

NMAA Board of Directors Meeting
March 9, 2011
7:30 AM
Pete McDavid Lounge

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Mike Phipps, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 7:35 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following members were present.

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Mr. Paul Benoit (Small Area B)
Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C)
Mr. Buddy Little (Small Area D)
Mr. Dane Kennon (At-Large Member)
Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)
Mrs. Janel Ryan (Large, Area A)
Mr. Mike Phipps (Large Area B- President)
Mr. Dick Pool (Large Area C)
Mr. Adan Delgado (Large, Area D)
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative)

Members not present:

Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I)

Twelve members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda and Addendum Agenda:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Rounds made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Little seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2011:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Rounds made a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Ryan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Executive Session:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to enter into an Executive session at 7:43 a.m. A motion was made by Mr. Rounds to enter into Executive session. Mr. Kennon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Break 8:35 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Mr. Phipps called the meeting back to order at 8:45 a.m. Personnel and litigation were the items discussed during the Executive Session with Mr. Phipps stating that no decisions were made.

Directors' Report:

Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed eight items during his report: (1) the results of the 2011 State Swimming and Diving Championships, (2) the results of the 2011 State Wrestling Championships, (3) the newly formed New Mexico High School Records and Statistics Committee, (4) Dan Ford's "History of New Mexico High School Football" book which will be published by the NMAA Foundation, (5) Mr. Pete Shock's induction into the NFHS Hall of Fame for his outstanding coaching career, being the 7th inductee from the State of New Mexico, (6) the details of the upcoming Hall of Fame Banquet, on March 10, 2011, 12:00 p.m. at the Marriott Pyramid and (7) a request by a coach to consider raising scholastic eligibility standards for NMAA Activities and Athletics, which will be discussed during the June, 2011 meeting and (8) an issue concerning the change of time for the Class 1A boys championship basketball game that was moved to Saturday at 8:30 a.m., due to the addition of Class B.

Financial Report:

Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, presented the current 2010-2011 Fall Sports Financial Report data showing the budget and expenses paid through February 28, 2011.

General Discussion/Informational Items:

Appeal Format: Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, discussed the growing number of parents who want to appeal eligibility cases on their own, without the school's support. She stated that the results of a national survey showed that 80% of state associations allow this type of appeal process. Over 70% of state associations do not have an appeal fee. She will be presenting a formal report during the June 9, 2011 Board of Directors meeting.

MVP/SAEA Workshop Information: Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Assistant Director, along with Mrs. Sally Marquez, NMAA Associate Director, will conduct a question and answer workshop on March 30, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Activities Report:

Kristin Derr, NMAA Assistant Director, discussed the results of the 2011 State Bowling Championships, upcoming Activities events, and the 2011 State Spirit Championships that will be held on March 25-26, 2011 at the Santa Ana Event Center.

Sports Specific Action Items

Soccer:

Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, proposed on behalf of the Soccer Sports Specific Committee to consider adding the following soccer bylaw (7.17.1.L.4) to read: *Sub-varsity games are considered an official game at the end of regulation, regardless if the game is tied.*

Mr. Pool made the motion to accept the proposal as presented to be sent out to the NMAA member schools as a referendum item. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Football:

Mrs. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Assistant Director, on behalf of the Football Playoff Officials Ad Hoc Committee, made a proposal to revise the selection process for football playoff officials, as agreed upon by the football officials' selection process ad hoc committee. The committee's proposal is as follows:

- 1) Varsity Regional Assignors will provide a list of eligible officials (at all positions) to the NMAA office prior to August 15th each year.
- 2) The list of eligible white hats (Referees) will be sent to coaches by the NMAA office on August 15th.
- 3) Coaches will rank "acceptable" white hats in order of preference. They must list a minimum of *eight* preferred white hats, with minimally one coming from each region. This list is due back to the NMAA office no later than October 1st each year.
- 4) Prior to each playoff contest, if there are no common officials between two coaches, the NMAA Assistant Director in charge of football will contact the coaches to see if they can agree on a white hat. If there is no agreement, the NMAA office will select the crew for that contest.
- 5) Due to coaches picking multiple acceptable white hats, the NMAA office will have more control of game dissemination/distribution.
- 6) If a coach does not submit a list by the October 1st deadline, he/she has no input into playoff assignments.

