

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met April 12 and 13, 2012, at the Association Office, Lincoln, Nebraska, with members present as follows.

District I	-- Ryan Ruhl, Alternate, Norris
District I	-- Wendy Henrichs, Lincoln East
District II	-- Dr. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town
District II	-- Dr. Jerry Bartee, Omaha Public Schools
District III	-- Jay Bellar, Battle Creek
District IV	-- Dr. Brian Maher, Kearney
District V--	-- Dr. Dallas Watkins, Dundy County-Stratton
District VI	-- Kent Halley, Mitchell

Also in attendance were Rhonda Blanford-Green; Rick Moses, Nebraska Department of Education; Larry Munksgaard, Executive Director, Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame Foundation; Darin Boysen, Nebraska Coaches Association; and Larry King, Awards Unlimited.

Vice Chairman Bob Reznicek called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2012.

1. Larry Munksgaard appeared before the Board to discuss a Jamboree in Wrestling.
2. The Consent Agenda was approved on a motion by Jay Bellar, seconded by Kent Halley. **Motion Carried, 8-0.** Items approved on the Consent Agenda included approval of the Agenda as amended; approval of the Minutes of the March 7, 2012, regular Board of Directors meeting; approval of the March 2012 Financial Statement; approval of new cooperative sponsorships for Boone Central and Newman Grove High Schools for Boys and Girls Cross Country and Boys Golf; Crofton and Hartington High Schools for Girls Golf; and approval of cooperative sponsorship renewals for Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer and Pawnee City High Schools for Wrestling; Ralston and Omaha Gross Catholic High Schools for Boys and Girls Swimming; Nebraska City and Lourdes Central Catholic High Schools for Girls Golf; O'Neill and St. Mary's High Schools for Boys and Girls Cross Country, Boys and Girls Golf, Softball, and Instrumental Music; Omaha Brownell-Talbot and Concordia High Schools for Boys Tennis; Southern Valley and Alma High Schools for Softball; Elkhorn and Elkhorn South High Schools for Boys and Girls Swimming and Debate; Norfolk, Norfolk Catholic and Lutheran High Northeast High Schools for Baseball; Norfolk and Norfolk Catholic High Schools for Boys and Girls Swimming; Omaha Roncalli Catholic and Omaha Brownell-Talbot High Schools for Boys and Girls Cross Country; Kearney and Kearney Catholic High Schools for Boys and Girls Swimming; and Omaha Brownell-Talbot, Omaha Roncalli Catholic, Concordia, Omaha Mercy High Schools for Girls Swimming; and Hartington Cedar Catholic and Hartington for Wrestling.
3. It was moved by Dallas Watkins, seconded by Wendy Henrichs, to approve the Gold Card Program, in cooperation with the Nebraska Coaches Association, with reimbursement of \$20 per card sold to the NSAA. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
4. It was moved by Brian Maher, seconded by Jay Bellar, to approve the contract with the Omaha Public Schools for the State Soccer Championships for 2013, 2014 and 2015. **Motion Carried, 7 For** (Ruhl, Henrichs, Reznicek, Bellar, Maher, Watkins, Halley) **1 Abstention** (Bartee).
5. It was moved by Brian Maher, seconded by Dallas Watkins, to approve the contract with the Omaha Public Schools for the State Track and Field Championships for 2013, 2014 and 2015. **Motion Carried, 7 For** (Ruhl, Henrichs, Reznicek, Bellar, Maher, Watkins, Halley) **1 Abstention** (Bartee).
6. The Board heard a report on infractions by member schools that resulted in sanctions. Ravenna High School, violation of Athletic By-laws, acceptance of the Executive Director's sanction. West Holt High School, violation of Athletic By-laws, acceptance of Executive Director's sanction. Omaha Bryan High School, violation of Athletic By-laws, acceptance of school's internal sanction.
7. The Board discussed bids received in regard to a 5-year football agreement. Action to proceed died for a lack of a motion.
8. The Board discussed bids received in regard to a 5-year baseball agreement.
9. Larry King, Awards Unlimited, appeared before the Board to discuss options for State Championship trophy designs.

