

NMAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, December 4th, 2008
1:30 P.M., NMAA Conference Room A



- I. The NMAA Board of Directors met on Thursday, December 4th, 2008 for their regularly scheduled meeting.. Mr. Mike Phipps, Board President, called the meeting to order at 1:30 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); Mr. Mike Phipps (Large Area B); Dr. R.L. Richards (Small Area B); Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C); 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); and Mr. Dion Sandoval (New Mexico Board Association Representative). Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I); Mr. Michael Harris (Large Area C); Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative) 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Abreu and seconded by Dr. Richards to move the Alignment and Classification General Action Item to the bottom of the General Discussion Items list. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the recommended change.

The minutes from the October 1st, 2008 & October 15, 2008 Board meetings were presented. A motion was made by Ms. Ryan to approve the minutes. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- II. *Director's Report* - Mr. Tripp welcomed the board members and thanked them all for attending.

Mr. Tripp stated there was an issue with Zia Graphics selling NMAA state championship merchandise to teams and fans. As of now, The Kukulski Brothers are the official NMMA state championship merchandise vendors. This is creating a problem because Zia Graphics is in violation of the NMAA contract with The Kukulski Brothers. Zia Graphics is no longer a sponsor of the NMAA and should not be selling NMAA state championship merchandise and apparel.

The second issue that Mr. Tripp brought up was that the NMAA was trying to obtain copies of the old NMAA state championship games from NMAA.TV.

- III. *Financial Reports* – Ms. Daniels, NMAA Director of Finance, presented a finance report to the Board of Directors. Ms. Daniels asked the Board Members to turn to pg. 17 of the packet to review the finance report.

Ms. Daniels stated as of July 1, 2008 the banks were unsure as to whether or not non-profits were insured. Because of this Ms. Daniels moved the NMAA accounts to a CDAR.

Ms. Daniels stated there was \$1.5 million in the NMAA money market account. This was money Ms. Daniels used to put back into the NMAA operational account.

Ms. Daniels stated that in all likelihood we will need one of the NMAA's CDAR's to be put into the NMAA checking account for operations.

Ms. Daniels stated the spreadsheet on pg. 18 showed the status of the NMAA scholarship accounts. She stated the information presented was updated on December 1, 2008. She stated that the NMAA hasn't put any money into these accounts. Ms. Daniels stated the NMAA will need to decide what they are going to do with the scholarships because the accounts are low on funds. She stated the NMAA will need to decide if they will continue giving scholarships or come up with another alternative.

Ms. Daniels asked the Board members to turn to pg. 19 of the packet. She stated she would give the board members a financial update on the 2008 fall sports. She stated the NMAA is expecting \$30,000.00 from soccer. She stated on the spreadsheet you can look at all the fall sports financial standings. She stated based on the previous years we had higher attendance numbers.

Ms. Daniels stated on pg. 20 there was a finance report for the 2008 State Cross Country championships. She stated attendance was up and based on previous years it was the 2nd highest attendance ever at the State Cross Country meet. She projected the numbers would be very well for Cross Country this year.

Ms. Daniels gave a report of volleyball. She stated attendance was up and the net income was expected to be very well.

Lasly, Ms. Daniels gave a report on football. She stated that the numbers aren't as accurate as the other sports because there are still a few games that are being played this upcoming weekend. She stated the games thus far have been well attended. She stated there were at least 16,000 people at the Mayfield vs. Las Cruces game. She stated the NMAA feels their attendance and finances are doing very well for all fall sports.

Mr. Phipps asked if anyone had any questions for Ms. Daniels.

No questions were asked.

- IV. *Executive Session* - Mr. Phipps stated there was no need to go into Executive Session, it was not necessary at this time. The board continued on in regular session.
- V. *General Action Items – Consider having Cimarron High School participate in District 4-AA in the sport of Track and Field where Moreno Valley Charter High School students participate with Cimarron based on the fact they have over 150 students to choose from. (Tabled Oct. 10)* – Mr. Hazen started the discussion. He stated he saw a potential problem because of the co-op rule. He stated that Cimarron is doing great right now and hasn't done anything wrong. He stated there is a cap on every school and Cimarron has 171 students. He stated if we are going to co-op Cimarron will have to be District 2-AA.

