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Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Kentucky High School Athletic Association
1949

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held at the Henry Clay Hotel, Louisville, on Friday afternoon, April 22, 1949.

President Lyman V. Ginger called the meeting to order at 2:45, and asked Commissioner Theo. A. Sanford to call the roll of delegates. Fifty-two regularly elected delegates or alternates answered the roll call. Earl Roberts moved, seconded by John Robinson, that the following delegates be seated, in the absence of the delegates or alternates from their respective districts: D. R. O'Dell, D. 4; R. E. Stephenson, D. 18; C. A. Croley, D. 31; R. C. Campbell, D. 45; and Holbert Hodges, D. 48. The motion was carried unanimously.

L. G. Shultz moved, seconded by R. A. Demunbrun, that the minutes of the 1948 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 the following report on the activities of the Association during the 1948-49 school year:

"496 schools joined the Association during 1948-49. This is the same number as were enrolled in 1947-48. 103 schools indicated that they had eleven-man football teams, and 15 played six-man football. This represents an increase of 13 in the number of schools having football teams. 491 schools entered teams in the district basketball tournaments.

"Total receipts of the 16 regional tournaments amounted to \$60,274.64, after federal tax was deducted. The 60 district reports indicate total receipts of \$112,205.96, after tax was deducted. These receipts are the largest in the history of the Association.

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"Receipts from ticket sales at the State Basketball Tournament were \$57,510.50, including federal tax. Profit to the Association will be approximately \$32,000.00.

"1262 basketball officials and 317 football officials registered with the K. H. S. A. A. in 1948-49. Nine football rules clinics were held under the direction of C. L. Maddox, Lyman V. Ginger, and Ernie Chattin, and 32 football officials took the National Federation rules examination for the higher ratings. The basketball clinics were conducted by Charlie Vettinen. 159 officials took the basketball examination, with 15 being added to the "Certified" list, and 70 receiving the "Approved" rating.

"149 schools insured their athletes under the K. H. S. A. A. Protection Fund. 2062 boys were insured for football, this being 216 more than the number insured last year. 1502 boys were insured in basketball. This was 86 more than the number insured in 1947-48. 71 boys have been insured in baseball to date. 144 pupils were insured in Physical Education. These figures represent an increase in the number of players insured, by comparison with previous years, but attention is called to the fact that less than one-third of the member schools of the K.H.S.A.A. are insuring their players under the Protection Fund. This is a service of the Association that should be used by every Kentucky school which does not have its own medical staff. 311 injuries have been reported, and 237 claims, totaling \$4,215.60, have been paid to date.

"It became the unpleasant duty of the Commissioner to suspend four member schools during 1948-49, and to place six others on probation. In all of these cases except one the possible violation of By-Law 17 was involved.

"It is encouraging to the Commissioner and to the members of the Board of Control to note the increase in interest in the spring sports. Many of our smaller schools, which have not had baseball and track previously, are sponsoring teams in these sports. Many school districts are now employing their coaches on a twelve-months basis, and are going into summer recreation programs. If this trend continues, we may expect to see more high school competition in baseball, track, tennis, golf, and swimming from year to year. Six-man football is recommended as a fall sport for the smaller high schools. The number of schools interested in this sport is increasing each year. Kentucky already rates high in the nation with its high school football and basketball teams. All of us should now make every effort to see to it that Kentucky athletes have a well rounded program of athletics, physical education, and recreation, which extends throughout the year. It is my opinion that our school patrons will give us the money for this expanded program if we set ourselves to the task of convincing them of its worth."

R. A. Demunbrun moved, seconded by L. G. Shultz, that the report of the Commissioner be approved. The motion was carried.

Edgar McNabb proposed an amendment to the K. H. S. A. A. Constitution, providing that the secretary of the Kentucky Coaches Association be an ex officio member of the Delegate Assembly. D. R. O'Dell moved, seconded by George Wright, that Mr. McNabb's proposal be considered. The motion was carried by the necessary two-thirds vote. W. F. Russell suggested an amendment to Mr. McNabb's proposal, providing that the President of the Principal's Association be an ex officio member of the Delegate Assembly, and moved that this amendment be considered, the motion being seconded by John Robinson. The motion failed to carry by the necessary two-thirds vote. Edgar McNabb moved, seconded by D. R. O'Dell, that the original proposal be adopted. The motion was carried by the two-thirds vote necessary to amend the K. H. S. A. A. Constitution.

