

NMAA Commission Meeting
May 23, 2012
9:00 AM
NMAA Office

Welcome:

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Lawrence Johnson, NMAA Commission Chairperson at 9:05 a.m. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Alissa McCarthy, NMAA Administrative Assistant, and the following were present:

Mr. Todd Kurth (Small, Area A)
Mr. Keith Durham (Small, Area B)
Mr. Mike Tillman (Small, Area C)
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)
Mr. Phil Sategna (Large, Area A)
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (Large, Area C)
Mr. Kenny Barreras (Large, Area D)
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)
Mr. Jim Sayre (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)
Ms. Vicki Nelms (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)
Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Tillman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (14-0)

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2012 as presented. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Tillman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (14-0)

Director's Report:

Mr. Gary Tripp, Executive Director discussed four items during his report: (1) The Board Retreat will be held on June 6, 2012.

(2) An advisory referenda will be conducted in regards to Alignment and classification proposals, and possible adjustments to the 2012-13 calendar regarding potential changes to start dates for all sports.

(3) There will be a scoring adjustment to all pool play games during the state volleyball championships. All pool play games will continue to play to the full 25 points, however games will start at a score of 4-4 rather than 0-0.

(4) The Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, June 11th at Tanoan Country Club Golf Course.

Ms. Sally Marquez, Assistant Executive Director, discussed two items in her report: (1) Ms. Janel Ryan is the new NMAA Board of Director's president; Mr. Bill Green is the new NMAA Board of Director's Vice President. (2) The Budget Committee met and the 2012-13 budget is complete.

Mr. Robert Zayas, Associate Director, reported on three topics during his report: (1) Life of an Athlete is joining with the Center for Public Policy Research at UNM to evaluate all data and the effectiveness of the program. (2) It is asked that all schools complete the NFHS Participation Survey. This is necessary to help with the future of alignment and classification. (3) A survey will be sent to the membership asking for feedback in regards to the communication between the NMAA and its membership.

Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner discussed the financial reports for the fall and winter sports for the 2011-12 school year.

Activities Report:

Mr. Gary Tripp, Executive Director, discussed three items during this report: (1) Kristin Derr is no longer with the NMAA. (2) Each director will take on an activity in the future with hopes to personalize and promote every activity individually throughout the state. (3) There will be positive changes for the State Spirit competition next year.

NMOA Report:

Ms. Dana Sanchez, Commissioner of Officials, discussed five items during her report: (1) Number of Officials for the 2011-12 school year decreased for the fall and spring sports, however increased for all winter sports. (2) The NMOA State Clinic is scheduled for July 20-21, 2012. (3) The Referee Educational Forum will take place on August 2-3, 2012 at the NMAA offices. (4) Several Basketball Referee Camps will be held this summer for all interested officials. (5) The National Association of Sports Officials Summit will take place July 29-31, 2012 in Portland OR. Future summits include Albuquerque in 2014.

General Action Items

Replacing the NMHSCA poll with the MaxPreps Freeman Rankings in regards to seeding and selection: (Action Item) (Referenda). Ms. Sally Marquez, Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal to eliminate the use of the NMHSCA Coaches poll as part of the seeding and selection criteria and replace it with the MaxPreps Ranking system. A motion was made by Mr. Barreras to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Martin seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (14-0)

Allowing foreign students to play at the varsity level if they haven't previously participated in that sport (Action Item) (Referenda). Ms. Sally Marquez, Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal to allow foreign students to participate at the varsity level in any sport in which the student had not previously participated in their own country. Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Affentranger seconded. Ms. Marquez stated that this is to include foreign exchange students as well. Mr. Martin

amended his motion to include foreign exchange students. Mr. Affentranger seconded. A vote was taken and the motion failed by a vote of 8-5.

Heat Illness Prevention protocol for all outdoor sports (Action Item) (Referenda):
Mr. Robert Zayas, Associate Director, presented a proposal for all sports to adhere to the Heat Illness Prevention Protocol as presented. Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Barreras seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0)

Sport Specific Action Items

Implementing preseason safety guidelines in the sport of football (Action Item),
(Referenda Item):

Mr. Robert Zayas, Associate Director, presented safety guidelines in the sport of football including a protocol for heat illness, limit on the number of hours/day for practices, and a limit on multiple consecutive days of practices. A motion was made by Mr. Sayre to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Tillman seconded. The motion was rescinded. A motion was made by Mr. Sategna to table this proposal. Mr. Martin seconded. A vote was taken to table the proposal and passed unanimously with a vote of 13-1.

Break 10:40-10:50 a.m.

Football Corporate Logos on the Field (Action Item) (Referenda Item):

Mr. Robert Zayas, Associate Director, presented a proposal regarding Corporate Logos in the sport of football only being allowed in the end zones or outside the field of play. No motion was made; the proposal died.

Tennis Qualification Procedures for State Tennis Team tournament (Action Item):

Sally Marquez, Assistant Executive Director, presented a proposal regarding the state tennis team championships. In the proposal, in Class 4A and 5A, only the district champion will automatically qualify for the state tournament while the remainder will be at-large bids. Currently for Class 4A/5A, the top two teams from each district qualify for state. This would keep the sport of tennis consistent with all other sports. A motion was made by Mr. MacFarlane to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Mabrey seconded. A vote was taken and passed by a 9-4 vote.

