

NMAA Commission Meeting
November 19, 2014
9:00 AM
NMAA Office

Welcome – Meeting called to order by Mr. Bruce Carver at 9:03 am. A roll call was conducted by Mrs. Mindy Ioane, NMAA Graphic Designer/Special Event Coordinator, and the following members were present:

Mr. Manuel Lucero (Small, Area A)
Mr. Wayne Ferguson (Small, Area B)
Mr. Gary Schuster (Small, Area C)
Mr. Dave Campbell (Small, Area D)
Mr. Pete MacFarlane (Non-Public School Rep.)
Mr. Jess Martinez (New Mexico Officials Association Rep.)
Mr. Scott Affentranger (National Association of Secondary School Principals Rep.)
Mr. Bruce Carver (Large, Area A)
Mr. Greg Haston (Large, Area B)
Mr. Ernie Viramontes (Large, Area C)
Mr. Kenny Barreras (Large, Area D)
Mr. Terry Martin (State School Boards Association Rep.)
Mr. Thomas Mabrey (New Mexico High School Coaches Association Rep.)
Mr. Don Gerheart (Activities Council Member)
Ms. Debbie Coffman (Jr. High/Middle School Rep.)

Not present:

Mr. Cooper Henderson (New Mexico High School Athletic Directors Association Rep.)

Fifteen members present representing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2014 Commission Meeting as presented. Mr. Schuster made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

NMAA Directors' Report:

Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, announced the winners of the current Board of Directors and NMAA Commission elections. He also informed the members that Mr. Tyler Dunkel, NMAA Sports Information Director, has been posting recaps of all the NMAA Fall State Championships and they are available on the NMAA website. Mr. Cleland announced the winners of the State Soccer Championships as follows:

A/4A Girls – Hope Christian
5A Girls – St. Pius X
6A Girls – La Cueva

A/4A Boys – Santa Fe Prep
5A Boys – Capital
6A Boys – Volcano Vista

State Volleyball Champions:

- A - Elida
- 2A - Ramah
- 3A - Texico
- 4A - Ruidoso
- 5A - Centennial
- 6A - Cibola

Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, announced the results of the State Cross Country Championships as follows:

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| A/2A Girls – Jemez Valley | A/2A Boys – Navajo Pine |
| 3A Girls – Estancia | 3A Boys – Laguna-Acoma |
| 4A Girls – Taos | 4A Boys – Zuni |
| 5A Girls – Los Alamos | 5A Boys – Los Alamos |
| 6A Girls – La Cueva | 6A Boys – Rio Rancho |

Mr. Young also gave an update on the Football State Championships with Hondo Valley winning 6-man and Escalante winning the Class 2A championship titles on November 15, 2014. The 8-man championship, Logan versus Melrose, will be held November 22, 2014 and Classes 3A – 6A will be held on either December 5th or 6th, 2014. Mr. Young thanked the Rio Rancho School District and Albuquerque Public Schools for support of the NMAA and the use of their facilities.

Mr. Young reminded the Committee members of the upcoming NMAA Foundation Scholarship deadline on February 2, 2014. He announced the various scholarships that will be awarded as follows:

- Extraordinary Participation Scholarship - 2 scholarships awarded
(Two \$5,000 scholarships)
- Mario Martinez Memorial Scholarship – 2 scholarships awarded
(Two \$1,000 scholarships)
- Dan and Lucille Wood Athletic Scholarship - 2 scholarships awarded
(Two \$1,000 scholarships)
- Activities Scholarship - 2 scholarships awarded
(Two \$1,000 scholarships)
- El Richards/Francis Walsh Spirit Scholarship - 2 scholarships awarded
(Two \$1,000 scholarships)
- Streamline Swimming Scholarship - 2 scholarships awarded
(Two \$1,000 scholarships; 1 Boy & 1 Girl Winner)
- “Compete with Class” Sportsmanship Scholarships - 4 scholarships awarded
(Four \$1,500 scholarships)

NMAA Activities Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, introduced Mr. Joe Butler, NMAA Assistant Director, who gave a report on the 2014 One Act Production held on November 23-25, 2015 at NMSU in Las Cruces. Results are as follows:

Athens Division

1st - Gadsden High School

2nd - Rio Rancho High School
3rd - Aztec High School

Sparta Division

1st - Bosque School
2nd - Moreno Valley Charter School
3rd - Corrales International School

NMOA Officials Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMOA Commissioner of Officials, discussed the successful soccer mentoring and evaluation system utilized during the regular season and state tournament. She received good reviews from coaches and assessors about the state soccer tournament officials and acknowledged the tournament assignor, Mr. Paul Quan for his outstanding work. There were no complaints from state volleyball coaches about the officiating at state. She also stated that during the weekend of state volleyball and football playoffs, 562 officials/ slots were assigned with no missed assignments and no late crews or individuals.

