

# Staff To Survey Schools On New Sports

## MINUTES

MARCH 17, 1994

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Ramada Inn in Bowling Green, Ky. on Thursday, March 17, 1994. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by President Ray Story with all Board members present except Ken Cox. Also present were Commissioner Billy Wise, Assistant Commissioners Louis Stout, Brigid DeVries and Larry Boucher, Business Affairs Manager Julian Tackett and Board Attorney Danny Reeves. Gary Faulkner was present from the State Department of Education. Bob Rogers gave the Invocation.

President Story introduced Mr. Darrell Treece, Principal of Henry County High School, the newly elected Board member who will represent Regions 7 and 8.

Frank Welch made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23-24, 1994 Board meeting. Cookie Henson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

After amending the minutes of the Feb. 24, 1994 meeting to read that Randy Kimbrough and Gary Faulkner from the State Department of Education were in attendance, Stan Steidel made a motion to approve the minutes of said meeting. Claudia Hicks seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ozz Jackson made a motion to approve the bills of the Association for the period beginning Jan. 1 and ending Feb. 28, 1994. Frank Welch seconded the motion which passed unanimously. A discussion then ensued regarding the 1993-94 Working Budget as of Feb. 28, 1994. Following questions regarding brick sales, anticipated interest receipts and Dr. Hornback's contract, Jackson made a motion to accept the Budget update. Grant Talbott seconded the motion which passed.

President Story called on Commissioner Wise to discuss the next item on the Agenda - an amendment to the KHSAA Constitution brought about by a recommendation of the State Department of Education's Task Force on Interscholastic Athletics. The new amendment, 702 KAR 7:065, sets forth the designation of an agent to manage

high school interscholastic athletics. Following comments by the Board members, staff, Faulkner and Reeves, Frank Cardwell made a motion that the Board send a referendum to the member schools for approval of the KHSAA Constitution amendment which in effect will allow the KHSAA to continue as the designated agent to manage interscholastic athletics. Frank Welch seconded the motion. Rogers then moved to amend the original motion to wait until after the May 4 meeting of the SBESE to send the referendum to the schools. Kathy Hopper seconded the motion to amend. The motion to amend passed 8-2 with 1 abstention. The original motion then passed as amended by a vote of 8-2 with 1 abstention.

President Story called on Commissioner Wise to relate the situation concerning representatives from Brown School appearing before the Board to answer questions regarding violations of the State Swimming Meet regulations. Present for the hearing were Principal Lennie Hay, Ath. Dir. Sharon Leezer and Swimming Coach Lauri Wade. Following Ms. Hay's presentation and questions to the group from the Board, Hopper made a motion, seconded by James Sexton, that since corrective action was taken by Brown School, no further action be taken by the Board against Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wise then advised the Board members of an item of concern expressed by the Task Force - the sponsorship of new sports offered by the National Federation and the continuance of existing sports. The proposed policy was then discussed as recommended by the Commissioner:

1) SANCTIONING A SPORT - The KHSAA shall sanction any sports offering for which the National Federation adopts a rules code, or approves a code written by an outside entity. Such sanctioning shall allow students to participate in these sports as long as they are compliant with all applicable KHSAA bylaws regarding student eligibility.

2) SPONSORING A CHAMPIONSHIP - The KHSAA shall sponsor a championship in a new sport offering for which a championship is not currently being

held if a survey of the membership yields a twenty percent (20%) favorable response of the total number of member schools. In order to continue an existing offering, fifteen percent (15%) of the membership must field a team (or group of individuals as applicable) and desire to participate in postseason championships.

3) METHOD OF DETERMINING INTEREST - The KHSAA shall survey its membership during the 1993-94 school year, and every three years thereafter to measure desire for a new offering. The KHSAA Limitation of Seasons shall not address a specific sport unless and until it meets the desired participation threshold to allow for the maximum opportunity to expose the sport to growth.