Tennis North/South All Star Event (Action Item) (Referenda):

Mr. Thomas Mabrey, Executive Director of the New Mexico High School Coaches Association and Ms. Sue Jollensten, Coleman Vision Tennis Championships, presented a proposal regarding the creation of a North vs. South All-Star Tennis Event, to be held in conjunction with the Coleman Vision Professional Championships. The proposal is a request for a one year waiver to NMAA Bylaw 7.6.21 C-D. A motion was made by Mr. Martin to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Nelms seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed on a vote of 13-1.

Baseball Wood/Composite Wood bat regulation (Action Item) (Referenda):
Mr. Dusty Young, Assistant Director, presented a proposal to renew the baseball wood/composite wood bat regulation for the 2012-13 school year since baseball coaches felt this had been a positive change to the game. A motion was made by Mr. Martin to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Tillman seconded. The motion was rescinded. A motion was made by Mr. Barreras, as recommended by the baseball sport specific committee, to amend the previous motion to include renewing the baseball wood/composite wood bat regulation for a four-year period. Mr. Martin seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (14-0)

Separate Class A and AA in Cross Country (Action Item):
Mr. Robert Zayas, Associate Director, presented a proposal to separate Class A and AA for Cross Country. With this separation, it would increase participation numbers and give more of an opportunity for Class A schools to compete at the state championships. A motion was made by Mr. Tillman to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. MacFarlane seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. (14-0)

Addition of the following wording in the sport of soccer: “tournament organizer has the ability to modify the overtime procedures during regular season tournaments” to NMAA bylaws. (Action Item) (Referenda Item). Mr. Larry Waters, representative of the soccer sports specific committee, proposed the additional wording as presented. The rationale is to ensure that all games in a regular season tournament will have a better opportunity to be completed. A motion was made by Mr. Martin to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. MacFarlane seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (14-0)

Additional wording to Bylaw 7.17.3 D in the sport of soccer (Action Item):
Mr. Larry Waters proposed adding “on Saturday unless the two schools can agree to play on Friday” to NMAA bylaw 7.17.3 D. The rationale is that currently for the first round of state, the host school (the higher seed) is able to select the date and time of the first round game. This could disrupt instructional time for visiting teams if travel distance is long. A motion was made by Mr. Martin to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Gerheart seconded. The motion was rescinded. Mr. Martin made a motion to amend his previous motion to include Saturday games may only be played in the afternoon. The motion was rescinded. Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the proposal as was first presented. Mr. Gerheart seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed with a vote of 10-4.

Wrestling match limitation for varsity level (Action Item) (Referenda Item):
Mr. Dusty Young, Assistant Director, proposed adjusting the current match limitations in the sport of Wrestling from 32 points to 36 points at the varsity level (from 28 to 32 for sub-varsity) since during the 2010-11 season, match limitations were changed to a point system and matches were cut. A motion was made by Ms. Nelms to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Sayre seconded. A vote was taken and the motion failed with a vote of 14-0.

Wrestling Class 4A Qualifying numbers (Action Item):

Mr. Dusty Young, Assistant Director, proposed adjusting the qualifying numbers for Class 4A for the 2013 State Wrestling Championships. Due to changes occurring in the alignment and classification of schools for the second half of the current four-year block, Class 4A will drop two schools thereby leaving two districts with four team districts rather than five. This in turn affects the amount of qualifiers. A motion was made by Mr. Martin to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Sayre seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (14-0).

Basketball varsity assignors to assign invitational tournaments (Action Item):

Mr. Jim Sayre presented a proposal for varsity basketball assignors to assign invitational tournaments while still receiving school input. No motion was made, proposal died.

Increasing volleyball assignors fees (Action Item) (Referenda Item):

Mr. Todd Handy presented a proposal to increase assignor fees in the sport of volleyball. The rationale is there is an increase in regular season tournaments being played, which can become rather time consuming for assignors. A motion was made by Mr. Kurth to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Gerheart seconded. A vote was taken and the motion unanimously failed. (14-0)

Revision to volleyball pool play official's fee schedule (Action Item) (Referenda Item):

Mr Todd Handy presented a proposal to increase officials' fees for pool play matches from \$15.00 to \$22.50. This would be in line with state rates. A motion was made by Mr. Sategna to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Kurth seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (14-0)

General Discussion/ Information Item

Q&A Review for 7.5 hour rule:

Ms. Sally Marquez, Assistant Executive Director, presented an update to the Q & A section regarding the 7.5 hour rule. This will go into effect starting with the August 2012-13 school year.

Classification and Alignment for the 2014-2015/2015-2016 Block:

Mr. Robert Zayas, Associate Director, discussed a survey he sent out regarding classification and alignment and effective communication between the NMAA and the membership. Action regarding classification and alignment for the 2014-15/2015-16 block will take place in September.

Mr. Robert Zayas, Associate Director, reviewed the Referenda Results from the April 3, 2012. The membership voted in favor of the 7.5 hours a week for Athletic Class and Open Gym; the elimination of NMAA Bylaw 6.7, Boarding School Students; and the addition of a middle school representative to the NMAA Commission.

Mr. Bill Cleland reported on changes to the website for the NMAA. The NMAA will use MaxPreps rather than the current MVP system. Schools will still be responsible for inputting schedules and rosters.

Consider Adjournment

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Mabrey. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Next Commission Meeting date will be TBD (NMAA)