

Minutes of the Board Meeting

October 8, 1983

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the K.H.S.A.A. Office Building, Lexington, Kentucky, on Saturday morning, October 8, 1983. The meeting was called to order by President Charles Black at 9:30 a.m. with all Board members, Commissioner Tom Mills, Executive Assistant Billy V. Wise, Asst. Commissioners Brigid L. DeVries and Louis Stout present. Conley Manning was present representing the State Department of Education. The invocation was given by Alvis Johnson.

President Black called on Dr. Mack Jackson who had requested to appear before the Board to ask for an appeal of By-law 8 as it pertains to Cross Country. Following Dr. Jackson's presentation, and a lengthy discussion thereof, Bob Rogers moved that the Commissioner continue to interpret By-Law 8 as stated as it relates to Cross Country and that the Board Study the possibility of recommending to the Delegate Assembly a change in the By-Law to add Cross Country to those sports that are not subject to the rule. John Brock seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 opposed.

Dr. Quinn Bailey, Chairman of the Sports Medicine Committee of the Kentucky Medical Association came before the Board to discuss some concerns that he, the K.M.A. and the Board members had with early season football practice and heat related problems.

He first thanked the Board for allowing him to come and speak to them and stated how much he appreciated the steps taken by the Association to protect the health of the athlete. He complimented Billy Wise for the work he does with the officials.

Dr. Bailey distributed the following Resolution to the Board Members which the K.M.A. Board of Trustees had submitted to the House of Delegates:

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, competition is scheduled in the State's high school football program as early as the second week in August, and

WHEREAS, some of the State's high school teams begin contact practice sessions at least thirty days prior to their first competition, and

WHEREAS, the Committee on School Health, Physical Education and Medical Aspects of Sports has been monitoring these conditions for years and has taken steps through educational programs for coaches, trainers and officials to work to prevent heat exhaustion and heat stroke and promote conditioning to address these problems, and

WHEREAS, the risk to the State's football, and soon soccer, players to these health hazards is becoming more acute each year, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Medical Association work with the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and offer the resources of K.M.A. to help insure the health of the State High School athletes who compete during the excessive heat and humidity of Kentucky's summer and early fall periods.

Dr. Bailey explained that it was the desire of the K.M.A. that the K.H.S.A.A. and the K.M.A. form a committee composed of Supt. E.R. Purdom, Jr., Danville; W.D. Kelley, State Board of Education; Principal Glenn Riedel, Paul Blazer High School, Ashland; Dr. Garner Robinson, K.M.A. Board of Trustees; Bobby Barton, Eastern Kentucky University Head Athletic Trainer; Jim LeMaster, State Representative; Dr. Fred Austin, Paducah; Dr. Quinn Bailey; and Billy Wise. It was suggested that Alvis Johnson, K.H.S.A.A. Board of Control; Jim Reuther, President, Kentucky High School Athletic Directors Association; and John Radjunas, Kentucky High School Coaches Association be appointed to serve on the committee.

Following a discussion of K.M.A. planned activities, Chester Turner moved that the K.H.S.A.A. participate in and support the K.M.A. in helping to provide a safer environment for athletes. Pat Crawford seconded the motion. The motion Carried unanimously.

President Black then called on William Hardin, Washington County High School who appeared before the Board to appeal the Limitation of Season regulation as it applies to 9th Grade Girls Basketball. Following his presentation and a discussion thereof, President Black referred Mr. Hardin's request to the All-Sports Committee for further study and recommendation.

Bob Rogers moved, seconded by Alvis Johnson, that the minutes of the July 29 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

John Brock made the motion, seconded by David Webb, that all bills of the Association for the period beginning July 1, 1983, and ending September 30, 1983, be allowed. The motion carried unanimously.

Alvis Johnson, Chairman of the All-Sports Committee, made a motion that the following committee's recommendations be approved by the Board. Pat Crawford seconded the motion.

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- 1) Recommends that a contestant shall have competed in a minimum of four (4) high school tennis matches representing a member school during the regular season to be eligible to compete in the K.H.S.A.A. sponsored regional and/or state tournaments. Effective beginning with the 1984-85 school year.
- 2) Recommends that the scoring procedure in track be changed to conform with National Federation Rule Book and that medals be given for six (6) places. (This would call for two (2) additional medals per event in the Regional and Sectional Meets and an additional one (1) place in the State Finals.)
- 3) Recommends that the member schools be surveyed to determine if they prefer to continue the present setup (Sectionals) or return to the previous plan in track. (Previously, the winner and runner-up at the Regional level advanced to the State.)
- 4) Recommends that several districts and regions in baseball be realigned to create a more equal distribution of teams. In addition, Mr. Stout was instructed to study the present alignment for needed changes and improvement for the future and present recommendations to the next meeting of the Board for consideration.

Following a discussion of the report, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mills presented a Preliminary Proposal for the televising of the Finals of Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament and Football Championship games beginning in 1984. Following a discussion, Pat Crawford moved, seconded by Chester Turner that the Board authorize the Commissioner to continue his negotiations with the interested party and to advertise for additional bids with the understanding that the accepted bid will be for one year with an option to renew. The motion carried by a vote of 7 in favor and 2 opposed.

Commissioner Mills discussed the need for a deadline date for schools submitting an application to join the Association. Bob Rogers moved that September 1 be established as the deadline date for accepting new applications for membership in the Association. John Brock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mills reminded the Board that December 1 was the deadline for submitting proposals for changes to be made in the Constitution and By-Laws. President Black appointed Eldon Davidson to chair the committee to study the constitution and By-Laws.

Alvis Johnson made the motion that the next Board of Control meeting be held at the Executive Inn East in Louisville on Friday, November 25, at 9:00 a.m. to hear appeals and on Saturday, November 26, at the same time and location for the regular Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Pat Crawford and carried unanimously.

State Board of Education representative Conley Manning reported to the Board that paraprofessional requests had increased over the past two years. He also reported that Superintendent Raymond Barber had sent letters to school superintendents and principals regarding heat related problems.

There being no further business, Patrick Crawford moved, seconded by Alvis Johnson, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

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Charles Black

President

Tom Miles

Secretary

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