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Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Kentucky High School Athletic Association

1955

The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, on Friday afternoon, April 15, 1955.

President Carlos Oakley called the meeting to order at 2:00 and asked Commissioner Theo. A. Sanford to call the roll of delegates. Fifty-seven 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: O. J. Allen, D. 1; James A. Pursifull, D. 51; James H. Powell, D. 52. The motion to seat the delegates was made by John Potter, seconded by Joe Duke, and carried unanimously.

President Oakley then presented to the assembly Supt. Robert P. Forsythe and Supt. Kenneth G. Gillaspie, elected recently to membership on the Board of Control for a four-year period to represent Sections 2 and 5 respectively.

C. A. McCray moved, seconded by O. J. Allen, that the minutes of the 1954 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 1954-55 school year. Lyndle Barnes moved, seconded by Gene Wilson, 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 Joe Caudill, that Proposal I, providing for the reduction in the number of basketball games which may be played in any season by a team representing a member school, be adopted. The motion was lost.

Gene Wilson moved, seconded by Joe McPherson, that Proposal II, authorizing the Board of Control to select, standardize, and purchase district and regional basketball tournament trophies, be adopted. The motion was carried.

John Potter moved, seconded by J. I. Tichenor, that Proposal III, providing that regional basketball tournament officials shall be selected by the Commissioner, be adopted. The motion was lost.

Lawrence McGinnis moved, seconded by Bruce Sweeney, that Proposal IV, providing that a "B" team player shall not be eligible to play on an "A" team during the same evening or session, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Jason White moved, seconded by O. J. Allen, that Proposal V, providing that a contestant shall become ineligible at the end of the semester during which he reaches his twentieth birthday, be tabled. The motion was carried unanimously.

John Potter moved, seconded by H. T. Cooper, that Proposal VI, providing that "twelve" be substituted for "ten" in Tournament Rule XI, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Bowman Davenport moved, seconded by Irby Hummer, that Proposal VII, providing that "a bona fide student shall be one as defined and interpreted by the Kentucky State Board of Education in its accrediting standards," be tabled. The motion was carried.

After some announcements concerning spring sports had been made by Commissioner Sanford, President Oakley declared the business 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 three hundred delegates and other school officials present. President Oakley presented new Board members Robert P. Forsythe and Kenneth G. Gillaspie. He introduced Dr. Ray O. Duncan, Dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, West Virginia University, who was a guest of the Association at the dinner; and President Edgar McNabb of the Kentucky High School Coaches Charity Association, who introduced other Association officers present. Director Jack Dawson announced that James "Cap" Caudill of the Atherton High School had won the Game Guy Plaque of 1955, and he presented the award to the father, Larry Caudill, in the boy's absence. Commissioner L. V. Phillips of the Indiana High School Athletic Association gave the address of the evening. Mr. Phillips spoke on the subject, "Current Problems in High School Athletics." His talk was informative and interesting, and it was enjoyed by all present.

#### Commissioner's Annual Report

Four hundred forty-two schools joined the Association during 1954-55. This is thirteen less than were enrolled in 1953-54. One hundred ten schools had eleven-man football teams, and thirteen played six-man football. This represents an increase of three in the number of schools having eleven-man teams, and a decrease of three six-man teams since 1953-54.

Financial reports filed by the sixteen regional basketball tournament managers show total receipts of \$90,549.81. This represents an approximate increase of

\$10,000.00 over 1954 receipts. Receipts in the sixty-one district basketball tournaments amounted to \$149,200.74, a small decrease from the 1954 figure. Receipts from ticket sales at the State Basketball Tournament, exclusive of refunds, were \$103,389.75. Additional receipts from television and from the tournament program will bring total tournament receipts to an amount in excess of \$107,000.00. Profit to the Association on the tournament should be approximately \$80,000.00. 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 eighty-nine basketball officials and 323 football officials registered with the Association in 1954-55. Nine football rules clinics were held under the direction of Dr. Lyman V. Ginger, and twenty-four football officials took the National Federation football 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 officials and schools in their respective areas. One hundred thirty-three officials took the basketball examination, with twenty-six being added to the "certified" list and seventy-seven receiving the "approved" rating.

Three hundred twenty-three schools insured their athletes under the K.H.S.A.A. Protection Fund this year. Three thousand, four hundred ninety-six boys were insured in football; 6,711 in all sports except football; and 193 in Physical Education. Six hundred thirty-nine claims, amounting to \$13,724.89, have been paid to date. This figure is approximately \$1,300.00 more than the amount reported a year ago for a comparable period of time. The Board of Control for 1954-55 gave each member school insuring its athletes in the Protection Fund a credit of \$30.00. To date this free insurance has cost the Association \$9,000.00, this amount having been transferred from the General Fund to the Protection Fund.

Two schools have been suspended from the Association this year, and one placed on probation. One suspension came as a result of the violation of K.H.S.A.A. By-Law 17, Practice of Sportsmanship; the other for violation of By-Law 5, Section 1, Maximum Number of Semesters. The school placed on probation was judged guilty of having violated By-Law 17.

Interest in spring sports continues to increase. Eighteen schools sent entries to the State Swimming Meet, which was held in Lexington on April 2 under the supervision of the State Swimming Committee. The increasing of the number of track regions from eight to twelve a year ago has been one of the factors in causing more schools to sponsor track. The largest number of baseball teams in Association history will go to the forty district tournaments this spring. There are more tennis and golf teams each year.

1954-55 has been a good year for the K.H.S.A.A. Last July the State Office was moved to Lexington, a more central location. A new office building, modern in every detail, is now under construction. It is anticipated that this building will be completed within the next three or four months. The State Basketball Tournament set a new record in attendance and receipts, and the finances of the Association continue to remain in excellent condition because of the tournament profits.

If the program of the K.H.S.A.A. has been an expanding one, it has been because our school men have been most helpful when called upon to assist in directing certain Association projects and activities. Suggestions for the improvement of the Association are always welcomed by the members of the Board of Control and by the Commissioner.