NMAA
Board of Directors Meeting

NMAA Hall of Pride and Honor

Wednesday, November 30, 2016
11:00 AM
Small, Area A – Term Expires Dec. 31, 2019
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Note: Initial term lengths are staggered as per approved procedure. Subsequent elected terms will be for three years each.
NOTE: The Board will be hearing appeals beginning at 8:30 am, prior to the regular Board Meeting.

AGENDA

A= Action Item  D/I= Discussion/ Information Item

I. Call Meeting to Order and Welcome
   Roll Call – Ascertain Quorum
   (A) Approval of Agenda
   (A) Approval of Minutes (September 21 and October 3, 2016)

II. NMAA Executive Director’s Report

III. NMAA Activities Report

IV. New Mexico Officials Association Report

V. General Discussion/ Information Items
   (I) Board/Commission election results
   (D/I) Penalty for use of Ineligible Player
   (D/I) Future of Classification / Alignment

VI. Action Items
   (A) Football: Allow Elida to join 6-man district in 2017
   (A) Softball: Individual Game Limitations - Courtesy Runner
   (Referenda)
   (A) Softball: Individual Game Limitations - Innings of Play
   (Referenda)
   (A) Softball: Game Time Limits
   (Referenda)

VII. Executive Session (Financial, Legal, Personnel)

VIII. Consider Adjournment

Next Board Meeting – February 15, 2017 (NMAA)
NEW MEXICO ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

NMAA - Hall of Pride and Honor
November 30, 2016
11:00 AM

ADDENDUM AGENDA

A= Action Item  D/I= Discussion / Information Item

I. Action Item
   (A) Football: Allow Carrizozo to drop from 8 to 6-man district in 2017  Trampus Pierson, Carrizozo AD
Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. T.J. Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 10:30 am. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Alissa Wesbrook, NMAA Assistant to the Executive Director, and the following members were present:

Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)
Mr. Jaime Widner (Small Area B)
Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C)
Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)
Ms. Yvonne Garcia (Large School District I)
Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)
Mr. Terry Martin (NM School Board Association)
Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)
Dr. Craig Cummins (Large Area C)
Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)
Mr. Bruce Carver (NMAA Commission Representative)

Not present:
Mr. Steven Sanchez (Large School District II)

Twelve members were present representing a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:
Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Martin made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Approval of Minutes:
Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2016 meeting. Mr. Widner made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Executive Session:
Mr. Parks asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session for purposes of discussing pending litigation and confidential personnel matters at 10:32 am. A motion was made by Mr. Martin. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

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Mr. Parks asked for a motion to exit out of Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. Mr. Widner made the motion to exit from Executive Session. Mr. Casados seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

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NMAA Executive Directors’ Report:
Ms. Sally Marquez, NMAA Executive Director, discussed one (1) item on her report: The 2016 State Soccer Championships will be held at the Bernalillo Soccer Complex.

Financial Report:
Ms. Shari Kessler-Schwaner, NMAA Business Manager, presented the NMAA Finance Report for the 2016-2017 school year.

Annual Audit Report: Ms. Debbie Saunders, Saunders and Associates, presented the NMAA Annual Audit report.

NMAA Activities Report:
Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed one (1) item on her report: The NMAA Activities Council met on August 30th. There was an increase in participation in all activities for the 2015-2016 school year.
NMOA Report:
Ms. Dana Pappas, NMAA Deputy Director, discussed three (3) items on her report: 1) The State clinic will be more hands-on, 2) there is a nationwide shortage of officials, and 3) welcome Nate Acosta to the NMAA staff. Nate will serve as Assistant to the Commissioner of Officials.

General Discussion / Information Items:
Handling state playoff forfeits: Ms. Marquez and Board members discussed the issue of replacing a team that has given up their right to participate in state playoffs, prior to the start of the tournament. The Board discussed the possible impact this could have on other participating teams. Comments included placing another team in the vacated spot, re-seeding/shifting the bracket, and giving the scheduled opponent a bye to the next round.

