

NMAA Board of Directors
December 4, 2014
9:00 AM
NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mrs. Janel Ryan, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:05 am. 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)
Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)
Mrs. Janel Ryan (Large Area A - President)
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - Vice President)
Mr. Gene Parson (Large Area D)
Mr. Stan Rounds (Large School District II)
Mr. Winston Brooks (Large School District I)
Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)
Mr. Lawrence Johnson (NMAA Commission Representative)
Mr. Dion Sandoval (NM School Board Association)

Not present:

Mr. Mike Chambers (Small Area C)
Dr. Craig Cummins (Large Area C)

Eleven members present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Rounds made the motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Winter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2014 meeting. Mr. Parks made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Caton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Executive Session:

Mrs. Ryan informed the Board that an Executive Session was not needed at this time.

NMAA Executive Directors' Report:

Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed seven (7) items on her report: 1) Ms. Marquez welcomed Mr. Kirk Carpenter, Aztec Superintendent to the meeting. Mr. Carpenter has been elected to fill the Large, Area A vacancy beginning in January 2015; 2) announced that the 3A - 6A football state championship games will take place this weekend: Clayton versus Estancia at Estancia, Cobre versus Ruidoso at The Field of Dreams in Las Cruces, Artesia versus Belen at Belen and Rio Rancho versus Mayfield at Rio Rancho; 3) announced that gate receipts from Soccer, Cross Country and Volleyball State Championships were down slightly from the previous year; 4) thanked Albuquerque Public Schools and Rio Rancho Public Schools for the use of their facilities and support of NMAA State Championships; 5)

the NMAA Compete with Class and Life of an Athlete programs have presented to 13 Middle Schools and 19 High Schools this school year. Approximately 500 students attend each presentation; 6) presented Compete with Class information cards that will be given out to schools to help promote the NMAA initiative. Ms. Marquez also presented jackets with the Compete with Class logo on them to all Board members; and 7) Mrs. Janel Ryan read a letter to the NMAA from State Sen. John Sapien asking the NMAA to reconsider the 7.5 hour out-of-season coaching rule and the impact it has on community service and fundraising opportunities.

Mr. Parks asked that NMAA staff review the policy and place this item on the February Board Meeting agenda as a discussion item.

Financial Report:

Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, told the members that she will present the fall sports financial reports in February after all football reports have been received.

Activities:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, introduced Mr. Joe Butler, NMAA Assistant Director, who gave a report on the 2014 One Act Production event held November 23-25, 2015 at NMSU in Las Cruces. In the Athens Division, Gadsden High School was the state champion and in the Sparta Division, Bosque School won the championship. Eighteen schools participated with a total of 428 participants.

New Mexico Officials Association Report:

Ms. Dana Pappas, NMOA Commissioner of Officials, discussed promotion of the Compete with Class initiative within the officials association throughout the state of New Mexico most recently in Farmington and Las Cruces. She discussed the successful soccer mentoring and evaluation system in place during the regular season and state tournament. She received good reviews from coaches and assessors about 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. Ms. Pappas recognized Miss Nora Carter and Mr. John Villescascas for a tremendous job assigning and mentoring the volleyball officials.

The officials association continued to struggle with shortages in fall sports, especially in the SE and NW parts of the state. Central region football officials covered over 70 games outside of the Central region.

Ms. Pappas discussed the Basketball evaluation system, informed the board of the process and announced that Ms. Marquez is now reading every report that is submitted. Mr. Rounds asked that Ms. Pappas draft a 5 year strategy report to share with the Board during the February meeting.

General Discussion / Information Items:

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

Inclusion of 8th grade numbers in Classification and Alignment: Ms. Sally Marquez asked the Committee for feedback concerning counting 8th grade enrollment numbers along with grades 9 through 12 for Classification and Alignment purposes. She explained that school districts are different in allowing 8th graders to participate at the high school level (there is no state law regarding the issue). It is solely a school district's decision.