The officials association continues to struggle with a shortage in fall sports and continues to struggle especially in the SE and NW parts of the state. Central region football officials covered over 70 games outside of the Central region. The officials' pay proposal passed by the Commission in September received favorable feedback from the Board of Directors, who requested more information from other states to see if the five percent proposal was adequate. They also want to look at a possibility of pay by position.

She reminded the committee members that they are in need of more film (both positive and negative) for evaluations and asked for help within this area.

General Discussion/Information Items:

Fall Conference survey results: Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, announced the results of the survey she gave to Athletic Directors during the 2014 NMAA Fall Leadership Conference. Athletic Directors were asked how many classes they would like to have. She received 167 responses. The votes were as follows: 34 would like 4 classes, 78 would like 5 classes and 55 like 6 classes. The second question Ms. Marquez asked was about Districts. 125 of 166 respondents were in favor of keeping Districts.

Open Enrollment – 8th graders not physically at school: Ms. Sally Marquez asked the Committee for feedback regarding counting 8th graders in high school enrollment numbers for Classification and Alignment. She explained that every school district is different in allowing 8th graders to participate and they are not bound by state law in any way, it is solely a school district's decision. Ms. Marquez read an email she received concerning moving a middle school student up to the high school level and the social issues concerning the move.

The committee discussed 8th graders being counted in Classification / Alignment numbers and if a bylaw should be established stating that an 8th grade student not attending school in the same building as the high school should only be eligible to participate in their public attendance zone school.

Out of Season coaching exception: Ms. Marquez asked the committee for feedback concerning the 7.5 hour rule stating that it is going very well but she has had questions concerning community service,

team bonding and fundraising. Should they be counted in the 7.5 hour rule? There was also discussion among the committee members about the Colorado Association's out-of-season coaching bylaw.

Fall Sports / basketball start / end dates: Ms. Marquez asked the committee their thoughts on the possibility of moving the Cross Country start date up to week 6 so that the Cross Country Championships can be held one week earlier and will not coincide with the State Soccer Championships. The committee also discussed football and basketball start weeks, state testing to be on the same week throughout the state and the possibility of extending championships through the first week of June. Ms. Marquez will take this to the Board.

Middle School basketball start date: Ms. Marquez discussed the middle school basketball start date of week 16 for schools that have a split season (such as Girls' playing during November and December and Boys' playing in January and February) and for schools that do not have any fall sports teams. As a result, those schools that do not have fall sports or that have split seasons have a 3 week advantage on other schools. Does the NMAA need to clarify the split season rule? The committee recommended that only schools with a split season begin on week 16.

Volleyball: Tournaments / game limits: Ms. Marquez discussed the concerns with the amount of games in tournament pool play. Some teams are getting as many as 14 games during pool play, giving them an unfair advantage when it comes to the total amount of competition prior to the state tournament. Another issue is that officials receive a lower rate of pay for officiating pool play matches.

Football - 48 minute rule: Mr. Dusty Young, NMAA Associate Director, advised committee members that the NFHS Football Rules Committee is currently looking into the issue of playing time per week and will meet in January to develop proposals for consideration. The NMAA football advisory committee will utilize that information to put together a proposal to bring to the Commission.

"You are Different!" coaches' seminars: Mr. Thomas Mabrey, NMHSCA Executive Director, discussed the success of this newly launched education-based initiative. He also stated that 41 schools have become school-based members. He indicated that the association spent 10K dollars during the 2014 Annual Coaches Clinic on guest speakers and presentations.

