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The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held at the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, on Friday afternoon, April 12, 1946.

President Russell E. Bridges called the meeting to order at 3:25, with fifty-four regularly elected delegates or alternates present.

Matt Sparkman moved, seconded by Lyman Ginger, that the minutes of the 1944 meeting of the association, which had been previously sent to all member schools, be approved without being read. The motion was carried unanimously.

The secretary-treasurer gave the following report on the activities of the association during the 1945-46 school year:

"The Board of Control has held four meetings during the year, one in Lexington and three in Louisville.

Seven schools were suspended from the association during ~~the~~ 1945-46. Whitesburg, Calvert City, Mayfield, Boston, and Lebanon Junction were suspended for the remainder of the school year. Waynesburg and Science Hill were suspended from March 17th until December 1, 1946.

Five hundred schools joined the association this year, which is six more than the number joining last year. Eighty-three schools are listed as playing football, which is seven more than the number playing last year. Four hundred ninety-five schools entered district tournaments.

Fourteen of the sixteen regional reports have been received. These show total receipts of \$32,071.85, including federal tax. Financial reports have been received from fifty-seven of the sixty districts, showing total receipts of \$102,133.06, including federal tax. These receipts are by far the largest in the history of the K.H.S.A.A.

Gross receipts of the state tournament were \$31,442.20, including federal tax. Profit to the association will be approximately \$14,600.00. An itemized report of tournament receipts and disbursements will appear in the association magazine.

Six hundred three basketball officials and one hundred fifty-five football officials registered with the K.H.S.A.A. this year. This was an increase in number over the 1944-45 registration. Twelve football rules interpretation clinics were held under the direction of six ~~ex~~ outstanding registered officials, and several football officials took the National Federation examination for the higher ratings. Sixteen basketball clinics were conducted by Charles Vettiner of Louisville. Fifty-two officials took the basketball examination, with six being added to the Certified list and seventeen receiving the Approved rating.

Sixty-six schools insured their athletes under the K.H.S.A.A. Protection Fund. Nine hundred thirty boys were insured for football, seven hundred forty-one for basketball, and ninety-five for Physical Education classes. Several schools are now having their boys insured for baseball and track. Eighty-six injuries have been reported during the current school year, and fifty-nine claims totaling \$1,038.50 have been paid to date. This is one phase of our association service that should receive more attention by our principals and coaches. With the cost of insuring our Kentucky athletes having been set at a nominal figure, every school in the state should take advantage of the Protection Fund.

The Board of Control recently asked the secretary to prepare a short report, to be presented to the annual meeting, relative to the many duties now performed by the secretary's office in the course of a school year. The secretary mails out all copies of the association magazine, registers and issues supplies to member schools and to football and basketball officials, sets up and carries on correspondence concerning football and basketball clinics, sets up officials' bureaus, mails out examinations to officials in football and basketball and scores papers, arranges and sets up spring meets in track, baseball, golf, and tennis; and acts as secretary-treasurer of the K.H.S.A.A. Protection Fund, the duties including mailing out application forms, checking the completed forms, issuing and checking claim blanks, settling claims, etc. He also manages the state basketball and baseball tournaments. Correspondence concerning the state basketball tournament begins in December and reaches its peak in February when fifty to seventy-five pieces of mail are received by the secretary each day. Approximately 1,000 sets of passes were mailed out to school superintendents, principals, and coaches, in addition to tickets sold and mailed to them for members of their families. Many of these orders required considerable correspondence. A breakdown of the mail sent out from

the secretary's office during the past year shows that the following pieces have been mailed: first class, 3,000 to 4,000; second class, 17,500; third class, 6,600.

The annual audit will show details of receipts and expenditures for all K.H.S.A.A. accounts."

Lyman Ginger moved, seconded by Don Doyle, that the secretary's report be received and filed. The motion was carried unanimously.

President Bridges declared that next in order of business was the consideration of the proposals relative to changes in the Constitution, Tournament Rules, and By-Laws of the the Association.

K. G. Gillaspie asked consideration of a proposal relative to the employment of a full time commissioner of athletics and was given permission by the delegate assembly to present his proposal. K. G. Gillaspie moved, seconded by James L. Cobb, that the Board of Control be authorized to employ a full time executive secretary or commissioner of athletics at a salary of \$4,000 a year. W. D. Chilton moved, seconded by J. D. Turley, that the proposal be amended to provide that the annual salary of the secretary be \$5,000. The vote on the amendment carried. John Trapp moved, seconded by Fred Edwards, that action on the proposal be deferred for one year. The motion carried by a vote of 24-22. A roll call was asked for. In the meantime, Mr. Trapp had withdrawn his motion. Ralph Mills proposed the following amendment to the original proposal, which was seconded by Eltis Henson: "A full time commissioner shall be selected by the Board of Control, to take office on July 1, 1947, with a committee to be appointed to make such changes in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Tournament Rules as are necessary, the committee to report at the next annual meeting." The amendment then carried as did the amended proposal.

