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26 Cahill leaves lasting legacy on swimming community

Tim Cahill, the longtime swimming and diving coach at Model High School as well as a state swimming and diving meet official, left a deep imprint on the sport.
One of the first things I was asked to do as the new Sports Information Director in 1984 was assist with the production and upgrading of the Athlete Magazine.

This monthly magazine was boring, black and white, and basically seemed to me like last year’s issue with new pictures. I never thought I would see the day where we could produce a full color issue and have it contain meaningful and current material.

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We hope you enjoy the new format and look forward to your feedback as we progress with this transition!

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President Dave Weedman convened the regular meeting of the Board of Control on Thursday, May 6, 2010. All Board members were present except Carrell Boyd, Anita Burnett and Jeff Schlosser. Also present were Commissioner Brigid DeVries, Commissioner Elect Julian Tackett, Assistant Commissioners Michael Barnes, Darren Bilberry, Butch Cope, Sports Information Director Elden May and General Counsel George Fletcher. Office Manager Darlene Koszenski was also present. Guests included KDE Liaison Larry Stinson, Deputy Commissioner and newly elected Board member Art Davis, Principal at Paducah Tilghman High School.

Brigid DeVries provided a moment of reflection, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Darlene Koszenski. President Weedman asked the record show that fifteen out of eighteen Board members were present. Stan Steidel made a motion, seconded by Jerry Keepers, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2010 regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Stan Steidel made a motion, seconded by Lea Prewitt, to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and legal matters. The motion passed unanimously. Jerry Keepers made a motion, seconded by Bob Stewart to come out of Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Dave Weedman, Audit & Finance Committee Chairperson, made the following motions on behalf of the Audit & Finance Committee:

1. Budget Recommendations and adjustments for the end of 2009-2010 fiscal year:
   - Approve the closing of the First Southern (Museum) account with Funds to be transferred to Forcht Bank;
   - Approve the transfer of signatures on the KHSAA General Fund and Other Bank Accounts to Commissioner Elect Julian Tackett, and a maximum of three additional designees. Two signatures are required on every KHSAA check;
   - Change the fixed asset threshold in the KHSAA Depreciation schedule from $500 to $1,000 for permanent recording of assets per the auditor review;
   - Approve an additional $10,000 designation from the Equipment and Physical Plant Reserves to fund the Board approved revision to the seating plan and equipment in the theatre/Board room to allow for entire executive staff and counsel to be at the Board meeting table in September and beyond (total cumulative designation of $20,000 first designation of $10,000 May, 2008) and approve further expenditures from the Physical Plant Reserve for the movement and transition of staff;
   - Approve the necessary transfer of funds into and out of the designated accounts for known transactions from the 2009-2010 fiscal year to close the fiscal year. Approve the remainder of the Designate Fund Categories and calculations as established in past. The newly signed sponsorship with ScheduleStar will be designated to the Web Development Reserve;
   - Approve the continual designation of funds for the Museum Development Fund
     This would be .3 (thirty percent) times New Corporate Money (above 2003 baseline)
   - Member School and Official Fines Increase in Novelty Receipts over guarantee amount
     - Direct Donations and Net Brick Sales, and
     .25 per full price ticket for the 2009-2010 boys and girls basketball tournaments, and football finals.
   - A complete report is to be prepared when the final amounts of revenue and expenses for these sponsorships are reviewed after June 30.
   - Approve two additional days per week to be offered to the Technology Director, with the appropriate benefit and cost calculations included in the final 2010-2011 Budget presentation in August. This position would be at Grade III, Step 4 on the salary schedule for the 2010-2011 school year, effective July 1, 2010;
   - Approve the purchase of an additional digital scanner/copier from State Pricing Contract and needed software to add a second machine for the purpose of archiving KHSAA information and necessary software. This machine shall be funded by the Archives Reserve (33%) and the Equipment Reserve (34%) and Title IX Reserve (33%);
   - Approve the expenditure of a maximum of $130,000 from the Museum Designated Account to proceed with the next phase of the museum project (flooring and replacement of curtained wall) with DisplayWorks (fka Phoenix Presentations).

