



Horizon Central Athletic Association (HCAA)

Winter Executive Meeting Humboldt Service Center, Dec. 4, 2007

In Attendance:

Marvin Renneberg (Muenster) - President
Kent Lessmeister (St. Brieux) – Officials Commissioner
Lyle Gartner (Wakaw) – NW Rep
Darin Faubert (Wadena) – NE Rep
Greg Pelletier (Raymore) – SE Rep
Larry Bedel – Board Liaison
Brian Grest – HZSD Student Activities Coordinator

With Regrets – Garth Anderson (Treasurer), Bill Ruetz (Secretary), Bryce Krawetz (SW Rep)

Meeting start time: 1:55 p.m.

1. Acting Secretary appointed – Kent Lessmeister
2. **Motion** to adopt agenda – **Gartner, Lessmeister – CARRIED**
3. Minutes of last Exec Meeting read. **Motion** to accept – **Pelletier, Gartner – CARRIED**
4. Correspondence – football co-op approved by SHSAA (HCI/Muenster)
5. Financial Statement – presented by Brian on Garth's behalf
 - question – have pop. fees been requested yet from the 10 non-HZSD schools?
 - Larry brought up that HZSD has approached the 10 independent schools' Boards/Bands about contributing a small share toward salary of SAC
 - **Motion** to accept financial statement – **Gartner, Faubert - CARRIED**
6. District Presidents Meeting report (Dec. 1, 2007) – Marvin Renneberg
 - SHSAA promotional video viewed – possibly link it on our website
 - It was noted our District has the greatest number of high schools and also greatest number of overall SHSAA-registered teams of the 14 Districts
 - Golf proposal to go to separate girls team and boys team competition
 - Golf proposal to end the sand golf category completely
 - Provincial soccer hosting to now be on a rotation (due to lack of hosting bids)
 - 7 vs. 7 soccer being proposed (discussion paper sent to all soccer coaches)
 - Proposal to use LAST year's enrollment numbers for current year's categories
 - Concern over going straight to Regionals in volleyball (when 10 or less teams in a Region); proposal to go with very small Conferences
 - recruitment and retainment of officials being addressed
 - no HCAA school has paid an E-5 late fee this school year (to date); three HCAA schools paid \$200 fines for withdrawal from SHSAA playoffs

- Equitable seeding vs. advantage seeding discussed (discussion paper sent to all basketball coaches)
 - Larry Lafrentz (SHSAA Executive Director) will retire after this school year
7. Officials Commissioners' Meeting report (Dec. 1, 2007) – Kent Lessmeister
- Concerns over some schools paying referees MORE than the SHSAA rate
 - Mentorship needed to retain and attract new/young officials
 - Possible motion to eliminate horse-collar tackling in football
 - Concerns over refs NOT getting paid when teams no-show at SHSAA playoffs
8. Unfinished Business
- The Executive decided that for the following activities, the participating schools will be split into four groups first, THEN a host will be solicited in each group (as opposed to finding four hosts first then creating the splits):
 - Jr. Basketball Pre-Districts
 - Jr. Badminton Pre-Districts
 - Sr. Badminton Pre-Districts
 - Pre-District Track
 - Badminton Pre-Districts – **Motion by Gartner, Faubert** that for a one year trial period, we go with two afternoons of competition (1:30 p.m. start time) for this season's Sr. and Jr. Badminton Pre-Districts, with each school allowed a maximum of two entries per category. **CARRIED.** Note: Wed. p.m. will be singles and mixed, Thur. p.m. will be boys and girls doubles, possibly in two different schools (with four courts desirable for the singles/mixed day)
 - Sr. Badminton District host site – Darin will confirm host school from NE
 - Jr. Badminton District host site – Middle Lake
 - Proposal for six pre-district track meets/sites discussed; the Executive decided we will go with four meets/sites again for this season
 - Discussion as to whether a coaches meeting is necessary after track meets. The Executive recommends each “quadrant” appoint the commissioner plus two others to stay to resolve coaches meeting issues (as opposed to one coach from each school)
 - Discussion as to how we determine relay team members from Districts going on to Provincials. The Executive recommends the coach of the winner of the 100m race in a category choose (and coach) the 4 x 100m relay team for that category and the coach of the sr. 400m winner choose (and coach) the 4 x 400m relay team for that category
 - Pre-District track expenses – **Motion by Gartner, Faubert** that we put in policy, retroactive to 2007, that Pre-District track expenses for lime, ammo, maintenance, and track rental be reimbursed to a maximum \$200 per meet (with documentation). **CARRIED.**
 - District Track Pole Vault facility rental expense from May 2007 (\$52.56) to be reimbursed to McLellan School (as part of District track facility expense)
 - Griffiths Stadium is still available for the 2008 District Meet (despite rumors to the contrary)
 - Greg Pelletier (Raymore) will be assistant District Track Commissioner with Brian Grest

- Junior curling entries suggestion – Grest will poll the junior curling coaches about a proposal to allow schools to enter a second junior curling team in the same category at Pre-Districts IF the total number of team from that school does not exceed three.
- Grest will investigate the purchase of a Hy-Tek license (motion passed at Sept. general meeting) in consultation with the SHSAA
- The HCAA Constitution and Bylaws have been updated
- Pole Vault Districts for next year is slated for May 11, 2008 at the Field House
- A recommendation will be presented at the April 2008 general meeting to eliminate the District Team Fee (\$20/team) and replace it with a population fee (at a rate that will recover the equivalent revenue). The rate per student would be the same for each student enrolled in grades 7-12. This would eliminate the need for schools to pay the team fee as their Board would be responsible.
- Concept of adding second place team awards in some HCAA events was discussed, but no motion was made.
- The Executive recommends adopting the cross country policy as revised and presented by Grest FOR ONE YEAR trial
- The Executive recommends adopting the golf policy as revised and presented by Grest FOR ONE YEAR trial
- The Executive recommends adopting the volleyball policy as revised and presented Grest
- Elections – positions of secretary and officials commissioner to be up for election at the Spring 2008 meeting

9. Other Business

- Discussion about the HCAA paying officials costs for Pre-District volleyball and basketball. No motion made.
- A no-show at District “B” Boys Volleyball Districts was discussed. The Executive decided to apply a \$25 fine to the school in question and send a letter of concern.
- Discussion about exceptions to the age limit for junior eligibility was discussed. No motion made.
- Discussion over schools charging a gate for league games, but decided this was not in the HCAA’s jurisdiction
- The Executive accepted a recommendation to utilize a double knockout (as opposed to a modified double knockout) in curling when the intent is to identify the top two teams
- The concept of which hosting expenses should be covered by the HCAA was discussed. The Executive recommended a policy be developed and presented at the April 2008 general meeting, with a recommendation that only expenses presented in a hosting bid be considered for reimbursement

10. Next General meeting – tentatively Tues. April 29 (Renneberg to confirm)

11. Motion to adjourn by Pelletier (6:20 p.m.).