

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Kentucky High School Athletic Association
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The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held at the Henry Clay Hotel, Louisville, on Friday afternoon, April 13, 1951.

President Lyman V. Ginger called the meeting to order at 2:00, and asked Commissioner Theo A. Sanford to call the roll of delegates. Fifty-one 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: Sam Pollock, D. 7; Bowman Davenport, D. 16; Jarvis Parsley, D. 38; James Reeves, D. 45; and Cecil Duff, D. 56.

W. B. Moser moved, seconded by W. B. Jones, that the minutes of the 1950 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 an oral report on the activities of the Association during the 1950-51 school year. He discussed district, regional, and state tournament receipts; clinics and schools in football and basketball, held during 1950-51; the large increase in the number of players being insured in the K. H. S. A. A. Protection Fund; the increase of interest in spring sports, with regional tournaments in golf and tennis being established for the first time this year; and plans discussed by the Board of Control for rendering additional service to member schools.

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

Earle D. Jones moved, seconded by Bruce Sweeney, that Proposal I, providing that only K. H. S. A. A. "Approved" or "Certified" officials shall be used in regional tournaments, be adopted. The motion was carried.

L. G. Shultz moved, seconded by W. B. Jones, that Proposal II, providing that each district basketball tournament end on Saturday night, be adopted. The motion was carried.

J. Rice Mountjoy moved, seconded by Earle D. Jones, that Proposal III, providing that no form of spring football practice shall be held after April 10, be tabled. The vote on the motion was 24-24, and President Ginger declared the motion lost. Clinton B. Hammons moved, seconded by William F. Russell, that Proposal III be adopted. The vote in favor of the motion was 27-19, but President Ginger declared the proposal lost since it referred to a change in the By-Laws and the motion had not carried by the required two-thirds majority of all votes cast.

Holbert Hodges moved, seconded by W. B. Moser, that Proposal IV, providing that membership fees for a maximum of two coaches in each participating school shall be paid to the Secretary of the Kentucky High School Coaches Association from the gross receipts of the District Tournament, be adopted. The motion was carried.

James Phillips moved, seconded by Joe Gilly, that Proposal V, providing that lodging, meals and passes shall be given five cheerleaders of each State Basketball Tournament team until their team has been eliminated, be adopted. The motion was carried.

W. B. Jones moved, seconded by Forrest Sale, that Proposal VI, providing that the tournament manager be directed to schedule the semi-final games of the State High School Basketball Tournament for Saturday morning instead of Saturday afternoon, be tabled, and that the decision on this matter be left to the discretion of the Board of Control. The motion was carried.

John Heber moved, seconded by Joe Gilly, that Proposal VII, providing for a revision

of the tournament rules relative to the State Tournament set-up, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Russell Williamson moved, seconded by Eugene Tallent, that Proposal VIII, providing that teams may be seeded in the regional tournaments, be tabled. The motion was carried.

L. G. Shultz moved, seconded by Carl McCray, that Proposal IX, providing that the Commissioner shall appoint five State Tournament officials who shall be rotated, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Joe Gilly moved, seconded by Edward J. Davis, that Proposal X, providing that any football player, to be eligible for the first game, shall have taken part in a minimum of ten practice periods during the three weeks preceding the first game, be adopted. The motion was carried.

Eugene Tallent moved, seconded by Forrest Sale, that Proposal XI, providing for a decrease in the number of basketball games played each season by teams representing member schools, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Clinton B. Hammons moved, seconded by Edward J. Davis, that Proposal XII, providing for a change in By-Law 28 relative to practice games, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Clinton B. Hammons moved, seconded by Bruce Sweeney, that Proposal XIII, providing that "shall" be substituted for "may" in the first sentence of Tournament Rule IX-A, and that all other district tournament plans may be made at a date agreeable to the member schools of the district, be adopted. The motion was lost.

Russell Williamson moved, seconded by Adrian Hall, that Proposal XIV, recommending that the Delegate Assembly go on record as approving the awarding of a suitable trophy to the fourth place team in the State Basketball Tournament, be adopted. The motion was carried.

Carl McCray moved, seconded by Russell Williamson, that Proposal XV, providing that "twenty-five per cent" be substituted for "fifteen per cent" in Tournament Rule VI-A-4, be tabled. The motion was carried.

John M. York, who had filed Proposal XVI, asked that this proposal be withdrawn, since it was similar to Proposal II, already adopted by the Delegate Assembly.