(The motion was seconded by Ozz Jackson, and passed unanimously.)

2. Review Budget Items for the 2010-2011 fiscal year:

3. Proceed aggressively, using current year and designated reserve funds, to transitioning intra-school transfer and other processes to an online system and complete transition of official and school databases.

4. Approve draft budget for 2010-2011 and future years to permit operations through July and final approval. The motion was seconded by Marvin Moore, and passed unanimously.

5. Extend the Rawlings contract for five years. The motion was seconded by Marvin Moore, and passed unanimously.

Kelley Crain, Constitution & Bylaws Committee Chairperson, made the following motions on behalf of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee:

1. Send Proposals BOC-2010-2, BOC-2010-3 & BOC-2010-4 to the Delegate Assembly. The motion was seconded by Stan Steidel, and passed unanimously.

2. Send Proposal submitted by Principal Pat Richardson, Southwestern High School, regarding Bylaw 25, to the Delegate Assembly. The motion was seconded by Bob Stewart, and passed unanimously.

3. Table Proposal submitted by Principal Steve Frommeyer, Eminence High School, regarding playing non-member schools. More information needs to be provided, before re-submission for next year’s Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ozz Jackson, and passed 12-2-1. (Bob Stewart and Dave Weedman were opposed; John Barnes was out of the room.)

Dave Weedman, Executive Committee Chairperson, asked the Board to approve the following motions:

1. Approve Association bills from April 1,
2010 through April 30, 2010. The motion was seconded by Ozz Jackson, and passed unanimously.

2. Approve the 2010-2011 Board of Control calendar of meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Bob Stewart, and passed unanimously.

3. Approve school membership criteria as presented. The motion was seconded by Lea Prewitt, and passed unanimously.

4. Accept the Internal and External Fundraising Reports as submitted. The motion was seconded by Jerry Keepers, and passed unanimously.

5. Implement House Bill 327 using the NFHSlearn.com system to offer Level I certification to non-64 hour coaches. The motion was seconded by Stan Steidel, and passed unanimously.

6. Accept the Officials Background Check Policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Steve Riley, and passed unanimously.

Ozz Jackson, Team Sports Committee Chairperson, asked the Board to approve the following motion:

1. Accept the overall Sportsmanship Position Statement for all sports, and the specific Soccer Sportsmanship Position Statement as presented. The motion was seconded by Boyd Randolph, and passed unanimously. Staff is to bring similar specific documents for review regarding other sports to a future meeting.

The next item on the agenda was the election of 2010-2011 officers. Alan Donhoff made a motion, seconded by John Barnes, to elect Kelley Crain as President. Marvin Moore made a motion to cease nominations. The motion was seconded by Bob Schneider. Ms. Crain was selected as president by acclamation.

Ozz Jackson made a motion, seconded by Marvin Moore, to elect Bill Beasley as Vice President.

Bob Stewart made a motion, seconded by Jerry Keepers, to elect Alan Donhoff as Vice President.

A paper ballot was taken and tallied by George Fletcher. The Board voted 8-7 to elect Alan Donhoff as Vice President.

Jerry Keepers made a motion, seconded by Lea Prewitt, to accept the Transfer Report from April 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Ozz Jackson made a motion, seconded by Jerry Keepers, to accept the Fines & DQ Report from April 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

President Weedman also asked that the record indicate that the following items were discussed, with no action being taken:

1. The NFHS Summer Meeting will be in San Diego the week of July 6-10, 2010. Attendees include President Elect Kelley Crain, Vice President Elect Alan Donhoff and Marvin Moore. Two additional members declined to attend.

2. Commissioner DeVries, Commissioner Elect Julian Tackett and General Counsel George Fletcher updated the Board on items of interest from the NFHS Legal Meeting.

