

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at Kenlake State Park, Aurora, Kentucky, on Friday morning, July 25, 1980. The meeting was called to order by President Barney Thweatt, at 9:00 A.M. Present were Board members Zeb Blankenship, Robie Harper, Joseph McPherson, J. D. Minnehan, Norman Passmore, Walter Pickett, Fairce O. Woods; Commissioner Tom Mills, Assistant Commissioners Brigid DeVries, Louis Stout and Billy V. Wise. Conley Manning was present representing the State Department of Education. The invocation was given by Norman Passmore.

Robie Harper moved, seconded by Zeb Blankenship, that the minutes of the April meeting be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

President Thweatt presented plaques to outgoing Board members Joseph McPherson and Norman Passmore and thanked them for their service and contribution to the Association as members of the Board of Control. They accepted their plaques with words of thanks. Pete Grigsby and Jack Burkich were not present to accept their plaques.

The Board of Control held its election of officers for 1980-81. Fairce O. Woods moved, seconded by Robie Harper, that Zeb Blankenship and J. D. Minnehan be elected President and Vice-President respectively. The motion passed unanimously.

Barney Thweatt thanked the Board members for their support during his tenure as President of the Board and then turned the meeting over to the newly elected President, Zeb Blankenship.

President Blankenship introduced the following new members of the Board of Control: Mr. John Brock, Morehead; Mr. Whaylon Coleman, Owensboro; Mr. Alvis Johnson, Harrodsburg. Mr. Charles Black of Barbourville was not present.

President Zeb Blankenship asked the members of the Board that attended the Annual National Federation Meeting in July to report on the meetings they attended. After comments by each member, they all agreed it was an excellent meeting and that each Board member should make special effort to attend the Annual National Federation Meeting.

Commissioner Mills presented to the Board copies of the material completed for the auditor and copies of the 1980-81 budget report. He explained the form the State Board asked the Association to use in reporting receipts and expenditures for the past year and the budget form for the upcoming school year. Following a discussion of the proposed budget, Walter Pickett moved, seconded by J. D. Minnehan, that the budget and audit report be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

J. B. Minnehan presented the report of the Basketball Committee on the results of the recent balloting on classification. He reported that 144 Board appointed representatives voted in favor of classification in basketball while 149 opposed. Following lengthy discussion of the report, J.D. Minnehan moved, seconded by Barney Thweatt, that since a majority of those Board appointed representatives voting opposed classification, the present playoff system in basketball be continued. The motion passed with 8 voting in favor of the motion and one abstention.

President Blankenship appointed the following committees:

- Basketball Committee - Chairman J. D. Minnehan, Vice Chairman Robie Harper, Fairce O. Woods, Charles D. Black, Barney Thweatt
- Football Committee - Chairman Fairce O. Woods, Vice Chairman Whaylon Coleman, Alvis Johnson, John Brock, Walter Pickett
- Minor Sports Committee - Chairman Barney Thweatt, Vice Chairman Walter Pickett, Alvis Johnson, Whaylon Coleman, Robie Harper
- Trophy Committee - Chairman Zeb Blankenship, Vice Chairman Alvis Johnson, Brigid DeVries, Billy Wise
- Staff Committee - Chairman J. D. Minnehan, Vice Chairman Zeb Blankenship, John Brock, Robie Harper, Charles Black
- Retirement Committee - Chairman Zeb Blankenship, Vice Chairman Barney Thweatt, Walter Pickett, Whaylon Coleman, Fairce O. Woods
- East Eligibility Committee - Chairman Zeb Blankenship, Vice Chairman Fairce O. Woods, Charles D. Black, John Brock, Alvis Johnson
- West Eligibility Committee - Chairman Barney Thweatt, Vice Chairman J.D. Minnehan, Whaylon Coleman, Robie Harper, Walter Pickett

Commissioner Mills asked that the Board not act on agenda item 8, setting the site for the 1981 Girls' State Basketball Tournament, until the next meeting of the Board of Control. J. D. Minnehan moved, seconded by Fairce O. Woods, that item 8 on the agenda be tabled. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mills called attention to some of the major changes in the 1980-81 Constitution and By-Laws. Article III, Membership, will now read as follows: "This association shall be composed of public secondary schools which are accredited by the Kentucky State Board of Education, and non-public secondary schools which voluntarily comply with accrediting standards of the Kentucky Department of Education or comply with 704 Kentucky Administrative Regulation 6:010 (Non Public Schools). Member schools are required to comply with the provisions of the K.H.S.A.A. Constitution and By-Laws. No school shall become a member or continue to be a member whose detailed financial (athletic, or otherwise), scholastic and attendance records are not matters of public property of record. Junior high schools shall not be eligible for membership."

Mr. Mills also explained the addition to Article X directing the principals of each school to require all participants of interscholastic athletics and their parents or guardians to acknowledge receipt of the eligibility rules as promulgated by the Association and State Board regulations.

Mr. Mills presented a request from several schools in Jefferson County that the Board consider changing certain sports seasons from the spring to the fall. He also presented a letter requesting that the member schools be surveyed to determine their interest in sponsoring softball as an interscholastic sport. President Blankenship referred these two items to the Minor Sports Committee for further study.

Mr. Mills presented a letter from Mr. Louis Schneider, a representative of the Victory Athletic Club in Louisville, requesting that the Joe Binks Cross Country Runs be sanctioned by the Board. Following a discussion of By-Law 20, which stipulates that no meet, tournament, post-season game, or all-star contest will be sanctioned by the Board of Control unless it is sponsored by a member school, conference, group of schools or coaches association, which shall have full control of planning, supervision, and disposition of finances, it was agreed that the event could not be sanctioned by the Board under the present arrangement.

Mr. Mills presented correspondence received from Attorney John Bankemper, appealing the ruling of the Commissioner on the eligibility status of Matthew Robert Kinsella, a student who is ineligible to represent Fort Thomas Highlands High School in athletics under the provisions of By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule. Following a discussion of the contents of the correspondence, Barney Thweatt moved, seconded by J. D. Minnehan, that By-Law 6, Section 1, Transfer Rule, not be waived in this case. The motion passed with a vote of 8-0 with one abstention.

Following a discussion of the fact that the University of Kentucky has scheduled a basketball game with a team from Russia on November 14, 1980, and after noting that this date conflicts with high school regional football playoffs in Kentucky, the Commissioner was instructed to contact the athletic officials at the University of Kentucky, requesting that the basketball game be scheduled on another date thereby eliminating the conflict and possible financial loss to member schools should the game be played as scheduled.

The next meeting of the Board of Control was scheduled for October 18, at the K.H.S.A.A. Building, Lexington, at 9:00 A.M.

J. D. Minnehan moved, seconded by Walter Pickett, that all bills of the Association for the period beginning April 1, 1980, and ending June 30, 1980, be allowed. The motion passed unanimously.

Fairce O. Woods moved, seconded by Robie Harper, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Zeb Blankenship 2083
President

Tom Mills
Secretary