

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 5, 2009

Board Members Present: Annette Duvall, Gill James, Pat McCarthy, Brent Kawaguchi, Michael Bailey, Gary Emslie, John Wiley, Peter Bentley, Craig Olson, Megan Marson, Chris Bigelow, Jeff Lowell, Luke Syverson, JoAnn Fukuma

Board Members Absent: Bob Dowding, Joe Thompson

Tom & Marilyn Doyle – District Directors

1. **Introduction of Guests:** Mike Colbrese, WIAA Craig Bakken, Sea-King Eligibility & Jim Murphy, CPA
2. **Approval of Monday, August 31, 2009 Executive Board Minutes.** M/S/P
3. **Financial Report:**

Checking:	\$ 2,912.02
Savings:	\$ 25,950.00
4. **Approval of Vouchers:** Vouchers #15372 through #15397 for a total of \$ 54,602.33
M/S/P. Tom was directed to check on the 9/27 service fees for HNA listed at \$45.
5. **WIAA Executive Board Report: Mike Colbrese, Craig Olson, Chris Bigelow**
 - A. **Classification:** Mike reviewed the process for this cycle's classification process. He handed out an outline of the process and the timeline for the process. There is concern throughout the state about how the numbers will come out. There appear to be more leagues moving to multi-classification leagues to solve some of the problems associated with the process. The most recent amendment was designed to level out the numbers in each of the classifications by dealing with the opt-ups. The "line" will be drawn Jan. 6. Prior to that WIAA will provide a list of schools and size so leagues can begin to see where the line might be drawn. Schools will have the opportunity to opt up or down after seeing the Dec. 1 numbers. By Jan 15, schools must make a final decision on opting up. The hope is that all schools will make the opt up determination by mid December so that the classifications can be balanced.
 - B. **WIAA/WOA Agreement:** Schools and District Directors have asked the state office to standardize the official's agreements throughout the state. WIAA/WOA has spent the last year + negotiating a state-wide agreement. WIAA has been billing schools for L&I for officials for over a decade. The amount paid to the state is very high – partially because we have over 165 associations and boards throughout the state. When an injury occurs and a claim is submitted, that official may referee a different sport and the L&I claim hasn't been released. That drives up rates. We needed a system to track that, so we moved to Arbiter (or Ridge Star) to track this. Hopefully that will lead to a reduction of fees. Employment Security has also begun to look into raising revenue. The agreement moves schools to the position of hiring independent contractors rather than having the officials be employees of the schools.
 - C. **WIAA Board Action:**
 - i. **State Track Meet Schedule:** The eastside schools are concerned about the 2A/3A/4A meet being a 2.5 day meet. Facilities require that we put three classifications together. With Pasco out of the mix at the moment, we need a Westside site. If WIAA finds a third site, then we may go back to a 2-day, two classification meet again.
 - ii. **Tournament format review.** Included below.

- iii. **Reimbursement.** WIAA had a “points” system for reimbursement based on the number of participants in a state event, the number of days, and several other factors. The WIAA would then distribute monies at the end of the year based on the points earned in each district, who then distributed to schools. As the WIAA budget had difficulties and the point reimbursement decreased, the board determined that they would pay the district liability policies and build a ‘reserve” account for reimbursement, and not reimburse for points until it is stabilized again. The board has put tourneys on the eastside of the state to try to help with the costs that are not now being reimbursed.
- iv. **Eligibility, stabilizing leagues, violations, post season format.**
 - 1. The board discussed tournament formats such as reviewing the 16 team basketball format. The board doesn’t want to change the number of teams coming, but wants to review the format of a double elimination tourney, for instance. Also looking at how teams access post-season play.
 - 2. Eligibility...there is a concern about eligibility committee consistency and process throughout the state. The board will continue to discuss this.
 - 3. Stabilizing leagues. Leagues throughout the state are trying to figure out what is going to be happening down the road and how the board and WIAA staff can help assist in stabilizing leagues.
 - 4. Violations: The board is wanting to be consistent with the violations and penalties. Hearings for violations, especially at playoff time, can be time consuming and difficult. The board will be reviewing the process on how to improve this.