Mr. Gallegos, the representative for Cimarron High School, stated that Cimarron's co-op is a forced co-op by law. Moreno Valley Charter High School has the choice to co-op. He stated Cimarron isn't hoping to gain any 8th graders because of the soccer issue. He stated he would ask the board if they could consider schools with charter schools in their District before they move schools up in classification.

Mr. Hazen stated the problem is that we are talking about track and field. The issue with track and field is that one or two students can make the difference for a track and field team. He stated that it just seems to him that this could be a big problem.

Mr. Phipps stated that the state says the students from Moreno Valley Charter High School can participate with Cimarron High School. He stated he thought we needed to send Moreno Valley Charter school a letter and tell them they need to form their own team.

Mr. Tripp stated that Cimarron High School is a public school. He stated that Moreno Valley Charter High School can write a letter asking Cimarron High School to transport their track athletes to meets and to use their practice facilities.

Ms. Ryan asked Mr. Gallegos what affect would this have on your community.

Mr. Gallegos stated that he would present this to his school board members, but that it might not have a good outcome.

Mr. Phipps asked Mr. Gallegos if there were any financial gains for Cimarron High School.

Mr. Gallegos stated none at all.

Dr. Richards made a motion that we ask the NMAA to write a letter to letter to Moreno Valley Charter High School asking them to create their own track and field program so it doesn't complicate things with Cimarron High School.

Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and carried unanimously.

VI. *General Action Items – Sports Specific – Basketball: Consider revising district regular season champion vs. tournament champion in the seeding/selection process.* – Ms. Marquez stated that we need to clarify in the bylaws that the district champions will host post season play. Regular season will host the district tournament. She stated regular season champion is guaranteed to host the district game. The regular season champ and the district champ automatically get into the tournament.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to accept the regular season champion hosts. Dr. Abreu seconded the motion. A vote was take and the motion carried unanimously.

General Action Items – Sports Specific – Cross Country: Consider revising rile 7.14.3 B concerning number of state qualifiers. – Mr. Aragon stated one thing we didn't account for was the remote possibility that a runner could finish in the top ten and not qualify for state.

A motion was made by Mr. Green to uphold the decision to allow the top ten runners qualify for state. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion. A vote was take and the motion carried unanimously.

General Action Items – Sports Specific – Wrestling: Consider revising state qualifying procedures based on the deletions of certain wrestling schools. – Mr. Evans asked the board to turn to pg. 53 of the packet. He stated the top half was what the board approved in June. The bottom half was what he was proposing because some schools don't have a wrestling program yet.

A motion was made by Mr. Ferguson to accept the recommendations made by NMAA staff. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

General Action Items – Sports Specific – Football: Consider adding one more week to six-man football in the NMAA calendar with no increase in game limitations. – Mr. Martinez stated the six-man classification has asked that we add one more week to their schedule.

He stated that the week of the state fair some schools choose to not schedule any games because they choose to attend the fair. By adding one more week it will allow them to take the week off and not worry about missing any games. He clarified that just because they would be adding another week to their schedule it didn't mean they would be adding more games.

A motion was made by Mr. Green to accept the recommendations made by NMAA staff. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. *General Discussion/Information Item – Activities Report.* –Ms. Derr asked the board members to look towards the north end of the board room where she had an activities display set up. She said the purpose of the display was to promote activities.

Ms. Derr stated that she has been working with many spirit groups across the state in an effort to promote Pursuing Victory With Honor. She has presented at Pojoaque High School, Kirtland Central High School, and Roswell High School. She stated we are working on improving the Spirit rules. She stated that she has sent out tests to the spirit coaches and has received most of them back. She stated that a C-D is the average grades for those tests.

Mr. Tripp stated that Ms. Derr has done a great job with the Spirit and Cheer coaches. He stated that giving them a test was a good way of giving them a refresher of the rules.

General Discussion/Information Items – Tickets for state tournament. – Mr. Tripp stated that Aztec school district asked about the possibility of school board members receiving a pass for all state championship games. He stated he thought this would lead to further discussion. He also stated that once you open that door where does it close and how far does it go.

Dr. Richards stated that it could be a little complicated because what would we do about board members that would be leaving their commitment.

Mr. Phipps stated that his school district pays for any extra tickets for any board members that may need to receive tickets. He said that he purchases between \$500.00 and \$700.00 worth of tickets each year.

Mr. Green stated that it would be best to leave it up to the local districts to purchase their own tickets for their board members.

Mr. Rounds stated this year his school district bought the tickets for their board members.

