

Minutes of Board Meeting

April 20, 1978

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the K.H.S.A.A. office on Thursday afternoon, April 20, 1978. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Norman Passmore at 2:00 P.M. with Board members Denvai Barriger, Zeb Blankenship, Jack Burkich, Joseph McPherson, Glendon Ravenscraft, George Sauer, Barney Thweatt, Paul Trimble; Commissioner Tom Mills, Assistant Commissioner Dianne Caines, Louis Stout and Billy V. Wise present. Conley Manning and Darrell Wells were present representing the State Department of Education and the State School Boards Association, respectively. The invocation was given by Jack Burkich.

Joseph McPherson moved, seconded by George Sauer, that the minutes of the March meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Coach Bob Watson appeared before the Board to present additional material in the eligibility case of Cully Nelson. Coach Watson asked the Board to reconsider their decision to waive By-Law 5, Section 4, and By-Law 5, Section 1,

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to permit Cully to participate in athletics during the second semester of the 1978-79 school year at Owensboro High School. After much deliberation. Paul Trimble moved, seconded by Barney Thweatt, that Coach Watson's request that Cully Nelson be declared eligible to participate in athletics at Owensboro High School during the second semester of the 1978-79 school year be denied. The motion carried by a vote of 6-2.

Assistant Commissioner Billy Wise reported the attendance at the Boys' State Basketball Tournament at approximately 84,000 as compared to 75,000 in 1977. The gross receipts from the boys tournament was approximately \$308,296.20, with expenses of \$91,078.71.

The Girls' State Basketball Tournament had an attendance of approximately 25,370 and gross receipts of approximately \$77,243.00. A complete audit of both the boys' and girls' tournaments will appear in the August issue of the ATHLETE.

Mr. Mills recommended to the Board that the sixteen teams participating in the Girls' State Basketball Tournament be granted \$200.00 for miscellaneous expenses. Glen Ravenscraft moved, seconded by Derval Barriger, that the girls' participating teams be granted the \$200.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mills presented to the Board three requests he had received to host the Girls' State Basketball Tournament for 1979. These three sites were: Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond; Louisville Gardens, Louisville; University of Kentucky, Lexington. After a lengthy discussion, Zeb Blankenship moved, seconded by Paul Trimble, that the site for the 1979 Girls' State Basketball Tournament be placed at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, and that the Board consider other sites for the 1980 Girls' Tournament. The motion passed 6-2, with Joseph McPherson and George Sauer voting no.

George Sauer gave a detailed report on the expense of meals and lodging of the sixteen teams in each of the state basketball tournaments. In an effort to hold down the increased expenses of the two tournaments and to enable the Board to increase expense allowance for all participating schools, George Sauer moved, seconded by Derval Barriger, that the Kentucky High School Athletic Association only pay lodging through the night following the day a team is eliminated plus breakfast the next morning, and that the expense allowance for the remaining teams be increased. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mills presented letters from 9th and O Christian School and Kentucky Country Day School requesting that the Board consider re-districting their schools in basketball. Ninth & O Christian School requested a change from District 23 to District 21. Kentucky Country Day School requested a change from Region 7, District 26, to Region 8, District 31. The Board declined to approve the requested changes.

Letters from Headmaster William Williams, Sayre High School and Coach Jock Sutherland, Lafayette High School, were presented to the Board requesting that Sayre High School be placed in another basketball district. After discussing the number of schools in the surrounding districts and their locations, George Sauer moved, seconded by Joseph McPherson, that Sayre High School not be moved from District 43 until there is a vacancy in one of the surrounding districts. The motion carried unanimously.

A request from the schools in the Ninth Region was presented by Mr. Mills

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to the Board for consideration of re-districting in that region because of the addition of two new schools, Scott High School and Calvary Baptist School. Mr. Mills was instructed to call a meeting of the principals to discuss the possible re-districting of the region.

Mr. Mills presented the information of the National Federation Summer Meeting on July 3-7, 1978, at Salt Lake City, Utah, and asked the Board to name a Delegate and Alternate. George Sauer moved, seconded by Denvil Barriger, that Ray Story and Norman Passmore be named Delegate and Alternate respectively. The motion carried unanimously.