Sanctioning of Rodeo: Ms. Marquez discussed the NMAA sanctioning of Rodeo. Currently there are concerns with regards to the liability of schools, school sponsors, and scholastic eligibility/excused absences. There is a feeling that NMAA sanctioning was initially requested so that participating students could receive an excused absence from school. Ms. Marquez is working with the New Mexico Rodeo Association in an effort to create more consistency within school programs statewide.

Upcoming Board elections: Mr. Bill Cleland, Associate Director, discussed the upcoming Board of Director elections. Positions up for election include Small Area A, Small Area C and Large Area D. The term of office is three years beginning January 1, 2017. Ballots will be sent out to the membership following the NMAA/NMADA Fall Conference. The Board discussed the Large Area D position, which was recently filled by Ms. Dana Sanders, Superintendent of Los Lunas Schools.

Action Items:
Bylaw 7.4 – Out of Season Coaching (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to adjust NMAA Bylaw 7.4, so that during the off-season a Coaching Staff would be allowed 7.5 hours of total contact time per week (during days when school is in session only) to work with student athletes in grades 8-12, which would be a change from the current 9-12 only. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Green made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Bylaw 13.1.1– Right of Appeal (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to adjust NMAA Bylaw 13.1.1, so that the Appeals Review Committee (which is made up of current and/or retired superintendents or headmasters of NMAA member schools) could meet without the present requirement that a majority of the committee be made up of current superintendents/headmasters. Mr. Casados made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Non-Member Private School Participation (Referenda Item): Ms. Marquez presented a proposal to allow non-member private school students to participate in sports at their home attendance zone school, just as home school students are allowed by state statute. Mr. Green made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed (8-4).

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Baseball: Pitching Restriction (Referenda Item): Mr. Dusty Young, Associate Director, presented a proposal to modify Bylaws 7.21.1 D and 9.8.1 C (3) regarding pitching restrictions, specific to the number of days’ rest. Mr. Widner made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Golf: Modify tee-to-green Coaching Rule (Referenda Item): Mr. Cleland presented a proposal recommended by the Golf Sport Specific Committee to modify the current NMAA bylaw so that communication between the coach and player (which must cease once the player and his/her ball are both on the putting green) could resume once all members of the playing group have completed the hole and left the putting green. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to accept the proposal as presented. Dr. Caton made the motion to accept the proposal. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Wrestling: State Seeding-Trackwrestling Software: Mr. Owen presented a proposal to amend NMAA Bylaw 7.24.5.C.1 so that seeds in each weight class would be determined by the Trackwrestling software. A seeding committee as established by district dual meet placement shall be used to verify seeds. Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Ms. Dodd seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Consider Adjournment:
Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 pm. Mr. Martin made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Widner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (12-0).

Next Board Meeting - November 30, 2016 (NMAA)
NMAA Board of Directors’ Meeting  
October 03, 2016  
9:00 am  
TeleConference

Welcome - Meeting called to order by Mr. T.J. Parks, NMAA Board of Directors President, at 9:03 am. A roll call was conducted by Ms. Jacquelyne Martinez, NMAA Assistant Director, and the following members were present:

Mr. Jaime Widner (Small Area B)  
Dr. Crit Caton (At-Large Member)  
Mr. Terry Martin (NM School Board Association)  
Mr. Kirk Carpenter (Large Area A)  
Mr. T.J. Parks (Large Area B - President)  
Ms. Dana Sanders (Large Area D)  
Dr. Steven Sanchez (Large School District II)  
Mr. Bruce Carver (NMAA Commission Representative)  

Not present:  
Mr. Anthony Casados (Small Area A)  
Ms. Raquel Reedy (Large School District I)  
Ms. Lesa Dodd (Small Area D)  
Dr. Craig Cummins (Large Area C)

Eight members present represent a quorum.

Approval of the Agenda:  
Mr. Parks asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Carpenter made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Bill Green (Small Area C) entered the meeting at 9:04 am.

Action Items:  
Extend term for Large Area D Board position through 12/31/19: Mr. T.J. Parks presented a proposal to extend the term for the NMAA Board of Directors position for Large Area D through 12/31/19 since an election was just held for the position within the last 60 days. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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Motion Passed (8-0)

Consider Adjournment:  
Mr. Parks asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. Mr. Widner made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Green seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed unanimously (9-0).