Ms. Ryan stated that she stands in line and pays for tickets to the state championships. She stated that she believes in supporting the activity.

Mr. Phipps recommended that we bring back some input for the next meeting.

General Discussion/Information Items – baseball/softball: Minimum Official Inspection Standards set-up in order to determine if a softball/baseball field may be used for a state playoff game due to safety issues. – Mr. Young stated that Mr. Gary Frazier talked to him about the fields not being sufficient enough to hold big games.

Mr. Young stated that this issue started from coaches having a problem with playing on a field that isn't as nice as another field. He stated the coaches felt they shouldn't have to play on a field like that for post season play.

General Discussion/Information Items – Board of Directors and Commission Nominees –Mr. Phipps stated that all the nominees are listed in the packet. He wished Good Luck to everyone running.

General Discussion/Information Items – Ejection Policies; data from fall sports. – Ms. Sanchez stated that she would compile a report for the board members regarding all fall sports. She stated that there have been improvements this fall and feels we are making progress.

General Discussion/Information Items – NMAA foundation, Video streaming, Chili's, Bowl-A-Thon. – Mr. Tripp stated that we have been able to cover all the championship games live up to this point. He stated next week everyone will be able to go back to the games and watch them. DVD's of the championship games are on sale for \$19.95. He stated that \$5000.00 will go to the NMAA foundation.

Mr. Tripp gave a review of the Chili's give back nights. He feels they are working out pretty good. Right now all the money that comes in to the NMAA, we cut a check to the schools that have helped up out with promoting the event.

Mr. Tripp gave an update on the Bowl-A-Thon. He stated the goal is to have 30 teams participate. He stated hopefully Cottonwood Mall will be a sponsor.

General Discussion/Information Items – Current Appeals process improvements via APS. – Mr. Phipps asked Mr. Barreras if he would speak on behalf of Mr. Brooks.

Mr. Barreras stated that the pressure is placed on their principal's at APS.

Dr. Richards asked where do we want to stand, and where do we want to draw that line.

Mr. Phipps asked APS to find a better solution for us to handle the appeal process and bring it to the board.

Mr. Barreras stated will do, and he will relay the information to Mr. Brooks.

Mr. Tripp stated one recommendation was that we go from 90 days to 180 day ineligibility period. Maybe hardship shouldn't be part of those rules. He stated that maybe there was a possibility that we need to look at some of these rules.

Ms. Marquez stated there is one rule that we need to consider. The rule that we have in place states we will not accept any additional information or forms once the originals have been submitted. What is happening is when we go to the appeal we are hearing a different case than we originally heard because of the additional information and forms that weren't filled out correctly.

General Action Items – Consider adopting the NMAA's proposals on Alignment and Classification and post them online for membership feedback as per the process established. – Mr. Tripp stated since the last Board of Directors meeting the NMAA has come up with the best solution for the 5 or 6 class system. He stated that loss of school time and travel time have been considered. He stated the member schools have forced us to come up with a possible solution and we have listened to them. He stated

the more times you put schools in a different district we run into problems as to who pays for events such as the district track meet.

Mr. Martinez presented the information that he compiled on alternative schools. He explained the numbers for alternative schools as he presented.

Mr. Tripp asked the Board members to turn to pg. 29 of the packet. He stated this was Proposal A from the NMAA. He stated that he doesn't think it fits all sports but the NMAA decided as a staff to propose this for basketball. He stated that Class 3A, 4A, & 5A, will be the best grasp on the situation. He stated we would like to show consistency with travel time. He stated that the NMAA really wants to know how the board feels about 5 classes vs. 6 classes in the sport of basketball.

Mr. Phipps stated we are treating the kids fairly with 5 classes or 6 classes.

Mr. Green asked if we would ask member schools for feedback.

Mr. Tripp stated the NMAA would do whatever the board wanted us to do. He stated we can get feedback from the member schools.

Mr. Phipps stated we need to give every student an opportunity to be a champion in a proper facility.

Mr. Green made a motion and a friendly amendment to his original motion that the NMAA post a combination of Proposals A and B dependent on particular sports for feedback from the member schools as per the alignment process. This would create a 6th class in the sports of volleyball and basketball for the very small schools. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. *Addendum Agenda:* None

IX. *Next Board Meeting Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the NMAA.*

X. *Consider Adjournment* - A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Ferguson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Green and a vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.