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President Roland Williams convened the regular meeting of the Board of Control on Friday, March 23, 2001 at 8:30 a.m. All Board members were present except Wendell Thomas. Also present were Commissioner Louis Stout, Executive Assistant Commissioner Brigid DeVries, Assistant Commissioners Larry Boucher and Julian Tackett, Sports Information Director Butch Cope, Fundraising Consultant Ken Tippet and Office Manager Darlene Koszenski.

Paul Dotson was called on for the invocation.

The Board requested that staff research the feasibility of changing the Annual Meeting voting procedure to a ballot format. Board members will solicit feedback from their member schools, and the item will be included on the May, 2001 agenda.

Eddie Saylor made a motion, seconded by Kathy Johnston, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2001 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Johnston made a motion, seconded by Dale Stewart, to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2001 special meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Gary Dearborn made a motion that all bills of the Association for the period January 1, 2001 through February 28, 2001 be approved. Sally Haeberle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, following discussion of items on which the Board sought clarification.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of the Hearing Officer's Recommendations (Cases in which the student was recommended to be eligible). Bob Rogers made a motion, seconded by Kathy Johnston, to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation on the following appeal. The motion passed 10-4 with one (Betsy Glover) abstention:

No.	Bylaw Student School	Findings
#578 6	Richard Gatewood Western High School (Holy Cross-Louisville)	Eligible

The next item on the agenda was consideration of the Hearing Officer's Recommendations (Cases in which the student was recommended to be ineligible). Ken Cox made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Elliott, to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation on the following appeal. The motion passed 14-0 with one (Dale Stewart) recusal:

No.	Bylaw Student School	Findings
#576 6	Jessica Fischer - Apollo-High-School (Owensboro)	Ineligible

Gary Dearborn made a motion, seconded by L.V. McGinty, to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation on the following appeal. The motion passed 14-0 with one (Eddie Saylor) recusal:

No.	Bylaw Student School	Findings
#577 6	Justin Mathew Wilson Middlesboro High School (Bell County)	Ineligible

The next item on the agenda was consideration of the Hearing Officer's Recommendations (Cases in which exceptions were filed). Based on new information contained in the letter of exception filed by Mercer County High School, Bob Rogers made a motion, seconded by Cookie Henson, to remand case #575-Sean Brown, back to the Hearing Officer for re-consideration. However, Sean remains eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Harrodsburg High School until a final determination is made. It was noted the Finding of Fact letter should state "Harrodsburg", NOT "Owensboro". The motion passed unanimously:

No.	Bylaw Student School	Findings
#575 6	Sean Brown Harrodsburg High School (Mercer Co.)	N/A

Paul Dotson made a motion, seconded by Ken Cox, to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation on the following appeal. The motion passed 14-1:

No.	Bylaw Student School	Findings
#579 6	Heather Greschel Fairdale High School (Holy Rosary)	Ineligible

Bob Rogers made a motion, seconded by Ken Cox, to uphold the Hearing Officer's recommendation on the following appeal. The Board asked the record to show that the Commissioner will issue additional penalties relative to the games in which Michael Shoopman participated while ineligible under KHSAA Bylaws. The motion passed unanimously:

No.	Bylaw Student School	Findings
#523 6	Michael Shoopman Berea High School (Madison Southern)	Ineligible

President Williams, Executive Committee Chairperson, asked the record to show that:

1. Executive Assistant Commissioner Brigid DeVries gave an update on Title IX audit visits. Two person audit teams have completed 41 visits. Kyna Koch helped prepare a Staff Note for the State Board regarding deficiencies found and action taken. The deadline for forms to be received at the KHSAA this year is April 15, 2001.
2. Commissioner Stout provided results from the Board of Control election. Effective July 1, 2001, Jeff Perkins, Somerset High School, will be replacing Cookie Henson; Lonnie Burgett, Mayfield Independent Schools, will be replacing Bob Rogers; and

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Ken Hurt, Garrard County High School, will be replacing Ken Cox. A State-at-Large representative will be appointed by the State at a later date to replace Wendell Thomas.

3. Commissioner Stout updated the Board on General Assembly activity:

a. The change of venue bill passed in the Senate, but was not successful in the House. He suggested hiring a pro-KHSAA lobbyist to fight for issues involving high school athletics. It would involve an approximate \$15,000 expense per year.

b. HB191 allows students below grade nine to participate in wrestling, potentially causing increased insurance rates, due to health and safety issues. Kentucky is one of the only states in the nation to fully pay the premium to insure high school athletes.

c. As part of HB191, Level II coaches will be able to coach football and basketball if no certified applicant exists.