John Trapp moved, seconded by Arthur Mullins that Proposal I, providing that one director shall be elected from each of the four sections for a term of four years, that the directors shall not be eligible to succeed themselves, and that their terms shall be staggered so that one new director shall be elected each year, be accepted. The motion was carried.

Curtis McDaniel moved, seconded by Case Thomasson, that Proposal II, providing for an increase in the salaries of the president and secretary-treasurer, be accepted. The motion was carried by a vote of 37 to 8.

Lyman Ginger moved, seconded by Ralph Mills, that Proposal III, relative to the issuance of passes to the state tournament, be accepted. H. R. Jones proposed an amendment to the motion, seconded by John Trapp, to provide that the tournament manager issue passes to school men for seats in the middle sections only. The secretary explained that such a plan would be impossible because of the large number of passes issued, and that the ticket orders had been filled in the order in which they had been received. The amendment failed to carry. The original motion was then carried unanimously.

Marshall Swain moved, seconded by John Trapp, that Proposal IV, relative to the determination of district and regional tournament sites by the Board of Control be tabled. The motion was carried.

Lawrence McGinnis moved, seconded by L. G. Shultz, that Proposal V, concerning an increase in the expense allowance of state track tournament participants from \$6.00 to \$8.00, be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Eltis Henson moved, seconded by Lyman Ginger, that Proposal VI, relative to sanctions of inter-state, post-season, and all-star games by the Board of Control, be accepted. The motion was carried.

J. L. Cobb moved, seconded by Edgar McNabb, that Proposal VII, relative to the liberalizing of By-Law XI for members of softball and baseball teams, be accepted. John Trapp moved, seconded by Lyman Ginger, that the proposal be amended to provide that its provisions shall go into effect immediately, instead of on July 1st. The amendment and the amended proposal both carried unanimously.

Ben Flora moved, seconded by Edgar McNabb, that Proposal VIII, requiring the Board of Control to start the state tournament on Wednesday evening, be tabled. The motion was carried unanimously.

John Trapp moved, seconded by W. D. Chilton, that Proposal IX, providing that all second team basketball games be played in six minute quarters, be accepted. The motion was carried.

W. L. Holland asked that the words, "and by whom they were made", be stricken from his proposal before it was submitted for a vote. Eltis Henson moved, seconded by Otis Denning, that Proposal X, relative to protests against member schools, be accepted as amended by W. L. Holland who had originally submitted the proposal. The motion was carried.

Jack Dawson moved, seconded by Eltis Henson, that Proposal XI, providing that all athletic coaches must teach at least three classes each school day, be tabled. The motion

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was carried.

Case Thomasson moved, seconded by Roger L. Wilson, that Proposal XII, providing that all tournament games shall be played on a court the size as that used in the state tournament or as near that size as possible within the respective districts and regions, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Marshall Swain moved, seconded by Roger Wilson, that Proposal XIII, relative to backboards, the standing of spectators closer than three feet to the out-of-bounds lines, and the sale of standing room tickets, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Ralph Mills moved, seconded by Walter Price, that Proposal XIV, relative to the assignment of all regional tournament officials by the secretary, be accepted. The motion failed to carry by a vote of 20-27.

Ben Flora moved, seconded by Otis Dinning, that Proposal XV, providing that the K.H.S.A.A. use the same district and regional tournament set-up as that used in 1945, be tabled. The motion was carried.

J. L. Cobb moved, seconded by Edgar McNabb, that Proposal XVI, providing that the number of basketball districts be doubled, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Edgar McNabb asked consideration of a proposal relative to basketball districts, and was given a permission to submit the proposal. Edgar McNabb moved, seconded by Eltis Henson that the same district and regional plan prevail as is now in use except that the winners and runners-up in the district tournaments shall advance to the regional tournaments. The motion was carried 38-10. K. G. Gillaspie

K. G. Gillaspie withdrew Proposal XVII, as it was similar to the proposal just passed.

Len Stiner moved, seconded by Joe Dennis, that a proposal relative to the allotment of state tournament tickets be submitted to the delegate assembly. The delegates gave their permission for the proposal to be submitted, by the necessary two-thirds vote. Marshall Swain moved, seconded by K. G. Gillaspie, that the Board of Control be authorized to allot a certain percentage of state tournament tickets to the sixteen regional winners. The assistant tournament manager, Lyman Ginger, who was also a delegate, explained that such an allotment had in reality been made during the past tournament. On the vote, the motion failed to carry.