Mr. Green made the motion to accept the proposal to be sent out to the NMAA member schools as a referendum item. Mr. Durham seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Volleyball:

Mrs. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Assistant Director, presented on behalf of the NMOA Executive Board Volleyball representative, to consider a proposal to standardize the pool play pay scale for volleyball officials. The proposed pool play fee schedule is as follows: \$15.00 per pool play match

Mr. Benoit made the motion to accept the proposal to be sent out to NMAA member schools as a referendum item. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

General Discussion/Information Items:

NMAA Forfeiture Fees: Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the need to revise NMAA Bylaw 5.1.7., (Forfeits at Senior High School Level), with new fees.

NMAA Foundation: Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, discussed the 2011 NMAA Foundation Golf Classic to be held on May 26, 2011 at the Desert Greens Golf Course in Albuquerque.

Team Entry Fees for New Mexico Spirit Competition: Mr. Kenny Barreras, Albuquerque Public Schools District Athletic Director, requested the need to establish standardized team entry fees versus a per participant entry fee for regular season Spirit competitions. This topic will be presented as an Action Item during the June 9, 2011 Board of Directors meeting.

NMAA Referenda Results: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, presented the referenda results from the February 18, 2011 referendums. The results were as follows:

- 69 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA bylaw 7.0, 7.15.1B, 7.6.7 – Master Schedule of Practice and Competition Dates in the sport of Football to start football practice on week 6 instead of week 7, while 11 schools opposed the change.
- 83 NMAA member schools were in favor of changing/modifying NMAA Track & Field bylaw 7.22.1, E. to allow unlimited entries in the sport of track & field, unless otherwise noted by the games committee or head official, while 8 schools opposed the change.

Update on NMAA Public Service Announcements: Mr. Robert Zayas, NMAA Associate Director, presented a letter sent to all New Mexico radio stations to request voluntary participation in the promotion of the New Mexico Activities Association PSA program. The NMAA has received over \$136,000 in free air time.

NMAA Foundation Scholarship Recipients: Mrs. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Assistant Director, announced the 2011 NMAA Foundation Scholarship Recipients. She stated that over 200 applications were received and \$23,000 was going to be awarded to 17 recipients.

Possibility of New Mexico serving as the host of the National Association of Sports Officials Summit in 2014: Mrs. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Assistant Director, stated that this offer is still in the exploratory process. She and Mr. Gary Tripp, NMAA Executive Director, will meet with the organizers of the event in May of 2011.

Information regarding New Mexico Officials Association Executive Board's January 2011 meeting and their discussion regarding pay raise moratorium as well as reduction in officials' fees: Mrs. Dana Sanchez, NMAA Assistant Director, stated that this moratorium will be placed on the agenda as an Action Item during the NMOA's Executive Board meeting in July, 2011. This item is widely supported by the NMOA members.

Information regarding the involvement of the New Mexico Department of Public Safety in conducting officials/ background checks at a reduced rate: Mrs. Dana Sanchez,

NMAA Assistant Director, informed the Board that the New Mexico Department of Public Safety will begin conducting the background checks on officials July 1, 2011. This is a reduction in the prior rate of \$35 per check to \$12 per background check. They will conduct 200 background checks per year.

Central Location for 8-Man, Class A and 2A Football: Mr. Randy Adrian, NMAA Assistant Director, informed the Board that a central location for the playoffs is being considered for 8-Man, Class A and 2A football championships. Mr. Adrian sent a survey out to the 8-Man, Class A, and 2A football coaches pertaining to a central location for the championship games. Of the responses received - 12 schools were in favor, while 8 schools were opposed.

6-Man and 8-Man Football: Mr. Randy Adrian, NMAA Assistant Director, informed the Board that the NMAA is one of only four states to be playing both 6-Man and 8-Man football. He discussed the combination of 6-man and 8-man football classifications that would total 22 schools.

Consider Adjournment:

Mr. Phipps asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Benoit. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Next Board of Directors Meeting Dates:

Retreat: Wednesday, June 8, 2011 (Marriott Pyramid Hotel) 9:30 a.m.

Board of Director's Meeting: Thursday, June 9, 2011 (NMAA) 9:00 a.m.