L. G. Shultz moved, seconded by R. A. Demunbrun, that Proposal I, providing that "a first team game in any sport" be substituted for "an inter school contest" in Section 1 of By-Law 6, be adopted. The motion was carried.

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D. H. Barnes moved, seconded by John Hill Taylor, that Proposal II, providing that no K. H. S. A. A. member school shall conduct spring practice in football, be tabled. The motion was carried.

W. F. Russell moved, seconded by Paul Stevens, that Proposal IV, providing that swimming, golf, tennis and bowling be added to the exempted sports, mentioned in the last sentence of By-Law 8, be adopted. The motion was carried.

Earl Roberts moved, seconded by H. A. Howard, that Proposal V, providing that the games played by a member school in one county, conference or invitational tournament shall count as one game, be adopted. The motion was carried.

John Robinson moved, seconded by D. T. Starks, that Proposal VI, providing that "ten" be substituted for "five" in the first sentence of By-Law 23, and that it shall be the responsibility of the home school principal to instigate proceedings leading to the agreement on officials, be adopted. The motion was carried.

D. T. Starks moved, seconded by C. V. Watson, that the official's fee in each sport shall be \$3.00. The motion was carried.

John Robinson moved, seconded by James Pickard, that Proposal VIII, providing that an official registered in a sport for the first time shall be required to make an acceptable grade, determined by the Board of Control, on an examination in that sport, be adopted. The motion was carried.

James Pennington moved, seconded by Walter H. Power, that Proposal IX, providing that "shall attend" be substituted for "is expected to attend" in Section 3 of By-Law 29, be adopted. The motion was carried.

H. A. Howard moved, seconded by James Pickard, that Proposal XI, designating the regional tournament site as the place of meeting of district winners and runners-up, be adopted. The motion was carried.

Walter H. Power moved, seconded by R. L. Petrie, that Proposal XII, providing that any official working in tournament games must have officiated in at least twelve basketball games during the current season, be adopted. The motion was carried.

Louis Litchfield moved, seconded by Paul Stevens, that Proposal XIII, providing that "\$300.00" be substituted for "\$175.00" in Tournament Rule VI-A, "twenty cents" for "fifteen cents," and "fifteen per cent" for "twenty-five per cent," be adopted. The motion was carried.

John Robinson moved, seconded by James Pickard, that Proposal XIV, providing that "twelve" and "six" be substituted for "six" and "three" respectively in Tournament Rule VII-A, be adopted. The motion was carried.

Walter Hambrick moved, seconded by R. A. Demunbrun, that Proposal XV, providing that the teams eligible to participate in the regional tournament shall be the winners in the four districts constituting that region, be tabled. The motion was carried.

D. H. Barnes moved, seconded by C. A. McCray, that Proposal XVI, providing that Tournament Rule III-C be stricken out in its entirety and that the regional tournament sites shall be determined by vote of the district winners and runners-up, be tabled. The motion was carried.

W. F. Russell moved, seconded by R. A. Demunbrun, that Proposal XVII, providing that the end of each period in all tournament games shall be signalled by the report of a blank gun, be tabled. The motion was carried.

L. G. Shultz moved, seconded by Gleason McCubbin, That Proposal X, providing that Tournament Rule I be amended to include "and a regional tournament in each region the following week, ending on Saturday night," be adopted. The motion was carried.

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R. A. Demunbrun moved, seconded by Walter H. Power, that Proposal XVIII, providing that all basketball games played between K. H. S. A. A. member schools shall be played in gymnasiums equipped with the fan-shaped steel backboards, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Gleason McCubbin moved, seconded by L. G. Shultz, that Proposal XIX, providing that the K. H. S. A. A. recommend to the National Basketball Rules Committee that the ten-second rule and the three-second rule be abolished, be tabled. The motion was carried.

L. G. Shultz moved, seconded by William Threlkeld, that Proposal XX, providing that the district tournament sites shall be determined by the Commissioner, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Paul Stevens moved, seconded by C. A. McCray, that Proposal XXI, providing that the State shall be divided into sixteen tournament regions of eight districts each, be tabled. The motion was carried.