George Sauer, Chairman of the Football Committee, gave a report on the Committee Meeting that was held at the K.H.S.A.A. Building at 10:00 A.M. He reviewed, for the Board members, the receipts, disbursements and sites for the past two years of the football playoffs. Mr. Sauer moved, seconded by Joseph McPherson, that the sites and dates for the 1978 football playoffs for Classes A, AA and AAA be Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, on November 24-25, 1978, and Class AAAA at the Fairgrounds, Louisville, on December 2, 1978. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sauer discussed in detail the recommendations of the Football Committee for a revised plan of the dates and sites for the 1979 and 1980 Football Playoffs. The plan is as follows: All schools should move their first regular season game back one week, playing their last regular season game on the last weekend in October. With this revision, Classes A, AA, AAA sub-district winners, State AAAA district winners, and Jefferson County AAAA winner and Runner-up will play on the first weekend in November; Classes A, AA, AAA district winners, State AAAA regional winners and Jefferson County AAAA district winners will play on the second weekend in November; Classes A, AA, AAA regional winners, State AAAA sectional winners and Jefferson County AAAA regional winners will play the third weekend in November; Classes A, AA, AAA sectional winners and Jefferson County AAAA winner vs. State AAAA sectional winner will play the state championships the fourth weekend in November. The final playoffs would be played at the same site with Class A playing on Friday afternoon, 2:00 P.M.; Class AA, Friday night, 7:00 P.M. The Class AAA would be played on Saturday afternoon, 2:00 P.M., Class AAAA on Saturday night, 7:00 P.M. The recommended site for all playoffs was the Fairgrounds, Louisville. George Sauer moved, seconded by Jack Burkich, that the plan be accepted. The motion carried 7-1.

Mr. Mills gave a report on the catastrophe insurance policy that the K.H.S.A.A. now carries with the Doug Ruedlinger, Inc. After a discussion on the need to increase the maximum figure from \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00, George Sauer moved, seconded by Glen Ravenscraft, that the K.H.S.A.A. renew their policy for the 1978-79 school year with the Doug Ruedlinger, Inc. with an increase in medical benefits per injury to \$50,000.00 maximum with a \$1,000.00 deductible clause. The annual premium for this policy is \$14,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Denvil Barriger moved, seconded by George Sauer, that the Board of Control pay \$585.68 into the Teachers' Retirement System to purchase retirement credit for three years of military service for Assistant Commissioner Billy B. Wise. The motion carried unanimously.

After a lengthy discussion on the Rules and Regulations Governing State Swimming Meets, Mr. Mills recommended that the K.H.S.A.A. go to a one

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class, one date plan, for the member schools that have swimming programs. Denvil Barriger moved, seconded by Zeb Blankenship, that the recommendation be accepted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mills read a letter from Bill Ring, Assigning Secretary of the Bluegrass Umpires Association, recommending an increase in fees for the umpires from the district to the state level. After a discussion on the request and the present expense of this program, the Board agreed that the requested increase should not be granted.

Commissioner Mills read a letter received from Ronald E. Waldrige, M.D., Chairman of the Kentucky Medical Association Committee on School Health, Physical Education and Medical Aspects of Sports. The letter was seeking the support of the Board of Control of the K.H.S.A.A. for the endorsement of the certification of all public high school coaches in the medical aspects of sports, and to have at least one qualified trainer for all sports in every school. The Board discussed the contents of the letter at length but made no commitment to the program.

Assistant Commissioner Billy Wise gave a report on the rules and regulations governing golf tournaments for boys and girls. Following his report, Denvil Barriger moved, seconded by Barney Thweatt, that the boys' individual golf tournament be eliminated beginning with the 1979 season, and that the boys' and girls' continue with a state team tournament with an individual medalist. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the financial burden being placed on the member schools when runner-ups from the regional track meets qualify for the state meet. After a lengthy discussion, Zeb Blankenship made a motion, seconded by Joseph McPherson, that beginning with the 1979 season the runner-up in the regional track meets be eliminated from going to the state meets. The motion carried unanimously.

Zeb Blankenship reported that he has been contacted by Ath. Dir. Andy Hopkins, Fayette County Schools, and asked if the Board members would consider putting soccer back into the K.H.S.A.A. program. Mr. Mills was instructed to survey member schools now participating in soccer to determine whether it should be a fall or spring sport. A decision will be made following the receipt of this information.

The date for the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for Friday, July 28, 1978, 10:00 A.M., at Kenlake.

Glen Ravenscraft moved, seconded by Zeb Blankenship, that the fall meeting be held on October 7, at the K.H.S.A.A. Building, Lexington. The motion carried unanimously.

George Sauer moved, seconded by Barney Thweatt, that all bills of the Association for the period beginning March 1, 1978, and ending March 31, 1978, be allowed. The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Norman Passmore
President

Tom Mills
Secretary

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