3. Mr. Tackett distributed the 2009-2010 school enrollment numbers for review.

4. The Official’s Brochure will be sent electronically to Board members.

5. Assistant Commissioner Michael Barren updated the Board on items of interest from the Athletic Director’s Conference.

6. The IRS Form 990 will be sent electronically to Board members.

A motion was made by Lea Prewitt, seconded by Jerry Keepers, to deny Eminence High School’s request to play 8-man football tournaments against non-member schools in neighboring states. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Kelley Crain, seconded by Stan Steidel, to approve Kentucky School for the Deaf’s request for a waiver of Article VIII of the KHSAA Constitution, allowing them to participate against KHSAA non-member schools for 2010-2011.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ozz Jackson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stan Steidel. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. on May 6, 2010.
President Kelley Crain convened the regular meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control on Monday, August 2, 2010. Board members present were: Kelley Crain, Alan Donhoff, Bill Beasley, John Barnes, Carrell Boyd, Anita Burnett, Art Davis, Ozz Jackson, Jerry Keepers, Boyd Randolph, Steve Riley, Jeff Schlosser, Robert “Bob” Schneider, Stan Steidel, and Dave Weedman.

Board members absent were: Gene Norris, Lea Prewitt, and Marvin Moore, who had to leave after the Committee meetings.

Also present were: Commissioner Julian Tackett, Assistant Commissioners Michael Barren, Darren Bilberry, Butch Cope, and Angela Passafiume; Sports Information Director Elder May, General Counsel Chad Collins, Information Technology Director Rob Catron and Support Specialist Cheryl Goodwin.

Guests present were: David Couch, Kentucky Department of Education.; Anthony W. Sparks, Principal Daviess County High School; Doug Sandifer Athletic Director, Daviess County High School; and Matt Mason, Asst. Principal Daviess County High School.

Dave Weedman provided a moment of reflection followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
President Crain stated that the committee met to review legal matters for the purpose of reviewing legal matters for the school but had communicated their concerns through the Commissioner. Fulton County High School has worked with the KHSAA office to remedy the situation that was presented following the fight with Calloway County in 2009. It was motioned by Stan Steidel that the student be reinstated after the 3rd football game of this year for a total of a 6 game suspension plus the entire 2010 track season. The motion was seconded by Steve Riley. The school has since also replaced the entire staff of the football team. The vote was unanimous to approve with 14 Board members present. (Mr. Jackson had temporarily left.)

Ozz Jackson stepped back in the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Daviess County High School’s appeal was then considered. The appeal was regarding the use of an ineligible player during the football season. Following discussion, the Daviess County Administrators left the meeting. Anita Burnette recused herself due to a personal connection. A motion was made by Boyd Randolph to deny the appeal, seconded by Stan Steidel. Motion passed with 12 in favor, 2 opposites and 1 recused. (Alan Donhoff & Steve Riley opposed the vote.)

Football Committee Report: Bob Schneider stated that the committee met to review the football alignment for 2011 and the following recommendations were made:

1. Stay with six (6) classes.

2. The committee agreed that a school can play “up” for geographical reasons also to note that if a school plays up the bottom school in the class being moved to have the option of moving down, but only the bottom school.

3. Three options were discussed as to how to form the size of the classes and it was decided there should be 33 teams in 6A, 32 teams in 1A and the rest distributed evenly among the remaining schools.

4. Item not decided fully in committee was the length of the period to review football alignments, if the length should be 2 years or 4 years. Clarification being that the KHSAA Board would look at the alignment if there were big gains or losses by a school.

Bob Schneider made the following Motions: 1. That the length of the alignment be four (4) years with consideration at two (2) years of any enrollments following extraor- 
dinary gains or losses. Dave Weedman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. To stay with six (6) classes, seconded by Dave Weedman, carried unanimously.

3. To allow playing up for geographical reasons only with reasons put in writing and the bottom school in that class may move down if they wish to keep the balance of the classes, seconded by Art Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

4. That Option 2 be approved with that being: 32 teams in 6A, 32 teams in 1A and the rest distributed evenly among the remaining schools, seconded by Stan Steidel, passed unanimously.

John Barnes left the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Regulation Adoption and Legislative Committee: Mr. Donhoff stated that when the committee met they had two motions to be considered and he made the following on behalf of the Committee.

1. To approve sending a proposal to change the wording of Bylaw 27 so that it matches House Bill 327 to present to the Delegate Assembly at the Annual Meeting, seconded by Dave Weedman, vote passed unanimously.