Lyman Ginger asked for permission to submit a proposal relative to summer sports and was given this permission by the delegates. Lyman Ginger moved, seconded by K. G. Gillaspie, that member schools of the K.H.S.A.A. be permitted to participate in a summer sports program, to include baseball, golf, tennis, track, softball, and swimming. Only boys eligible during the spring semester may compete on the school teams. All K.H.S.A.A. eligibility rules shall apply, and full control of the summer program shall remain with the participating high school and the principal in charge. The motion was carried.

Ben Flora asked permission to submit two proposals, one relative to the time of final regional tournament games and the other relative to state tournament drawings. Permission to submit these proposals was given by the delegate assembly. Ben Flora moved, seconded by Edgar McNabb, that all final games of the regional tournaments shall be played on Saturday nights. The motion failed to carry. Ben Flora moved, seconded by Edgar McNabb, that the sixteen regional winners may have a representative at the drawings for the state tournament, to be held at a time designated by the Board of Control after the regional tournaments are held. The motion failed to carry.

Secretary Theo. A. Sanford asked permission to submit a proposal for the Board of Control, relative to baseball, and the permission was given. The secretary explained that a solicitation and contract agreement had been drawn up by the Joint Baseball Committee to protect the eligibility of students attending any high school which is a member of the National Federation and of any student who has been eligible in such high school and whose class has not yet graduated. That agreement has now been adopted by the Major and Minor Baseball Leagues and by the National Federation. The Secretary stated that the Board of Control now proposes that this agreement shall be made a part of the K.H.S.A.A. rules. It reads as follows: "No student of a high school which is a member of the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations shall be signed to a professional baseball contract until the day following his graduation, or, if he has left school, until the day following graduation of his class; nor shall any representative of Professional Baseball initiate or participate in any negotiations which would violate such boy's high school athletic eligibility; except that a boy out of school one year or longer may, with the consent of his parents, apply to the Commissioner for permission to sign a contract and if, in the judgment of the Commissioner, the circumstances justify it, he shall

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approve the application and so notify all clubs. Such player may be signed to a professional contract fifteen (15) days subsequent to the date of the Commissioner's notice. Any school whose employe or official encourages or collaborates in negotiations which violate this agreement shall be suspended from the Kentucky High School Athletic Association for a period to be determined by the Board of Control." Ben Flora moved, seconded by Ernest Fiser, that the proposal as submitted by the secretary for the Board of Control be accepted. The motion was carried.

President Bridges then stated that the terms of all officers and directors expired on June 30, 1946, and asked for nominations. John Trapp moved, seconded by J. L. Cobb, that Section 2, Article IV, of the Constitution be amended to provide for one year terms for the president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, such an amendment being desirable due to the proposal previously passed concerning a full time commissioner of athletics. The motion was carried.

E. R. Ward nominated Sam Pollock as director to represent Section 1. Ben Flora moved, seconded by Edgar McNabb, that Mr. Pollock be elected by acclamation. The motion was carried unanimously. Raymond A. Brock nominated T. K. Stone as a director to represent Section 2. Edgar McNabb, seconded by John Trapp, that Mr. Stone be elected by acclamation. The motion was carried unanimously. Harold Miller nominated Lyman Ginger as director to represent Section 3. Ben Flora moved, seconded by John Trapp, that Mr. Ginger be elected by acclamation. The motion was carried unanimously. Edgar McNabb nominated J. Matt Sparkman as a director to represent Section 4. John Trapp moved, seconded by K. G. Gillaspie, that Mr. Sparkman be elected by acclamation. The motion was carried unanimously.

Ben Flora nominated Russell E. Bridges as President of the Association. Lyman Ginger moved, seconded by Walter Price, that Mr. Bridges be elected by acclamation. The motion was carried unanimously. J. K. Powell nominated W. B. Owen as Vice-President of the Association. Marshall moved, seconded by Lyman Ginger, that Mr. Owen be elected by acclamation. The motion was carried unanimously. J. L. Cobb nominated Theo. A. Sanford, as Secretary of the Association. K. G. Gillaspie moved, seconded by Edgar McNabb, that Mr. Sanford be elected by acclamation. The motion was carried unanimously.

The secretary 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 Mirror Room of the Kentucky Hotel at 6:30 p.m., with ninety-three delegates, guests, and school officials present. Coach Paul Bryant, of the University of Kentucky, was the principal speaker for the occasion. A short talk was also made by Ralph McRight, president of the Kentucky Coaches Association.

Russell E. Bridges

President

Theo. A. Sanford

Secretary

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