

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held at the Y. M. C. A. Building, Louisville, on Thursday afternoon, April 17, 1941.

President W. F. O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 2:30 P. M., with fifty-five regularly elected delegates present.

Ralph Mills moved, seconded by K. G. Gillaspie, that the minutes of the 1940 meeting of the association, which had been previously sent to all member schools, be approved without being read. The motion was carried unanimously.

The secretary-treasurer gave the following report on the activities of the association during the 1940-41 school year:

Four schools were suspended from the association for the remainder of the school year. They were Dublin, Owensboro, Crockett, and St. Jerome.

Five hundred forty-one schools joined the association this year, which is fourteen less than the membership last year. Consolidation of schools throughout the state is causing a decrease in membership each year. One hundred thirteen schools are listed as playing football, which is a slight decrease in number from last year. Several schools again indicated that they were playing six-man football. Five hundred thirty-three schools entered district tournaments this year.

The sixty district tournament reports show total receipts of \$43,399.13, which is an increase over the receipts of the district tournaments last year. Twenty-eight districts used the state plan for the distribution of profits.

Receipts of the sixteen regional tournaments were \$18,392.25, which is also an increase over last year's regional tournaments. Seven regions used the state plan for distribution of profits.

The gross receipts of the state tournament were \$15,221.50, and total disbursements were \$ 5,089.02, giving a profit of \$10,132.48.

Five hundred twenty-two basketball officials and two hundred twenty-four football officials registered with the K. H. S. A. A. this year. This was an increase in number over that of last year. There were ten football rules interpretation clinics held under the direction of Prof. M. E. Potter of Lexington. Football rules examinations were held for officials a short time after the clinics were conducted. Eighty-nine officials took the examination, with twenty-three receiving the approved rating and eight receiving the certified rating. Sixteen basketball rules interpretation clinics were conducted by Buford Clark of Barbourville. One hundred twenty-four basketball officials took the rules examination which was held at thirty-five sites. Thirty-seven officials received the approved rating and five received the certified rating. The sixteen employment bureaus for officials functioned again this year, with the service of these bureaus continuing to improve.

Seventy-seven school insured their athletes under the K. H. S. A. A. Protection Fund. One thousand two hundred ninety-nine boys were insured for football, and seven hundred eighty-eight for basketball. One hundred nineteen injuries were reported. One hundred three claims, totaling \$1,679.80, have been paid to date. There are several spring football claims pending.

Total funds of the association of June 30th, which ends the fiscal year, will be approximately \$17,000.00. The annual audit will show details of receipts and expenditures, including the state tournament report.

H. B. Gray moved, seconded by Sam Pollock, that the report of the secretary be accepted and filed. The motion was carried unanimously.

The proposals included in the mimeographed list sent to all member schools and also printed in the April issue of the magazine were then considered.

L. G. Shultz moved, seconded by J. W. Snyder, that proposal I, providing that no graded school pupil enrolled in any grade below the ninth, either in graded or high school, shall be eligible for more than one year in each grade, be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

W. R. Nelson moved, seconded by T. L. Arterberry, that Proposal II, providing that the certificate of eligibility for a graded school pupil must show the grade in which he is enrolled, be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

J. W. Snyder moved, seconded by George T. Taylor, that Proposal III, providing that a certified official shall continue to receive the same rating each year if he attends the regular K. H. S. A. A. Rules-Interpretation Meeting for that year, be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

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L. G. Shultz moved, seconded by W. R. Nelson, that Proposal IV, giving the Board of Control the right to determine the site of the state basketball tournament, without any specific instructions being given, be tabled. The motion was carried.

H. B. Gray moved, seconded by T. L. Arterberry, that Proposal V, giving the Board of Control the right to determine the site of the State Basketball Tournament, with specific instructions that the Board shall be guided by hotel facilities, gymnasium facilities, and possible patronage, be accepted. The motion was carried.