George Wright moved, seconded by T. T. Knight, that Proposal XXII, providing that the participating schools in the district or regional tournaments may adopt by a majority vote any plan which they desire for the distribution of receipts, and that the state plan be deleted from the rules, be tabled. Before the vote was taken on the motion to table, D. T. Starks suggested that the proposal be amended to provide for a majority vote instead of a two-thirds vote, required by the State plan, and moved that this amendment be considered. He was seconded by William Threlkeld. The motion on the amendment failed to carry, and the vote was then taken on the motion to table Proposal XXII. The motion was carried.

W. F. Russell moved, seconded by D. T. Starks, that Proposal XXIII, providing that all athletic contests, with the exception of those in district, regional or state tournament play, shall take place on only those nights or days preceding non-school days, be adopted. There was a general discussion on this proposal. R. A. Demunbrun moved, seconded by William Threlkeld, that Proposal XXIII be tabled. The motion was carried.

Paul Stevens moved, seconded by William Threlkeld, that Proposal XXIV, providing that each K. H. S. A. A. member school shall mail the Commissioner its basketball schedule, which shall consist of at least twelve first team games with six different schools, and that the principal shall certify that the contracts for these games are in his possession, before the school shall be eligible to vote for a tournament site or to take part in a district tournament, be tabled. The motion was carried.

W. F. Russell moved, seconded by L. G. Shultz, that Proposal XXV, providing that "and these shall be resident Kentucky officials" be deleted from Tournament Rule V-B, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Edgar McNabb, speaking for the Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference which had made Proposal XXVI, changed "\$200.00" to "\$100.00" in this proposal. Earl Roberts moved, seconded by C. A. McCray, that Proposal XXVI as changed, providing that "\$100.00" be substituted for "\$60.00" in Tournament Rule VI-B-2, be adopted. The motion was carried.

James Pennington moved, seconded by George Wright, that Proposal XXVII, providing that "Monday" be substituted for "the end" in the first sentence of By-Law 3, be adopted. The motion was carried.

Walter H. Power suggested that Proposal XXVIII, providing that regional tournament officials be assigned by the Commissioner, be amended to include district tournament officials. Before the vote could be taken on the amendment,

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L. E. Wetherell moved, seconded by William Threlkeld, that Proposal XXVIII be tabled. The motion was carried.

Gleason McCubbin moved, seconded by R. A. Demunbrun, that Proposal XXIX, providing that the Board of Control set the official's fee and the mileage allowance for regional tournament officials, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Earl Roberts moved, seconded by D. H. Barnes, that Proposal XXX, providing that the football season may begin on the first Friday in September, be adopted. There was a general discussion on this proposal. George Wright moved, seconded by W. R. Wright, that Proposal XXX be tabled. The motion was carried.

President Ginger stated that the Board of Control wished to add to Proposal III, providing that K.M.I. be made eligible for Association membership, the following amendment to By-Law 37: "Military schools shall be exempt from the provisions of By-Law 6, Section 1." C. V. Watson moved, seconded by C. A. McCray, that Proposal III, as amended by the Board of Control, be adopted. The motion was carried.

Edgar McNabb, speaking for the Kentucky Coaches Association, asked permission to submit a proposal, providing that the second paragraph of Track Rule IX be deleted from the rules. He moved that the proposal be considered, and was seconded by John Heber. The motion was carried. John Heber then moved to table the proposal. The motion lost for want of a second. Edgar McNabb moved, seconded by D. H. Barnes, that the proposal be adopted. The motion was carried.

Earl Roberts asked permission to submit a proposal, providing that the referendum method of submitting proposed changes in the Association rules, be eliminated. D. R. O'Dell moved, seconded by C. A. McCray, that this proposal not be considered. The motion was carried.

Paul Stevens asked permission to submit a proposal, providing that the game-limitation rule be eliminated. He was seconded by Louis Litchfield. The motion failed to receive the required vote necessary for consideration of the proposal.

W. E. Cundiff asked permission to submit a proposal, providing that the K. H. S. A. A. recommend to the National Federation the removal of the requirement concerning the fan-shaped backboards. The motion was carried. There was a general discussion on this proposal. William Threlkeld moved, seconded by R. L. Petrie, that the proposal be tabled. The motion was carried.

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 6:30 P.M., with more than one hundred delegates, guests, and school officials present. Coach Adolph Rupp of the University of Kentucky was the speaker for the occasion, making one of the finest talks ever heard at the annual meeting.