2. To deny sending forward the proposal from Eminence High School regarding the playing of Kentucky non-member schools to the Delegate Assembly at the Annual Meeting, seconded by Art Davis, John Barnes returns to the meeting at 3 p.m., motion passed (11-3 vote) with Dave Weedman, Stan Steidel and Bob Schneider opposed.

Executive Committee Report: The following motions were brought to the floor by President Kelley Crain:

1. To approve the year end external corporate report as well as the internal and external fundraising report. Seconded by Alan Donhoff, passed unanimously.

2. Extend the golf contract with Bowling Green Country Club and Leachman Buick GMC as the title sponsor for the next ten (10) years with the ability to opt out of that contract if there are problems that develop and revenue to be looked at after three (3) years, seconded by Ozz Jackson, 13-1 vote passed with Jeff Schlosser opposed.

3. For Owensboro to be designated to host the Fast Pitch Softball Tournament through 2014, seconded by Dave Weedman, votes passed 10-4. Stan Steidel, Kelley Crain, Jeff Schlosser, Alan Donhoff
opposed.

4. To approve the extension of Forcht Bank as the State Baseball Championship title sponsor through 2013 per written agreement which was signed in 2008, seconded by Art Davis, motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5. To direct the Commissioner and staff to look at the State Softball format and schedule and bring recommendations coming from that study to the Board, and to also look at using heat index requirements for all the spring sports. This motion was seconded by Jerry Keepers then passed unanimously.

6. To accept the membership applications as contained in the Board packet received by all Board members, seconded by Ozz Jackson, and unanimously approved.

7. To approve recognition of the bowling interest survey and to direct KHSAA staff to study implications of adding bowling as a recognized sport. Seconded by Dave Weedman, and approved with a unanimous vote.

8. To approve the Association bills from May 30, 2010 to June 30, 2010, seconded by Jeff Schlosser; the vote was unanimous.

9. Approve emergency provisions to enable Commissioner Tackett to look for an alternate trophy vendor who can deliver quality services at a comparable price, seconded by Art Davis, approved unanimously.

10. To approve the salary schedule as contained in the Board packet that being Option 1, seconded by Dave Weedman, passed unanimously.

11. To approve the budget for the 2010-2011 year as contained in the packet, seconded by Dave Weedman and unanimously approved.

Mr. Tackett requested permission to dispose of a fixed asset that belongs to the Association. It is a used automobile that has been on lease to sell it at whatever fees, costs, etc to a former employee for purchase. This was motioned by Art Davis, seconded by Jerry Keepers and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. with a motion by Ozz Jackson, seconded by Jerry Keepers and passed unanimously.
President Kelley Ransdell convened the regular meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 1:35 p.m. Board members present were: Kelley Ransdell, Alan Donhoff, Bill Beasley, John Barnes, Carrell Boyd, Anita Burnette, Ozz Jackson, Jerry Keepers, Marvin Moore, Gene Norris, Lea Prewitt, Boyd Randolph, Steve Riley, Jeff Schlosser, Robert "Bob" Schneider, Stan Steidel, and Dave Weedman. Board member absent: Art Davis.

Also present were: Commissioner Julian Tackett, Assistant Commissioners Michael Barren, Darren Bilberry, Butch Cope, and Angela Passafiume; Sports Information Director Elden May, General Counsel Chad Collins, Information Technology Director Rob Catron and Administrative Support Specialist Cheryl Goodwin.