Steidel made a motion, seconded by Hicks, that the staff send a survey to schools regarding the above recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion of the Hall of Fame Selection Criteria and Procedure was the next item on the Agenda. The recommended criteria is as follows:

1) Limit the number of inductees to 18 for 1995, then reduce the number of inductees by one each year thereafter until the maximum number of 12 is reached;

2) One nominee from each section and 14 at-large nominees may be inducted;

3) Five inductees must be either deceased or 65 years of age or older;

4) Active coaches must be 60 years of age or older; inactive coaches under the age of 60 must have been inactive for three years to qualify;

5) Players/participants must be out of high school 10 years.

Cardwell made a motion to accept the Commissioner's recommendation. Hicks seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

President Story called for a recess until 8:00 a.m. CT on Friday, March 18. The meeting was recessed at noon.

March 18

President Story reconvened the meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control at 8:05 a.m. CT on Friday, March

18. Those present at the meeting were the same as on Thursday.

Bus. Affairs Tackett discussed with the Board responses to a survey which was mailed to all member schools regarding insurance coverage for all athletes. Following the Board's discussion of their concerns, President Story made a motion that staff bring a proposal to the April meeting which will insure that athletes are covered by insurance up to the catastrophic deductible, and that counsel be consulted for proper wording of such. Talbott seconded the motion which passed 9-2.

The following Basketball Ticket Sales Report was then given: boys' ticket sales through this date -- \$423,000; girls ticket sales -- \$33,000.00. The sale of tickets to the boys' tournament is down \$140,000 from the same period in 1993.

Commissioner Wise announced the results of the recent election for new Board of Control members.

Regions 5 & 6:

Tasso Harris, Valley - 15 votes  
Ken Frick, Butler - 13 votes

Regions 7 & 8:

Darrell Treece, Henry County - 14 votes

James Sexton, Eastern - 12 votes

George Unseld, Jefferson County Schools - 7 votes

Commissioner Wise advised the Board that he received a letter of protest from Sexton challenging the validity of the election in Regions 7 & 8. Following a lengthy discussion on the matter, President Story called for a special meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 23rd at 9 a.m. for the purpose of a Due Process Hearing and asked that the Commissioner distribute all correspondence and other materials pertaining to the case to the Board members as soon as possible for their review.

Asst. Comm. Boucher discussed the criteria for the Board of Control Training Program. Following a discussion of the outline prepared by Boucher and Hopper, President Story directed them to obtain financial costs involved and bring a report back to the April Meeting.

President Story announced times for the following committee meetings: Executive Committee - Thursday, March 24, 9:00 a.m.; All-Sports Com-

mittee - Friday, March 25, 9:00 a.m.; Basketball Committee - Friday, March 25, 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Wise presented a request from Vesper Singleton asking that the Board waive the requirement of counting the Mountain Basketball Classic Tournament as a game against the maximum number of games. Grant Talbott made a motion, seconded by Frank Cardwell that Singleton's request be denied. The motion passed 9-2.

Following a discussion of scheduling the Regional Wrestling Tournament, President Story assigned this matter to the All-Sports Committee.

Commissioner Wise asked the Board to reschedule their election of officers for 1994-95 from the July meeting to the April meeting. His request is based on the fact that outgoing Board members could be recognized at the April meeting and would not be required to attend the July meeting since their terms end prior to that meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Board shall be held on Thursday, April 21, 1994, at the Association Headquarters.

Miscellaneous items discussed dealt with an update on legal cases, realignment of soccer districts, information on the girls' basketball tournament activities, Hall of Fame nomi-

nees and the effect of longer school terms on summer sports programs due to the weather. Following a discussion on the latter, Steidel made a motion that due to the weather emergency, the Board waive Bylaw 25 and allow schools to use the last day of school on the original calendar for athletes who wished to participate in basketball and football summer programs. Talbott seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wise advised the Board that inquiries were being made to rent the Hall of Fame Museum area for various activities. The Board directed him to proceed with negotiations.

It was announced that the National Federation Summer Meeting will be held in Palm Springs, Calif. Boucher has been asked to speak at one of the workshops. President Story requested that a plan for future administrative travel be submitted to the Board for consideration.

President Story made a motion to extend Dr. Ray Hornback's contract through April 1994 due to the fact he was ill in January and did not submit a voucher. Talbott seconded the motion which passed 10-1.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Welch made a motion to adjourn. Henson seconded the motion which passed. The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.