Carl McCray moved, seconded by Booker McClaskey, that Proposal XVII, providing that the Board of Control or the Commissioner shall have the authority to select and designate officials for either district or regional basketball tournaments, or both, be tabled. The motion was carried.

John M. York, who had filed Proposal XVIII, asked permission to amend the proposal, to provide that each of the sixteen teams that participates in the State Basketball Tournament shall receive from the K. H. S. A. A. fund two hundred dollars (\$200.00) over and above expenses already allowed by the Association, this allowance being for the purpose of covering incidental expenses for each of the sixteen teams. Joe Gilly moved, seconded by Adrian Hall, that Mr. York's amendment to Proposal XVIII be accepted and made a part of the proposal. The motion was carried. Russell Williamson moved, seconded by W. K. Niman, that Proposal XVIII as amended be adopted. The motion was carried.

Edward J. Davis moved, seconded by Adrian Hall, that Proposal XIX, providing that the basketball district or regional tournament manager shall spend whatever amount is necessary for officials, balls, trophies, advertising, towels, police and other helpers, in conducting the tournament in an efficient manner, be adopted. The motion was lost.

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Eugene Tallent moved, seconded by Edward J. Davis, that Proposal XX, providing that the district basketball tournament sites shall be determined by the Commissioner on or before February 1, be tabled. The motion was carried.

John Heber moved, seconded by Edward J. Davis, that Proposal XXI, providing that eligibility lists shall be mailed to the principal of each contesting school not later than Wednesday of the week preceding the week of each contest, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Russell Williamson moved, seconded by Adrian Hall, that Proposal XXII, providing that in private mission schools any full time employee of the school shall be eligible as coach of basketball, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Booker McClaskey asked permission of the Delegate Assembly to present a proposal relative to the elimination of the consolation game in the State Basketball Tournament. He moved that such a proposal be considered, and was seconded by Ralph Dorsey. The motion was carried. Mr. McClaskey moved that the consolation game in the State Basketball Tournament be eliminated. He was seconded by Louis Litchfield. R. A. Demunbrun moved, seconded by Russell Williamson, that the proposal be tabled. The motion was carried by a vote of 33-5.

James Phillips asked the permission of the Delegate Assembly to allow Lawrence Holland to speak on the subject of the deadline for filing proposals, and was given the permission. Mr. Holland stated that the list of proposals was being received too late from the State Office of the Association to allow school men in certain districts to have meetings for the purpose of studying the proposals prior to K.E.A. Commissioner Sanford stated that it was impossible to mail out the list of proposals earlier than April 4 each year, under the requirements of Article IX, Section 1, of the K.H.S.A.A. Constitution which provides a mailing deadline of April 1. He suggested the substitution of March 20 for April 1 in the section mentioned. Bruce Sweeney moved, seconded by W. B. Moser, that the Delegate Assembly consider a proposal, providing that "March 20" be substituted for "April 1" in Article IX, Section 1, of the K. H. S. A. A. Constitution. The motion was carried. R. A. Demunbrun moved, seconded by James Phillips, that the proposal suggested by Mr. Sweeney be adopted. The motion was carried.

Louis Litchfield, with the permission of the chairman, spoke on several Association matters, including State Basketball Tournament seating, surplus funds of the Association, and the method of notifying member schools concerning Board of Control elections. Others also spoke on the subject.

President Ginger explained some of the problems inherent in attempting to provide good seats at the State Basketball Tournament for superintendents, principals, and coaches of member schools. He asked members of the Delegate Assembly for their advice concerning the matter. One method suggested for solving the problem of seating was to place one half of the school representatives in chair-back seats each year and the remainder on stadium-type seats alternating by years the schools receiving the best seats. He asked for a show of hands on this suggestion, and the majority of the delegates were in favor of this plan. President Ginger stated that the plan as suggested would be followed.

Commissioner Sanford then made an announcement concerning the dinner meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

The dinner meeting of the Association was held in the Mulberry Room of the Henry Clay Hotel at 6:00 P.M., with approximately 125 delegates, guests and school officials present. Commissioner Sanford introduced Danny Bosler, a student at the St. Xavier High School, and presented him with the Flying Dutchman Game Guy Award. Prin. Phil N.

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Eskew, of the Wabash (Indiana) High School, a member of the Indiana High School Athletic Association Council and a certified football and basketball official for many years, gave a humorous talk, "Twenty Years On The Hot Spot." Coach Paul Bryant of the University of Kentucky made a short talk, at the conclusion of which he showed a film of the 1951 Sugar Bowl activities, including the Kentucky-Oklahoma football game.