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Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held at the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, on Friday afternoon, April 23, 1954.

President Carlos Oakley called the meeting to order at 2:00, and asked Commissioner Theo. A. Sanford to call the roll of delegates. Fifty-three regularly elected delegates or alternates answered the roll call. The following delegates were seated, in the absence of the delegates or alternates from their respective districts: Joe Duke, D. 4; Harold Hunter, D. 18; Randall Grider, D. 20; Robert B. Clem, D. 25; Roy Dorsey, D. 29; Ollie Leathers, D. 41 and H. D. House, D. 44. The motion to seat the delegates was made by J. D. Rayburn and seconded by Earle Jones.

Julian Cunningham moved, seconded by Joe Duke, that the minutes of the 1953 annual meeting of the Association, which had been sent previously to all member schools, be approved without being read. The motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sanford then gave a report on the activities of the Association during the 1953-54 school year. It is as follows:

"Four hundred fifty-five schools joined the Association during 1953-54. This is thirteen less than were enrolled in 1952-53. One hundred seven schools had eleven-man football teams, and sixteen played six-man football. This represents a decrease of three in the number of schools having eleven-man teams, and the same number of schools which had six-man teams in 1952-53.

"The sixteen regional tournament financial reports have been received, showing total receipts of \$80,172.65. Receipts in the sixty-two district basketball tournaments amounted to \$152,544.32. Both figures are slightly under those of last year. Receipts from ticket sales at the State Basketball Tournament, exclusive of refunds, were \$100,064.45. Profit on the tournament program will bring total tournament receipts to an amount in excess of \$103,000.00. Profit to the Association from the tournament should be approximately \$79,000.00. A few tournament bills are still being received by the State Office, with the result that it is necessary to give an estimate of tournament profits at this time. A complete record of all receipts and disbursements will appear in a subsequent issue of the Association magazine.

"One thousand forty-seven basketball officials and 322 football officials registered with the Association in 1953-54. Nine football rules clinics were held under the direction of Dr. Lyman V. Ginger, and thirty-two football officials took the National Federation rules examination for the higher ratings. The basketball clinics were conducted by Charlie Vettiner, as was the School For Basketball Officials. Mr. Vettiner held fourteen clinics. Additional meetings and clinics were held by the regional representatives who continued to render a fine service to the Association in their respective areas. One hundred forty-four officials took the basketball examination, with fourteen being added to the "Certified" list, and seventy-four receiving the "Approved" rating.

"Three hundred twenty schools insured their athletes under the K.H.S.A.A. Protection Fund. Three thousand one hundred forty boys were insured in football, 6,447 in all sports except football, and 313 in Physical Education. Five hundred ninety claims, totaling \$12,402.42, have been paid to date. This figure is approximately \$2,000 more than the amount reported a year ago for a comparable period of time.

"Four schools have been suspended from the Association this year. One penalty came as a result of the violation of K.H.S.A.A. By-Law 4, Age; another for violation of By-Law 17, Practice of Sportsmanship; another for violation of By-Law 5, Section 4, Preceding Semester Enrollment; and the fourth suspension for violation of By-Law 10, Undue Influence.

"Early reports indicate that interest in spring sports continues to increase. Sixteen schools sent entries to the very successful State Swimming Meet, which was held in Lexington on April 3, under the supervision of the State Swimming Committee. The Board of Control has increased the number of track regions from eight to twelve. Forty baseball districts, the largest number in the history of the Association, will send their winners to the regional tournaments.

"1953-54 has been a good year for the K.H.S.A.A. The State Basketball Tournament set a new record in attendance and receipts. The finances of the Association continue to remain in excellent condition because of the tournament profits. Our school men have been most helpful when called upon to assist in the program of the Association.

"Suggestions for the improvement of the K.H.S.A.A. are always welcomed by the members of the Board of Control and by the Commissioner."

John Heber moved, seconded by Clayton Hood, that the report of the Commissioner be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

President Oakley stated that consideration of the proposals was the next order of business.

John Heber moved, seconded by Paul Phillips, that Proposal I, providing that a first team competitor who changes schools without a corresponding change in the residence of his parents shall be ineligible for thirty-six school weeks, be adopted. The motion was carried.

William Shannon moved, seconded by Paul Coop, that Proposal II, providing for the reduction in the number of basketball games which may be played by a team representing a member school in any season, be tabled. The motion was lost. W.A. Threlkeld moved, seconded by Cecil Purdom, that Proposal II be adopted. The motion was lost.

Cecil Reid moved, seconded by James Solomon, that Proposal III, providing that district and regional tournament sites shall be determined by the Commissioner, be tabled. The motion was carried.

K. M. Winston moved, seconded by Cecil Reid, that Proposal IV, providing that the Commissioner shall assign officials for the regional basketball tournaments, be tabled. The vote on this motion was a 27-27 tie. Joe Duke moved, seconded by Earle Jones, that Proposal IV be adopted. The motion was lost.

J. D. Rayburn moved, seconded by James Pursifull, that Proposal V, providing that no member school of the K.H.S.A.A. be permitted to play a football game until the first Friday following Labor Day in September, be tabled. The motion was lost. John Heber moved, seconded by Ollie Leathers, that Proposal V be adopted. This motion failed to carry by the necessary two-thirds vote.

O. M. Lassiter moved, seconded by Bowman Davenport, that Proposal VI, providing that in the State Track Meet the 440 yard dash and the first leg of the mile relay be staggered at the start in lanes for the first curve only, be adopted. The motion was carried.

Oran Teater moved, seconded by James Bazzell, that Proposal VII, providing for a new system of classifying high schools for basketball, track, and baseball tournaments, be tabled. The motion was carried unanimously.

Cecil Reid moved, seconded by O. P. Hurt, that Proposal VIII, providing that no member school shall take part in a tournament from which any outside organization derives a profit, financial or otherwise, be adopted. The motion was carried.

President Oakley then asked for any proposals from the floor, explaining that such proposals could only be considered by a two-thirds vote of the delegates.

Joe Duke submitted the following proposal for consideration: "that the rules be amended to provide that the Board of Control be authorized to select and establish standard trophies for all district and regional tournaments and that the cost of these trophies be borne by the respective districts and regions." Earle Jones moved, seconded by Bowman Davenport, that the proposal be considered. The motion was carried. Clayton Hood moved, seconded by Joe Duke, that the proposal be adopted. The motion was carried.

Rev. John V. Hegenauer proposed that the baseball rules be amended, as provided in the National Federation baseball rules, to allow coaches to stay in the coaches' boxes. Coach Jim Connor spoke for the proposal. William Shannon moved, seconded by Ollie Leathers, that the proposal be considered. The motion was carried. Ollie Leathers moved, seconded by Holbert Hodges, that the proposal be adopted. The motion was carried.

There being no further business, President Oakley declared the meeting adjourned.

The dinner meeting of the Association was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Brown Hotel at 6:00 P.M., with approximately 350 delegates and other school officials present. A string quartet, the Ridge Runners from Eastern High School, were presented by Board member Jack Dawson, and entertained the group with several numbers. President Oakley introduced Joe Wycoff, a high school student from the St. Joseph Prep School, and presented him with the Game Guy Award. Charlie Vettiner presented to Commissioner Sanford for the Association an engraved plaque, giving the names of the boys who have received the Game Guy Award since 1949, the year in which the award was first given. President Oakley presented Jack Dawson and Louis Litchfield, who have become members of the Board since the last annual meeting, and W. H. Crowdus, who will become a Board member on July 1. Blanton Collier, head football coach at the University of Kentucky, gave the address of the evening, which was enjoyed by all present.