10. It was moved by Jay Bellar, seconded by Wendy Henrichs, to change the date of the May Board of Directors meeting from Friday, May 25, 2012 to Thursday, May 24, 2012. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
11. It was moved by Dallas Watkins, seconded by Kent Halley, to enter Executive Session at 3:51 p.m.
12. The Board exited closed session at 4:15 p.m.
13. It was moved by Kent Halley, seconded by Brian Maher, to approve the Executive Director's recommendation for staff salaries for the 2012-13 contract period. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**
14. The Board recessed at 4: 20 p.m. to reconvene after the Representative Assembly.
15. The Board reconvened at 10:20 a.m. on April 13.
16. It was moved by Kent Halley, seconded by Dallas Watkins, to consider all Approved Rulings as presented. **Motion Carried, 7 For** (Ruhl, Henrichs, Reznicek, Bartee, Bellar, Watkins, Halley), **0 Against.**
- A. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Football Page: 4
3.11.4.6 At the beginning of football practice each year, every member school shall be required to have two days of no-contact rules. A school shall not permit an individual athlete to participate in a drill involving contact unless the athlete has had at least two days of practice with the no-contact rules. The no-contact rule shall include contact with a mechanical or training device, blocking sleds, as well as with another player without hand held dummies. **Motion Carried, 6 For** (Ruhl, Henrichs, Reznicek, Bartee, Bellar, Watkins), **1 Against** (Halley).
- B. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Golf Page: 14 and 15 (Class A Only)
All Class A schools are seeded 1-32 by using the Average Differential then placed in district using the serpentine method. The first ranked team is placed in District 1, the second in District 2, the third in District 3, the fourth in district 4, the fifth in District 4, the sixth in District 3, and so on until all 32 teams are assigned. Any conflicts between a host team and its assignment will be resolved by the NSAA Golf Director. **Motion Carried, 6 For** (Ruhl, Henrichs, Reznicek, Bartee, Bellar, Maher), **1 Against** (Halley), **1 Abstention** (Watkins).
- C. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Golf Page: 18
4. NSAA Cart Rental Policy:
The NSAA limits the use of motorized carts during the District Golf Tournament. Only Rules Officials, Scoring Monitors and Media Personnel, and Head Coaches are allowed to have a cart on the course. Spectators are not allowed to rent carts to follow the golfers. Only those people meeting the criteria of the Americans with Disabilities Act will be allowed to rent a cart during the District Tournament. People meeting these criteria must be approved by the Tournament Director.
5. Head Coaches may use a golf cart at District and State competitions with these limitations:
- Only the Head Coach may use this cart.
- Individual schools will be responsible for the cost of the cart, as well as determine if they choose to allow their Head Coach this opportunity. **Motion Failed, 2 For** (Reznicek, Bartee), **6 Against** (Ruhl, Henrichs, Bellar, Maher, Watkins, Halley).
- D. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Golf Page: 13-20, 17
State Meet Qualifiers.
Additional qualifiers. In addition to the regular qualifiers in the individual districts, all qualify who equal or exceed the following in the girls' 2012 NSAA district golf meets. The qualifying marks are determined by using the average score of 15th place for the past 3 years.
Score over par of:
Class a = +17.5 (89.5 on a par 72 course)
Class b = +18.8 (90.8 on a par 72 course)
Class c = +20 (92 on a par 72 course) **Motion Failed, 1 For** (Bellar), **6 Against**, (Ruhl, Henrichs, Reznicek, Maher, Watkins, Halley), **1 Abstention**, (Bartee).
- E. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Soccer Page: 11, 12, 15
17. From Page 11 . . . Wild Card Criteria
1. Seven Class A teams will qualify for the state tournament by winning the championship of their respective district tournaments.
2. One additional Class A team which fails to qualify through district tournament competition, will be chosen to complete the eight-team tournament field.
3. The eight winners of the Class B sub-state games will advance to the state tournament.
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10. The team failing to qualify through district competition in Class A, but having the highest point average based on the year's record after the completion of all the district tournaments will be selected

as the wild card qualifier. *Class A will qualify one wild card team.

From Page 15 . . . District Assignments

Class B schools will be divided into eight (8) districts geographically. The NSAA staff will create these districts and select hosts.

One additional boys' teams and one additional girls' teams in Class A which fail to qualify by winning the district will qualify as wild card teams.

In Class B only, the district tournament will be played starting on Saturday of week 43 and must be concluded by Tuesday of week 44. The winners of the 8 districts plus the teams with the eight (8) highest wild card point totals (using the NSAA wildcard point system) will advance to the Sub State qualifying round.

Sub-State Round

The eight (8) district tournament winners and the eight (8) wildcard teams will be seeded using the NSAA Wildcard point system as follows:

1 vs 16 2 vs 15 3 vs 14 4 vs 13 5 vs 12 6 vs 11 7 vs 10 8 vs 9

The sub-state game must be played on Friday or Saturday of week 44. The higher seed shall be the home team. In the event that one team would have to travel over 200 miles one-way, the schools must mutually agree to play the contest at a neutral site. The eight (8) winners of the sub-state games shall advance to the State Tournament. **Motion Failed, 2 For** (Reznicek, Bartee), **6 Against**, (Ruhl, Henrichs, Bellar, Maher, Watkins, Halley).