Proposals VI and VII, being proposals having to do with the location of the state tournament, were automatically barred after Proposal V had carried, and were not considered.

K. G. Gillaspie moved, seconded by Thomas C. Little, that Proposal VIII, providing that runners-up in the district tournaments be eliminated from tournament competition, be tabled. The motion was carried.

J. W. Bradner, speaking for Case Thomasson who originally offered Proposal IX, received permission to delete the second sentence of Proposal IX which provided for the elimination of spring basketball practice. J. W. Bradner then moved, seconded by George T. Taylor, that Proposal IX, providing that spring football practice be eliminated, be accepted. On a roll call, the vote was 33 "aye" and 22 "no", the proposal failing to carry by the necessary two-thirds vote.

W. W. Jones moved, seconded by T. L. Arterberry, that Proposal X, providing that a contestant must have a passing average in at least three full-credit high school studies for the current semester up to the end of the week preceding that in which the contest occurs, and not necessarily for the preceding week itself, be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Ralph Mills moved, seconded by Sam Pollock, that Proposal XI, providing that when an official disqualifies a player he shall report the name of the player to the principal of the home team school, be accepted. The motion was carried.

W. R. Nelson moved, seconded by Fayne Grone, that Proposal XII, providing that a boy who enters high school for the first time at the beginning of the second semester and who does not play basketball during that semester may consider his four seasons of basketball opportunity as beginning with the next school year, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Robert J. Nickel moved, seconded by Ralph Mills, that Proposal XIII, providing that the K. H. S. A. A. shall require all home schools to hire two officials for all basketball games, and that these officials shall receive a maximum fee of \$6.00 each, be tabled. The motion was carried unanimously.

K. G. Gillaspie moved, seconded by Thomas C. Little, that Proposal XIV, providing that no official shall be used in the district, regional or state tournaments to whom a participating school objects, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Ralph Mills moved, seconded by Clarence Wyatt, that Proposal XV, providing that all contestants who have become ineligible on their twentieth birthday, except ^{in case} a student becomes twenty after a season begins, he shall be eligible for that sport throughout that season, the beginning and end of each season being specified, be accepted. The motion was lost. An amendment to Proposal XV, proposed by Frank Satterlee, and seconded by Ralph Mills, had previously carried, providing that the football season should be considered as beginning September 1 and ending December 1; basketball, October 15 through March 31; and track, March 1 to end of school year.

J. W. Bradner moved, seconded by Charles McEllurg, that Proposal XVI, providing that the annual meeting of the association shall be an open assembly, be tabled. The motion was carried.

By consent of the delegate assembly, Coach Fred Caudill submitted the following proposal: A contestant shall become ineligible at the close of the semester in which he becomes twenty years of age. Fayne Grone moved, seconded by L. G. Shultz, that the proposal be tabled. The motion was carried.

The election of officers and directors was then held. Henry Chambers nominated Russell E. Bridges for the office of President of the K. H. S. A. A., and Tom Gregory nominated Charles W. Blake. Sam Pollock moved, seconded by George T. Taylor, that the nominations cease. The motion was carried unanimously. The vote was then held for the presidency of the association, and W. F. O'Donnell, the presiding officer, declared that Russell E. Bridges had been elected. G. Riley Nichols nominated W. B. Owen for the office of Vice-President. Sam Pollock moved, seconded by Ralph Mills, that W. B. Owen be elected by acclamation. The motion was carried unanimously. L. H. Lutes nominated Theo. A. Sanford for the office of secretary-treasurer, for a period of three years. Thomas C. Little

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moved, seconded by Sam Pollock, that Theo. A. Sanford be elected by acclamation. The motion was carried unanimously. J. W. Bradner nominated John A. Dotson, J. Matt Sparkman, and Chris H. Purdom as directors. Louis Litchfield moved, seconded by K. G. Gillaspie, that John A. Dotson, J. Matt Sparkman, and Chris H. Purdom be elected by acclamation. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adron Doran moved that the salary of the secretary-treasurer be increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year, stating that the duties of the office has been greatly increased during the past three or four years. There was no second to the motion and therefore no vote was taken.

