

NMAA SPIRIT SPECIFIC COMMITTEE FALL MEETING, AUGUST 31, 2007

1. Welcome—Introductions: Present-Rudy Aragon, Spirit Management Team, Loretta Vasquez, Kelly Grice, Tara Bustos, Jan Smith, Absent-Barbara James, Becky Reed, Adela Thompson. Guests: Ann Holmes and Yvonne Sandoval.

2. Review of Constitution and recommended revisions.

II. Objectives—B. Should read competition will be the same weekend as the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

III. General –B. Add 8.2.2

C. Change to read: All Cheer and Dance/Drill coaches at all levels (K-12)

IV. –E. Delete Appointment and read Committee is subject to change every 2 years.

VI Responsibilities to the NMAA—D. Delete NFHS approval and add Over 300 miles one way. And appeal to your district and send copy to NMAA. (this should be discussed at the summit)

X. Sportsmanship/Safety (this should be added)

A. Report any infractions to the school administration and the NMAA, second infraction and squad will band from State Competition. School will receive notification of any violations.

B. Bad behavior and/or poor sportsmanship at State Competition may keep school from competing at State Competition the next year.

3. Review of State Spirit Competition w/possible adjustments. Request from Sandia Drill Coaches.

Ann and Yvonne requested that the NMAA consider separate the categories of “Dance” and “Drill” for the 2008 State. Discussion: 38 squads competed in Pom category with the majority of high scores going to Dance squads, which imply that the judges may prefer Dance style pom over Drill style pom. Changes can not happen at the 2008 championships.

A survey will be given out at the summit with choices being

1. Have a drill category with all classifications competing. (1A thru 5A), open division like coed cheer.

2. Stay in your own division and compete against dance squads.

At least 7 or 8 squads would be required to have a state trophy for Open Drill.

Score sheets will be adjusted to better define Dance Pom and Drill Pom.

Cheer: Passed 3-1 -- Cheer with Music-Minimum time is 2 minutes and maximum time is 2:30 minutes, the cheer portion must be at least 1 minute.

Passed 3-1 No stunting groups at the 2008 State Competition.

Photographer—Can not be on the floor and can not use a flash. Management team will meet with Anthony about this and also the prices.

Appeals at State Competitions will be discussed at the summit.

TABLED TO SUMMIT:

Friday night perform at cheer with required elements, committee of coaches to come up with elements, it would count 30% of total score.

Group cheer squads by the number of squad members not school basketball classification.

4. State Spirit Summit planning.

Summit is Nov. 18-19. Agenda, topics and times will be announced later.

Some suggested topics: ASEP, Rookie coaches class, dance scholarships (will contact Adam), State Spirit Competition Guidelines.

5. New Mexico High School Coaches Association Membership

It was decided that Spirit should become a part of the Coaches Association, \$30 a year and \$1 million insurance. The summit would be held at the NMHSCA annual meeting around the end of July. Winners at State competition would cheer for the All Star Games.

There will be a new NMHSCA director on Jan. 1 so the Management Team will talk to him/her as soon as possible.

6. Licensure—All coaches must be licensed.

7. MVP Registration and accountability.

Norma and Vanessa attended the Athletic Director's meeting at the annual NMHSCA in July to explain to them that all information from the NMAA goes to the School AD and it was important that they pass it on to Spirit coaches. Also that they must see that all spirit coaches have an MVP account.

8. Other

Suggested having a state competition for a combined squad of cheer and dance/drill squads from the same school. No action taken.

9. Adjourned at 2:30 PM.