2009 season – Mr. Zayas stated he had the tie Breaking Procedures as straight forward as they can possibly be.

Mr. Kennon made a motion to approve the revised Soccer Tie-Breaking procedures starting with the 2009 season. Ms. Ryan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- V. *General Discussion/Information Items –Software necessary for the NMAA to generate Title IX Documentation to aide NMPED with this information* – Ms. Marquez stated we have this law in front of us and we feel it is best that we take the steps forward and meet with Athletic Directors. We have met with Clearwire to see how much it would cost to add all this content to the website. This will help Athletic Directors use this information.

Mr. Phipps stated House Bill 432 made it through with a lot of support. What we are offering is to gather information. He stated that schools are not going to enjoy the software and having to report the information.

Ms. Marquez stated that the 7th through 12th grade is a difficult task, but the 9th through 12th grade is a lot easier to report.

Mr. Phipps stated the fact is that once schools submit the information it is supposed to be reported to the community and newspapers.

Ms. Marquez stated what Mr. Tripp and her have come up with was to charge the schools \$100 if they are asking for someone to drive to their schools to review and teach them the software program. Driving across the stated to show schools this information will most definitely cut into the NMAA travel budget.

Dr. Richards stated he liked that once the NMAA gathered the data it went straight to the Public Education Department.

Ms. Marquez stated we will have to put something in our bylaws to get every school, private and public, to put the data into the computer and submit it.

Mr. Phipps stated all we would do is collect the data and send it to the Public Education Department.

- VI. *Executive Session* - Mr. Phipps stated there was no need to go into Executive Session at this time.

- VII. *Addendum Agenda* - No Addendum Agenda was needed.

- VIII. *Next Board Meeting Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the NMAA.*

- IX. *Consider Adjournment*

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Ryan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Green. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.