H. B. Gray moved, seconded by Ralph Mills, that W. F. O'Donnell, retiring president of the K. H. S. A. A., be given a vote of thanks by the delegate assembly for his many years of fine service to the association. The motion was carried unanimously.

President O'Donnell was then asked to retire from the meeting.

Secretary T. A. Sanford submitted a proposal, previously sent to his office by Coach Earle D. Jones, providing that the secretary be authorized to purchase a suitable wrist watch as a gift to the retiring president from the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. The secretary explained that he had not thought it advisable to include this proposal in the printed list of proposals which had been sent to member schools, as the president should not know of this proposal in advance. W. R. Nelson moved, seconded by George T. Taylow, that the proposal as submitted by the secretary be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Russell E. Bridges, presiding officer, appointed a committee composed of H. B. Gray, Adron Doran, and L. H. Lutes, to draft suitable resolutions concerning the voluntary retirement of W. F. O'Donnell from the presidency of the K. H. S. A. A.

J. W. Bradner moved, seconded by Thomas C. Little, that the business session adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously.

The dinner meeting of the association was held in the ballroom of the Henry Clay Hotel at 6:30 P. M. with more than one hundred fifty present. Interesting talks were given by Adolph Rupp, basketball coach of the University of Kentucky and "Bo" McMillin, football coach of the University of Indiana. H. B. Gray offered the following resolutions which were accepted by the assembly: "Since 1929 the K. H. S. A. A. has had as its President, Superintendent W. F. O'Donnell, of Richmond, Kentucky. His administration comprises twelve years of square shooting, dynamic leadership, intelligent progress, and democratic procedure. Superintendent O'Donnell has been the consistent friend of every player, coach and principal in Kentucky. His decisions on questions of eligibility and his interpretations of the by-laws and constitution have been uniformly considered and fair. It is with extreme and sincere regret that we accept the voluntary retirement of Superintendent O'Donnell from the office which he has so signally honored. Our good will, our faith and our prayers go with him to his new field of endeavor, The Presidency of Eastern State Teachers College." (Signed) H. B. Gray, Adron Doran, L. H. Lutes, Committee. T. A. Sanford then presented to the president the wrist watch which the delegate assembly had authorized him to purchase. President O'Donnell expressed his sincere appreciation of the gift.

The meeting was declared adjourned.

Of the proposals sent out by the secretary in his April letter, and printed in the April issue of the association magazine, the following were passed by the delegates to the annual meeting, as previously indicated in the minutes:

I. The Board of Control recommends that By-Law I be amended by adding the following section to be designated as Section 2 of this By-Law: "No graded school pupil enrolled in any grade below the ninth, either in graded or junior high school, shall be eligible for more than one year in each grade."

II. The Board of Control recommends that the following sentence be added to Section 1 of By-Law XIII: "The certificate of eligibility for a graded school pupil must show the grade in which he is enrolled."

III. The Board of Control recommends that the following paragraph be added to Section 3 of By-Law XXVIII: "After an official has received the certified rating, he shall continue to receive this rating each year, provided that he attends the regular K. H. S. A. A. Rules-Interpretation Meeting for that year."

V. Coach P. M. Payne proposes that the last phrase of Tournament Rule 1 be amended to read: "and a state tournament on the third week-end in March at a location deemed best suited by the Board of Control. The Board of Control shall be guided by hotel facilities, gymnasium facilities and possible patronage."

X. Principal Wm. A. Cook proposes the following change in By-Law VIII: That in the first line after the word "have", omit the words "the week preceding, and".

XI. Principal Clarence Evans proposes that By-Law X be amended by inserting at the end of the first sentence the following: "When an official disqualifies a player, he shall report the name of the player to the principal of the home team school."

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