D. Sportsmanship – What should be the state association’s role in sportsmanship? How can the WIAA help to promote it throughout the state. The board heard from schools with five or more ejections this summer and it led to a healthy discussion about how we can deal with the sportsmanship issues in the state. Creating standard sportsmanship guidelines is difficult, but needs to be done.

E. Other. Mike answered a question about the Soccer programs being “on notice”. The board wants to see a reduction in the violations for soccer and are considering raising the level of penalty if they cannot be reduced. Mike was asked if there is any work being done with the official associations to reduce the physical nature of the sport. Mike indicated that had happened in the past, but has not taken place at this time. Mike will follow up on this.

- i. Board will require that all agreements between districts be approved by the board.
- ii. There is now a “fact finder” procedure manual approved.
- iii. Wrestling injury time-out provides 1.5 minutes. If there is a suspected concussion, that time is waived.
- iv. The “gluing rule” allows a district to challenge for a second allocation to state. One district requested that we drop the rule – if you qualify of one, you also get a second opportunity. The WIAA board is discussing whether to maintain this or not.
- v. The Hall of Fame deadline for applications is Nov. 13. We are looking for former player nominations.

6. Sea-King District 2 Executive Board: Michael Bailey

A. Fall Eligibility Report - Craig Bakken

- a. The number of hearings is down so far this year – from 48 to 31 this year. We aren’t sure why they are down and wonder whether there will be more this winter. 21 of 31 have been granted. 8 have been appealed to WIAA

with 2 of those granted to date. Thanks to all who served on the boards this year.

B. Review of 2008-2009 Annual Financial Report – Jim Murphy

- a. Jim has copies of the tax return and the financial report for the board to review and the Job/Project Report to show how we did this past year.
- b. Jim indicated that with over 3000 checks written, he could only find a discrepancy of \$.04.
- c. Jim wants to see us improve the tournament manager's reports. We are having difficulty getting managers to staple first and last tickets to the report. We need to also staple the deposit slip to the form when mailed in to Marilyn.
- d. Otherwise, books are very well done.

C. Violations – Approved League Sanctions.

D. League Reports.

- a. **Kingco** – The league discussed multi classification at its annual meeting and addressed all sorts of related issues. Still hashing out the issues and feeling that there is more good than bad, just need to work out the bugs.
- b. **Metro** – Annette introduced Joann Fukuma, Franklin, as the new rep. Metro will use League Minder for its scheduling this year. There are many discussions to be held in this league over the multi classification possibilities. They meet with Kingco next week for further discussion.
- c. **Emerald City** – Quiet at the moment.
- d. **SeaTac** – There is a lot of discussion about forming a new league and the many possible changes coming at the 1B/2B level.
- e. **Middle School** – Things are going well for the schools as they meet this year.

E. Site Selection for Football/Soccer. Schools are reminded that it is the District which selects home sites for playoff contests. **Because a school is listed as the home team does NOT mean that team will host at their site.** The Districts each turn in their criteria for home site selection and a list of sites that would be appropriate for playoffs in football and soccer. Once pairings are determined, then the District Directors and their Boards determine where the contests will be played.

F. WIAA Insurance (L & I/Catastrophic). The WIAA continues to pick up the cost of our Catastrophic insurance policy. We are grateful to the WIAA Board for helping the districts with this cost!

7. Sea-King District 2 Executive Director Report: Tom & Marilyn Doyle

A. Correspondence. None.

B. Web Site: www.seaking2.com. We have moved to a new site for our website

8. Other Business-Agenda Items for Monday, November 9, 2009-3:30PM Bellevue ESC

A. Review Fall Tournament/Play-Off Status

B. Winter District Tournament Dates, Sites & Managers

C. Proposed Amendments for Rep. Assembly

D. Submit Amendments for Spring Rep. Assembly

E. Fall District Tournament/Play-Off Financial Report

F. Nominations for Sea-King District 2 Athletic Director of the Year. Leagues need to bring nominations for this award to the November District Board meeting.

G. Leagues Report A.D. of Year Nominees

9. The Executive Board meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.