- F. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Swimming/Diving Page: 11
Meets scheduled after Saturday of Week 32 will not be considered as state qualifying meets. **Motion Carried, 6 For** (Ruhl, Henrichs, Reznicek, Bellar, Maher, Halley), **2 Against**, (Bartee, Watkins).
- G. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Swimming/Diving Page: 13
State qualifying diving scores must be achieved at multi-team meets which appear on the school's official schedule. **Motion Failed, 3 For** (Reznicek, Bartee, Halley), **5 Against**, (Ruhl, Henrichs, Bellar, Maher, Watkins).
- H. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Swimming/Diving Page: 13
Automatic qualifying for boys and girls diving = 315 **Motion Failed, 2 For** (Reznicek, Bartee), **6 Against**, (Ruhl, Henrichs, Bellar, Maher, Watkins, Halley).
- I. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Swimming Page: 14 and 15
Page 14
8 lanes will be used in the preliminaries AND FINALS in all swimming events.
Scoring. Sixteen places will count for scoring.
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 Relays: 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2.
 Individual events in swimming and diving: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.
Awards. Championship and runner-up team trophies will be awarded.
 Medals will be awarded to individuals in the first eight places in all events.
 The head coach of the championship team will receive an award.
 Any award given to a team or individual prior to, during or immediately following an NSAA state contest is to be awarded by the Nebraska School Activities Association
Entries. All entries swimming/diving must be submitted electronically on the NSAA webpage under the School Login section.
• All entries for the State Swimming and Diving Championships must meet the automatic qualifying standard. If there are not 32 competitors entered in a swimming event who have met the qualifying standard, additional qualifiers who have met the secondary standard will be added based on time to reach 32 entries – If there are not enough secondary time entries to reach 32, additional entries will not be added. The secondary time represents 8% of the qualifying standard for individual event and 5% for relay events. Individuals to be considered as additional qualifiers must be submitted for consideration at the time that entries are due in the NSAA office. *If there is a tie for the 32nd spot via secondary time, an additional heat will not be added. **Motion Carried, 6 For** (Ruhl, Reznicek, Bartee, Maher, Watkins, Halley), **2 Against** (Henrichs, Bellar).
- J. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Swimming/Diving Page: 15
All entries for the State Swimming and Diving Championships must meet the automatic qualifying standard. If there are not 32 competitors entered in a swimming event who have met the qualifying standard, additional qualifiers who have met the secondary standard will be added based on time to

reach 32 entries. The secondary time represents 8% of the qualifying standard. Individuals to be considered as additional qualifiers must be submitted for consideration at the time that entries are due in the NSAA office. *If there is a tie for the 32nd spot (secondary time), an additional heat will not be added. **Motion Failed, 4 For** (Reznicek, Bartee, Bellar, Halley), **4 Against** (Ruhl, Henrichs, Maher, Watkins).

K. The proposal deals with: Activities Manual: Volleyball Page: 10

CLASS B: Based on the NSAA Point System, at least 10 days prior to districts, the top 6 teams shall be designated as host sites for their district. The remaining 3-4 schools shall be placed into districts by the NSAA based upon proximity to district sites working west to east. North to south direction may be used in some cases in order to decrease the distance between the schools within a district. If there is a school that is more than 120 miles from the top seeded school in a district, a centrally located neutral site shall be selected by the top seed.

A. The winning team in each district will qualify for the State tournament.

B. Two additional teams will also qualify on the basis of the wild card selection procedure.

CLASSES C-1, C-2, D-1, D-2: Based on the NSAA Point System, at least 10 days prior to sub-districts, the top 12 teams shall be designated as host sites for their sub-district. The remaining 3-4 schools shall be placed into sub-districts by the NSAA based upon proximity to sub-district sites working west to east. North to south direction may be used in some cases in order to decrease the distance between the schools within a district. If there is a school that is more than 120 miles from the sub-district top seeded school, a centrally located neutral site shall be selected by the top seed.

A. The teams winning the sub-districts will advance to the district final and will be paired in the following manner: Sub-district 1 will play 12, 2 vs 11, 3 vs 10, 4 vs 9, 5 vs 8 and 6 vs 7.

B. Six winners will advance along with two wild card team to the state tournament.

C. Two additional teams in each class will also qualify on the basis of the wild card team selection procedure. **Motion Failed, 3 For** (Henrichs, Reznicek, Bartee), **5 Against** (Ruhl, Bellar, Maher, Watkins, Halley).

18. It was moved by Brian Maher, seconded by Jay Bellar, to approve the NSAA Activities Calendar for 2012-13 as presented. **Motion Carried, 8-0.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. on Friday, April 13, 2012.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in Lincoln on Thursday, May 24, 2012.

Debra Velder, Associate Director