4. Host Communications does not handle high school sports any longer, as this has been moved within Host Companies to iHigh.com. Sheila Vaughn, with iHigh.com, is replacing Tim Francis as our representative.

5. The number of home schooled students is continuing to increase.

6. The Kentucky Basketball Academy paid a fee to advertise during our Sweet 16 finals, including their halftime promotion.

7. The second meeting of the Public & Private Ad Hoc Committee will be held at the KHSAA Office on Friday March 30th at 1:30 p.m. Issues were narrowed down from the first meeting, and discussing possible solutions will be the focus of the second meeting. The Board requested copies of the minutes from both meetings.

8. The Cammack case is still in litigation.

9. The McGregor case has been settled.

10. Roland Williams and Kathy Johnston have met with Commissioner Stout regarding his year end evaluation. Documents will be sent to Board members to fill out with their comments. The Board requested the time line for this procedure be put on the yearly calendar from now on.

President Williams, Executive Committee Chairperson, asked the Board to approve the following motions:

1. The para-professional coaches bill now makes football and basketball parameters the same as other sports. Bob Rogers made a motion, seconded by Sally Haeberle, requesting a letter be sent to all high school Superintendents and Principals stating that if the school has certified coaches, they must be given preference to fill vacant positions. The motion passed 14-1. For the record, Jim Sexton opposed the motion.

2. Bylaw 25, Limitation of Seasons, Football: only Alaska starts practice earlier than Kentucky. Eddie Saylor made a motion, seconded by Sally Haeberle, requesting a letter be sent to Principals, Superintendents and Board Representatives supporting a referendum, regarding football safety issues, including data on the number of deaths that have occurred. The Board Rep is to be mailed the actual ballot to

change the football playing dates. The motion passed unanimously.

Dale Stewart, Chairperson, **Museum Development Committee**, noted there was no action taken, and staff is continuing to research the issue. Ten percent of Rupp Arena floor sales will be given to the KHSAA Hall of Fame and used for development of the museum. Sales predictions indicate this could be an income of over \$100,000 to the KHSAA Museum Fund. The Museum Fund is a separate account from the Association's General Fund.

Jim Sexton, Chairperson, **Football Committee**, asked the Board to approve the following motions:

1. Approve Cardinal Stadium in Louisville as the host site for the 2001 State Football finals, and commend them on the great job they did this year. The motion was made by Eddie Saylor, seconded by Cookie Henson, and passed unanimously.

2. Catastrophic insurance coverage starts July 15th, and covers two scrimmages only, including football camps. Jim Sexton made the following motion, seconded by Roland Williams: Stress the catastrophic insurance limitations, along with the 10 days of practice required (5 without pads) in the Commissioner's Notes and in a separate letter to Principals and Superintendents. Mr. Tackett was asked to draft the letter, and include "conditioning" requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Gary Dearborn, Chairperson, **Team Sports Committee**, asked the Board to approve the following motions:

1. Adopt the Volleyball district and region alignment for 2001. The motion was seconded by Kathy Johnston, and passed unanimously.

2. Jim Sexton made a motion, seconded by Jerry Taylor, to award Jeffersontown the Fast Pitch Softball State tournament contract for 2002 and 2003. The motion failed 3-12.

3. Award the city of Hopkinsville and Tie-Breaker Park the Fast Pitch Softball State tournament contract for 2002 and 2003. The motion was seconded by Paul Dotson, and passed 8-7. For the record, Jim Sexton opposed the motion.

Gary Dearborn, Chairperson, **Team Sports Com-**

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mittee, asked the record to show that:

1. Since all the teams that play Slow Pitch Softball are in the northern Kentucky area, Assistant Commissioner Larry Boucher was asked to write a letter suggesting participating schools consider holding an invitational tournament, rather than a state sanctioned tournament championship, after this year. The KHSAA would purchase the trophies.

Mr. Williams then called the Board's attention to miscellaneous items listed for their information only.

1) Set date for Special Board Meeting in April to consider March appeals; 2) Review dates for the next regular Board of Control Meeting, May 15-16, 2001 in Lexington, KY; 3) Miscellaneous Board and staff items.

It was decided that a Special Board Meeting to

consider March appeals was necessary, and will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2001 at 8:30 a.m. The Hall of Fame Screening Committee will also meet that morning, immediately following the Special Board Meeting.

Ken Cox requested that former and current Board members receive a total of two complimentary Sweet 16 tickets. He reserved the right to make a motion at the May meeting, after reviewing the impact this would have on the budgeted ticket sales and seating, provided by Mr. Tackett.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ken Cox made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Sally Haeberle and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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