Break 10:47-10:55

Tennis: District team championship scoring format: (Action Item, Referendum Item): Mr. Joe Butler, Assistant Director, presented a proposal to revise bylaw 7.21.2.B2, Tennis District Team Championship Scoring Format as follows:

1. In districts where the district champion is determined based on head-to-head 9-point matches between district teams (6 singles and 3 doubles) the match must be played to the full nine points. By agreement of the coaches at the match, or by district tennis rule determination, once a team has reached 5 points using regular scoring as required in 7.21.2.B2, the scoring for the remainder of the matches may be modified.
2. In districts where the district champion is based on a year-end district team tournament, matches are ended when one team earns 5 points in the 9-point format using regular scoring as required in 7.21.2.B2.

Rationale: Teams without sufficient numbers of courts, teams traveling great distance to play matches and districts that engage in season ending qualifying tournaments have found that completing the matches in a reasonable length of time is extremely difficult. Due to lack of court availability this past

year many schools experienced starting matches at 3 pm and not finishing until after 11 pm. This scoring modification would shorten these matches but also provide for opportunity for all players on a team to compete.

Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. MacFarlane made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Tennis: District / State team doubles substitution: (Action Item): Mr. Butler presented a modification to bylaw 7.21.3.C8, Tennis District and State Team Double Substitution to allow coaches to substitute doubles team members from the declared NMAA doubles lineup, without regard for the reason for substitution, as follows: A coach may substitute one member of the #1 doubles team with a member of the #2 doubles team (at the #1 doubles position) and/or substitute a member of the #2 doubles team with a member of the #3 doubles team (at the #2 doubles position) only. A coach may substitute one member of the #3 doubles team (in the #3 doubles team position) with any member of a lower declared team. The rationale is that it will allow doubles lineup substitution, but within the stacking guidelines already established in the NMAA Tennis Handbook rules. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Affentranger made a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Gerheart seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Tennis: District/State “Individual” semi-finals competition: (Action Item): Mr. Butler presented a proposal to modify bylaw 7.21.3.E. This would require in district and state individual singles and doubles tournament play, that in semi-final matches a player or doubles team must complete the semi-final match in order to qualify to compete in the subsequent 3rd place match in the event. The NMAA Director of Tennis will have the final say in matters relating to this issue and whether a player is considered to have completed a semi-final match. The rationale is to eliminate potential gamesmanship that occurs when singles players/doubles teams withdraw or default from a semi-final match in a district or state individual tournament in order to rest for a state qualifying 3rd place match. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Martin made a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Mabrey seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Tennis: State team championship scoring format: (Action Item): Mr. Butler presented a proposal to bylaw 7.21.3.C5, Tennis State Team Championship Scoring Format where all first round state team matches, when a team is playing their first round in the tournament, will be played to the full nine points (6 singles and 3 doubles). However once a team has reached 5 points, the remainder of the matches will play a 10-point tiebreaker in-lieu of a third set. Thereafter all matches in the state tournament will end when the first team reaches five points. The rationale is that this will allow all members of a qualifying team to play at least one match at the state tournament, but to regulate the length of matches once the winner has been decided in order to end each day at a reasonable hour. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Barreras made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

Swimming: State relay entries: (Action Item): Mr. Bill Cleland, NMAA Associate Director, presented a proposal to modify swimming relay entry requirements so that schools may enter teams into the state meet without individual names as per NFHS rules. Also, to allow schools to identify one additional non-qualified athlete per state qualified relay team for entry into the competition. The rationale for this proposal is that schools are currently allowed to designate 6 individuals for each of their state qualified Free Relay teams and 8 individuals for a Medley Relay team. “Alternates” have allowed schools to get

more athletes into the facility but have also been a factor in the overcrowded conditions that exist at State. In 2013, there were 496 athletes at the State meet. Of those, 93 were entered only in relay events and did not compete in a single race. In 2014, there were 541 athletes at State. Of those, 120 were entered only in relay events and did not compete at all. The Sports Specific Committee feels that this change will ease some of the overcrowding while also giving coaches more flexibility to set their relay teams at the State meet. Mr. Carver asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Barreras made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Affentranger seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).

For the Good of the Order: Mr. Carver complimented the staff of the New Mexico Activities Association on the success of the Fall State Championships that have taken place to date.

Adjourn: Mr. Carver asked to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 am. Mr. Martin made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. MacFarlane seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (15-0).