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Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Kentucky High School Athletic Association

1957

The fortieth annual meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, on Friday afternoon, April 12, 1957.

President Russell Williamson called the meeting to order at 2:30, and asked Commissioner Theo. A. Sanford to call the roll of delegates. Fifty-five 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; C. W. Knudson, D. 25; Henry Pryse, D. 42. The motion to seat these delegates, made by John M. Potter and seconded by Ralph McRight, was carried unanimously. Districts 30, 31, 55, 58, and 63 were not represented at the meeting.

John W. Trapp moved, seconded by James L. Cobb, that the minutes of the 1956 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 1956-57 school year. His report follows:

"Four hundred thirty-six schools joined the Association during 1956-57. This is three more than were enrolled in 1955-56. One hundred twenty schools had eleven-man football teams, and eleven played six-man football. This is an increase of ten eleven-man teams over 1955-56, a decrease of two in six-man football.

"Financial reports filed by the sixteen regional basketball tournament managers show total receipts of \$109,465.85. This represents an approximate increase of \$8,500.00 over 1956 receipts. Receipts in the sixty-two district basketball tournaments amounted to \$161,902.62, which was an approximate increase of \$10,000.00 over 1956 receipts. Receipts from ticket sales at the State Basketball Tournament, exclusive of refunds, will exceed \$130,000.00. Additional receipts from radio fees and from the tournament program will bring the total tournament receipts to a figure in excess of \$135,000.00. Profit to the Association on the tournament should be approximately \$100,000.00. 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 ninety-five basketball officials and 373 football officials registered with the Association in 1956-57. Nine football rules clinics were held under the direction of Dr. Lyman V. Ginger and Mr. Thomas P. Bell, and twenty-two 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 fifteen 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. Ninety-nine officials took the basketball examination, with twenty being added to the "certified" list and forty-six receiving the "approved" rating.

"Three hundred schools insured their athletes under the K.H.S.A.A. Protection Fund this year. Three thousand, seven hundred twenty-four boys were insured in football; 6,197 in all sports except football; and ninety-five in Physical Education. Seven hundred ninety-nine claims, amounting to \$16,624.90, 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 1956-57 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 \$12,000.00, this amount having been transferred from the General Fund to the Protection Fund.

"Three schools have been suspended from the Association this year, and one of these schools was also placed on probation. All of these suspensions and the probation came as a result of the violation of K.H.S.A.A. By-Law 17, Practice of Sportsmanship.

"Interest in minor and spring sports continues to increase. Regional cross country runs were held in Louisville, Bowling Green, and Morehead last November for the purpose of qualifying teams and individuals for the state event, which was held in Lexington two weeks later. Additional regional runs are planned for 1957. Seventeen schools sent entries to the two sections of the State Swimming Meet, held on March 30 and April 6. One hundred forty-six member schools have indicated that they will send teams to the twelve regional track meets, a new high. Forty-six district tournaments in baseball will be held to accommodate some 300 teams which will enter these tournaments. Fifty-four schools will have golf teams this spring, and these teams will enter six regional tournaments to qualify for the State Golf Tournament. Forty-one tennis teams will be entered in four regional tennis tournaments.

"1956-57 has been another good year for the Association. 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. The Board of Control and the Commissioner recognize and appreciate the assistance of school administrators, coaches, and officials, who have been most cooperative in furthering the projects and activities of the Association. The program of the K.H.S.A.A. has been expanding through the years, and this expansion and improvement of services should continue."

John M. Potter moved, seconded by Dawson Orman, that the report of the Commissioner be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

President Williamson announced that Louis Litchfield and W. B. Jones had been re-elected to membership on the Board of Control for a four-year period, beginning July 1, 1957, to represent Sections 1 and 6 respectively.

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

John W. Trapp moved, seconded by Thomas Brantley, that Proposal I, providing that "shall" be substituted for "should" in the first sentence of By-Law 31, be adopted. The motion was carried.

J. Lee Robertson moved, seconded by Henry Pryse, that Proposal II, providing that "twelve" be substituted for "ten" in the second sentence of Tournament Rule VI-B-1, be adopted. The motion was carried.

Dawson Orman moved, seconded by George Sadler, that Proposal III, providing that a head coach in football or basketball shall be required to attend one clinic in the sport involved, be adopted. The motion was carried.

R. L. Petrie moved, seconded by Ralph McRight, that Proposal IV, providing that "a cheerleader, student manager, and any other student having an official connection with the athletic program, shall be enrolled and in attendance at the school which he represents," be adopted. The motion was carried.

Ralph McRight moved, seconded by John Heber, that Proposal V, providing that Track Rule X be amended to change the scoring of relay points in the regional meets to 10-6-4-2, be adopted. The motion was carried.

Ralph McRight moved, seconded by Vincent Zachem, that Proposal VI, providing that Track Rule XVI be amended to change the scoring of relay points in the State Track Meet to 12-8-6-4-2, be adopted. The motion was carried.

John Heber moved, seconded by Ralph McRight, that Proposal VII, providing that certain changes be made in By-Law 1, Section 2, concerning methods to be followed by a member school principal in establishing the birth dates of players, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Ralph McRight moved, seconded by Marvin Meridith, that Proposal VIII, providing that officiating contracts, signed or unsigned, shall be returned to the sender within thirty days, be adopted. The motion was carried.

Ralph McRight moved, seconded by Joe H. Anderson, that Proposal IX, providing that game contracts, signed or unsigned, shall be returned to the sender within thirty days, be adopted. The motion was carried.

John M. Potter moved, seconded by R. L. Petrie, that Proposal X, providing that the minutes of Board of Control meetings be printed in the "Athlete", be tabled. The motion was lost. John Heber moved, seconded by Billy Brannock, that Proposal X be adopted. The motion was carried.

Joe Ohr moved, seconded by Dawson Orman, that Proposal XI, providing that a contestant must be passing currently in all grade or high school studies to be eligible for participation in athletics, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Ralph McRight moved, seconded by W. B. Borden, that Proposal XII, providing that a contestant who reaches his twentieth birthday during the district, regional, or state tournament, shall be allowed to complete tournament play, be tabled. The motion was carried.

After several announcements concerning spring sports had been made by Commissioner Sanford, President Williamson 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 300 delegates and other school officials present. Director Jack Dawson introduced students representing the Southern High School, who gave several excellent vocal numbers. Director Louis Litchfield introduced Danny Duncan of the Hazel High School, the recipient of the 1957 Game Guy Award. President Kelly Thompson of the Western Kentucky State College, Bowling Green, gave the address of the evening. The subject, "Whose Responsibility?" President Thompson's talk was well received by all present.