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Board of Control Meeting -- February 14, 1953

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Phoenix Hotel, Lexington, on Saturday morning, February 14, 1953.

The meeting was called to order by President Lyman V. Ginger at 9:30 o'clock with all members, Commissioner Theo. A. Sanford, and Assistant Commissioner J. B. Mansfield present.

G. H. Arnett moved, seconded by Roy G. Eversole, that the reading of the minutes of the October meeting of the Board be waived, since all members of the Board had received copies of these minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Commissioner recommended that the 1952-53 K. H. S. A. A. budget be amended to include a grant of \$500.00 to the Kentucky Coaches Association. James L. Cobb moved, seconded by Carlos Oakley, that the budget be amended as recommended by the Commissioner. The motion was carried unanimously.

T. K. Stone moved, seconded by Roy G. Eversole, that the date of Friday, April 17, be set for the annual meeting, the business meeting to be scheduled at 2:00 P.M. and the dinner meeting at 6:00 P.M. The motion was carried unanimously.

President Ginger was authorized to attempt to secure Andy Holt of Tennessee as speaker for the dinner meeting.

Official Harry Cover of Cincinnati, Coach William Shannon of Dixie Heights, and Assistant Coach Arthur Walsh of Dixie Heights appeared before the Board of Control in connection with a protest filed against Cover by Principal G. K. Gregory of Dixie Heights High School. The evidence showed that Shannon had gone to the dressing room, immediately following the Dixie Heights - Erlanger basketball game, played at Erlanger on January 23, and had made some uncomplimentary remarks, at which time Cover cursed Shannon and Walsh. Coach Shannon admitted that he was probably in error when he went to the dressing room, but maintained that his remarks to Cover had been restrained. After the witnesses had retired, and after

there had been a lengthy discussion of the case, T. K. Stone moved, seconded by C. H. Arnett, that Harry Cover be suspended from the Officials' Division of the K.H.S.A.A. for the remainder of the current basketball season. The motion was carried unanimously. Cover had also filed a protest against the Dixie Heights High School, claiming that Coach Shannon had acted in an unsportsmanlike manner during the game, and also in the dressing room following the game. James L. Cobb moved, seconded by Carlos Oakley, that the case against Coach Shannon and the Dixie Heights High School be dismissed. The motion was carried unanimously.

T. K. Stone made a report on the activities of the State Swimming Committee and plans for the forthcoming State High School Swimming meet. The recommendations of the Committee, which had appeared in the February issue of the ATHLETE, included the setting up of three classes for participants in the state meet, and the paying of the expenses of the participants on the same basis as that of last year, namely, the maximum allowances being the same as that made previously for track participants. James L. Cobb moved, seconded by Carlos Oakley, that the report and recommendations of the State Swimming Committee be approved and accepted as the plan for the 1953 State Swimming Meet. The motion was carried unanimously.

There was a discussion of the advisability of securing the services of five officials for the forthcoming State High School Basketball Tournament, thus making it possible to pair the officials somewhat better in cases where the competing schools had not voted on one of the officials who might be used in their games. Roy G. Eversole moved, seconded by Russell Williamson, that the tournament manager be authorized to secure the services of five officials for the 1953 State Basketball Tournament. The motion was carried unanimously.

After a lengthy discussion concerning advisability of changing the location of the State Tennis Tournament, Roy G. Eversole moved, seconded by Carlos Oakley, that the 1953 State Tennis Tournament be held at Bowling Green. The motion was carried unanimously.

T. K. Stone moved, seconded by William E. Kingsolver, that the Commissioner be authorized to set the dates of the various district, regional and state spring meets, the State Track Meet to be a two-day affair, held on May 15-16. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Commissioner read the correspondence on the Boyd Harris case. Boyd Harris had been enrolled for several years in the Henderson Settlement School, but had returned to Harlan, his home district, last fall and had been declared eligible for athletic competition at the Harlan High School upon the request of his mother. The home conditions of the boy had been very bad, resulting in his return to Henderson Settlement at mid-term. The Commissioner had declared Harris ineligible at Henderson Settlement for the remainder of the current basketball season, but recommended that the Board restore the boy's eligibility at the beginning of the 1953-54 school year, if Harris should continue to stay at the Henderson Settlement School. James L. Cobb moved, seconded by William E. Kingsolver, that the Board concur in the decision of the Commissioner relative to the current ineligibility of Boyd Harris at the Henderson Settlement School, but that the boy's eligibility should be restored at the beginning of the 1953-54 school year or at the end of the current basketball season in the event the Henderson Settlement School maintains any spring sports in which Harris might want to participate. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Commissioner read the correspondence on the Marvin Wenz case. Marvin Wenz, whose parents live within the city limits of Louisville but in the Jefferson County school district, has been attending the Fern Creek High School, where he was a first team competitor in football. He transferred to Louisville Male and Girls High School at mid-term of the current school year, and the boy's father had asked that Marvin be declared eligible for athletic competition at Male next fall. It had developed that the area in which Mr. Wenz lives was one from which students could

attend either the city or the county school, without payment of tuition, but that once the choice of schools was made the parents could not later transfer the children without payment of tuition. Mr. C. E. Wenz, Marvin's father, had claimed that he had not been informed of the option which he had relative to enrolling his son at either Fern Creek High School or one of the city schools. The Commissioner had advised Mr. Wenz that Marvin would be ineligible at the Male High School for thirty-six weeks after his transfer, under the provisions of K. H. S. A. A. By-Law 6, Section 1; that he was sorry about the failure of the father and the boy to learn about the option of schools; but that he did not feel that this failure was any fault of the K. H. S. A. A. rules. All members of the Board concurred in the Commissioner's ruling on the Wenz case.

The Board directed the Commissioner to include in the list of proposals, to be submitted to the Delegate Assembly at the annual meeting, a Board proposal providing that Track Rule XIV be amended by substituting \$16.00 for \$12.00 as the room and board allowance for each participant in the State Track Meet.

It was called to the attention of the Board that the 1952 Delegate Assembly gave the Board authority to set the fees for regional tournament officials. After considerable discussion Russell Williamson moved, seconded by Roy G. Eversole, that the following fee and expense allowance for each regional tournament official be established for 1953: "Each regional tournament official shall receive a fee of \$20.00 for each game worked. In addition, a mileage allowance of 7¢ per mile may be given. This includes actual mileage for all necessary trips. If it is necessary for the official to remain at the site of the tournament because of the distance involved in his travel, he may be allowed a maximum of \$10.00 for each night of lodging. In such an event, only one round trip for mileage shall be allowed." The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lyman V. Ginger
President

Sho. A. Lawton
Secretary