Next Board Meeting – November 30, 2016 (NMAA)
New Mexico Activities Association
Board Meeting – November 30, 2016

SOFTBALL PLAYER GAME LIMITATIONS
(Courtesy Runners)

√ Action Item  √ Referenda Item
___ Discussion Item  ___ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:
Scott Owen, NMAA Director of Softball

Proposal:
Consider adding verbiage to softball bylaw 7.18.1.C (game limitations) regarding courtesy runners.

Add to 7.18.1.C:

“Note – If a player participates in a contest as a courtesy runner only, this will not count as a game towards that player’s game limitations for the season.”

Rationale:
Follows suit with baseball’s May 2016 proposal and affords the sport of softball, which also uses courtesy runners, the same alternative.

Baseball’s rationale: “A courtesy runner participates in a very limited capacity during a baseball game. If an individual is used as a courtesy runner only, he/she gets in to the game when the pitcher or catcher reaches base – this could be anywhere from 0-4 times in a typical contest. It is felt by baseball coaches that this should not count as a game, similar to special teams play not counting towards a football player’s “experiences.”

Softball Sports Specific Committee Recommendation:
Unanimously in Favor

Commission Recommendation: Unanimous (15-0)

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Support

Attachments:
None
New Mexico Activities Association
Board Meeting – November 30, 2016

SOFTBALL PLAYER GAME LIMITATIONS
(Innings of Play)

√ Action Item
___ Discussion Item

√ Referenda Item
___ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:
Scott Owen, NMAA Director of Softball

Proposal:
Consider adding verbiage to softball bylaw 7.18.1.C (game limitations) regarding innings of play.

Add to 7.18.1.C:

1. If a school plays two games at different levels (i.e. JV & Varsity) back to back on the same day and at the same site, a student-athlete may participate in 10 innings between the two contests and only count this as one game towards his/her game limitations for the season.

Rationale:
Follows suit with baseball’s May 2016 proposal and affords the sport of softball the same alternative.

Baseball’s rationale: Similar to the basketball “quarters of play” and volleyball “games” rule. It is felt that this change would not only bring consistency amongst sports, but it would also allow baseball coaches to better develop younger players by allowing them to participate in more game situations without penalizing them via their yearly game limitations. This would be especially helpful at the Class A/2A and 3A levels where participation numbers in the sport of baseball are low.

Softball Sports Specific Committee Recommendation:
Unanimously in Favor

Commission Recommendation: Unanimous (15-0)

NMAA Staff Recommendation: Support

Attachments:
None
New Mexico Activities Association
Board Meeting – November 30, 2016

SOFTBALL TIME LIMITS

√ Action Item  √ Referenda Item
___ Discussion Item  ____ Non-Referenda Item

Presenter:
Scott Owen, NMAA Director of Softball

Proposal:
Consider adding verbiage to softball bylaw 7.18.1.E (game ending procedures) to mirror baseball’s time limit rules and provide softball the alternative to use time limits when appropriate.

Add to 7.18.1.E:

4. **Time Limits** – There is no statewide time limit rule for any level.
   a. **District Time Limits** – A time limit can be implemented by a district if they choose to do so. Games that end due to a time limit will be considered regulation games regardless of how many innings are played. The score will remain as recorded when the game was called.
   b. **Invitational Tournament Time Limits** – Time limits can be implemented for invitational tournaments put on by schools/school districts. Games that end due to a time limit will be considered regulation games regardless of how many innings are played. The score will remain as recorded when the game was called.

Rationale:
Softball does not currently have any rules in place to address time limits in either district play or during invitational play. This proposal would align with baseball and provide the sport of softball the alternative to shorten games to a “time limit” for district play (specifically JV games) and invitational tournaments providing additional flexibility in deciding when to terminate games.

**Softball Sports Specific Committee Recommendation:**
Unanimously in Favor

**Commission Recommendation:** Unanimous (15-0)

**NMAA Staff Recommendation:** Support

**Attachments:**
None