Charter School Location Analysis: Ms. Marquez discussed a Charter school location analysis regarding isolated charter schools. Ms. Marquez cited as examples East Mountain and Moreno Valley charter schools that are 15 miles or more away from the public school in their attendance zone. Ms. Marquez also discussed differences between member and non-member Charter schools and the possibility of upcoming legislation. Board members asked Ms. Marquez to present more information on this topic including numbers of petitions received, State Charter versus District Charter scenarios, and possible solutions to help prepare the Board for the 2015 Legislative session.

General Action Items:

Consider waiving transfer bylaws for students accepted into the IB program at Sandia High School (Action Item): Dr. Brad Winter, APS Interim Superintendent, and Mr. Kenny Barreras, APS District Athletic Director, asked the members to allow an extension of the current eligibility waiver for three (3) school years, extending from the 2015-16 school year through the 2017-18 school year. The waiver, if approved, would be reviewed again in the fall of 2017 for continued implementation or prior to that if circumstances regarding enrollment in the IB diploma program significantly change. Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to accept the extension. Mr. Casados made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Rounds seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed (10-1).

Removal of non-travel assessments (Action Item): Ms. Sally Marquez presented a proposal to eliminate the non-travel assessment for metro area member schools beginning with the 2015-16 school year. She explained that this was originally passed in June of 2004. At this time only 9 metro area schools are still being assessed the non-travel fee, representing a total of \$11,000. The non-travel assessment fee served its purpose at the time when state championships were initially being centralized. However, currently the only schools affected are private schools in the metro area. The board members requested further study into this topic for discussion during future meetings. Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Rounds made a motion to temporarily table the proposal to allow staff a chance to look at all NMAA sanctioned sports to make sure that whatever is passed is fair and equitable to all member schools. Dr. Caton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Officials' fee increase proposal (Action Item): Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, asked the Board to consider a proposal for a five percent (5%) pay increase across the board for officials. Ms. Pappas presented information on regional officials' fees currently in place in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Utah and New Mexico. She also presented a document showing a "high and low" pay scale for high school officials nationwide. The board thanked Ms. Pappas for her research. Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Casados made the motion to accept the proposal. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

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, 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. If approved this proposal would begin with the 2015 State Championships (February 20-21, 2015). Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Carver made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Parks seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

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 a 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 that started matches at 3 pm did not finish until after 11 pm. This scoring modification would shorten these matches but would also provide an opportunity for all players on a team to compete.

Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Carver made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Tennis: District / State team doubles substitution (Action Item): Mr. Butler presented a proposal to modify 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. Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Dodd made a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Tennis: District/State "Individual" semi-finals competition (Action Item): Mr. Butler presented a proposal to modify bylaw 7.21.3.E. The proposal would require players competing in semi-final matches (singles or doubles) at district or state to complete the semi-final match in order to qualify to compete in the

subsequent 3rd place match. The NMAA Director of Tennis will have the final say in matters relating to this issue and whether a player/team 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 tournament in order to rest for an upcoming 3rd place match. Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Dr. Caton made a motion to accept the proposal. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

Tennis: State team championship scoring format (Action Item): Mr. Butler presented a proposal to modify bylaw 7.21.3.C5, Tennis State Team Championship Scoring Format so that when a team is playing their first round in the tournament, contests 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. This change will allow all members of a qualifying team to play at least one match at the state tournament, but will shorten the length of matches once the winner has been decided in order to end each day at a reasonable hour. Mrs. Ryan asked for a motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Benoit made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (11-0).

For the Good of the Order/Consider Adjournment:

Ms. Marquez announced Mrs. Janel Ryan's retirement this month, presented a special recognition plaque and thanked her for the impact that she has made on the association and for her commitment to the NMAA. She announced that the Board will have an election during the February meeting for the position of NMAA Board President.

Adjournment:

Ms. Ryan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 am. Mr. Parks made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2015.