Guests present were: Marc Peach, Head Football Coach, Anderson County HS; Rick Sallee, Athletic Director, Anderson County HS; Jeff Saylor, Principal, Bell County HS; Dick Stewart, Principal, Bishop Brossart HS; Mel Webster, Athletic Director, Bishop Brossart HS; Matt Reinhart, Head Football Coach, Bishop Brossart HS; Mike Hunter, Athletic Director, Bracken County HS; Larry Wooldridge, Principal, DuPont Manual HS; David Zuberec, Athletic Director, DuPont Manual HS; Don Adkins, Fayette County Public Schools; Keith Henry, District Athletic Director, Floyd County Schools; Brian Robinson, Principal, Highlands HS; Gary Herfel, Highlands HS; Dale Mueller, Athletic Director, Highlands HS; Ken Honchell, Highlands HS; Harry Burchett Johnson County Schools; Steve Trimble, Superintendent, Johnson County; Darren Gamble, Athletic Director, Johnson Central HS; Larry Sparks, Superintendent, Leslie County Schools; Shannon Crisp, Athletic Director, Leslie County HS; David Gadberry, Athletic Director, Lexington Catholic HS; John Kelsey, Athletic Director, Male HS; Chris Wolfe, Head Football Coach, Male HS; Bill Jones, Athletic Director, Middlesboro HS; Waylon Allen, Assistant Principal, Middlesboro HS; Randy Frazier, Coach, Middlesboro HS; Phil Rison, Montgomery County HS; Marty Feltner, Principal, Nicholas County HS; Robert Hopkins, Athletic Director, Nicholas County HS; Estill Neace, Principal, Perry County Central HS; Barry Noble, Athletic Director, Rockcastle County HS; Scott Parkey, Head Football Coach, Rockcastle County HS; Sam Sparks, Athletic Director, Russell Independent; Ivan McGlone, Head Football Coach, Russell HS; Jeff Marksberry, Head Football Coach, Simon Kenton HS; Craig Fry, Athletic Director, Western Hills; Greg Lawson, Assistant Principal, Western Hills HS; Becky Barnes, KY State Senate; Ryan Ernst, Kentucky Enquirer; Jason Frakes, Courier-Journal; Jan Goff; Bill Hayes, Attorney; Ken Trivette, KABC.

Stan Steidel provided a moment of reflection followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Marvin Moore.

There was a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Items included:

- the minutes of the August 2, 2010 regular meeting;
- the Report on Transfers;
- Other Eligibility Rulings including Fines and Penalties, July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010;
- HB 327 Coaches to date;
- NFHS Coaching Education Program;
- Budget Status Report through September 30, 2010;
- Radio Network Financial Reports; and
- the General Counsel Contract.

The motion was made by: Ozz Jackson, seconded by Bill Beasley and was approved unanimously (17 voting).

A motion to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of reviewing legal matters pursuant to KRS 61.810(c) was made by John Barnes and seconded by Dave Weedman, passing unanimously (17 voting). No action was taken during Closed Session.

President Ransdell stated that she would ask the Board to make a motion to revise the agenda to move the football alignment up on the agenda so the guests could get back to their home districts.

The next item was a review and report on Highlands High School. Highlands High School had come to the Board on previous occasions relative to the 2004-2005 eligibility and court matter. Also correspondence had been shared with the Board regarding the same subject. The Board had directed General Counsel Chad Collins and Commissioner Tackett to gather additional information in consideration of that item. Principal Robinson stated that they have shared the majority of information regarding this case and appreciates the Board looking into the situation. Mr. Tackett gave the following recommendation to the Board:

"That Highlands be permitted to count all games played during its 2004 season as wins (with the exception of the on-field loss to Cincinnati Elder on Sept. 5) and that the official records of the opponents remain unchanged. Also, the amount of $1500 will be returned to Highlands High School that was paid as a fine."

The motion to approve the recommendation was made by Dave Weedman and seconded by Bill Beasley, the motion passed with three recusals, those being: Jeff Schlosser, Stan Steidel and Bob Schneider, (14 - 0).
The next item was the review and Report on Marion County High School. Mr. Bilberry had concluded, with Mr. Collins assistance, an investigation involving an allegation from East Jessamine High School about actions by specific members of the coaching staff at Marion County High School. As a result of the findings, the Principal and Designated Rep had submitted a report to the KHSAA that acknowledged proof that there was contact by one of the assistant coaches with the parent of a player about playing on a summer AAU team that had Marion County players on it, in violation of Bylaw 10. Marion County had recommended that the Coach, Mr. Robert Spaulding, be suspended for one scrimmage and one game and the entire coaching staff have professional development on the KHSAA Rules and Case Situations as well as a revision to the coaching handbook to ensure this situation does not occur again. Mr. Tackett recommended that the Board accept the recommendation of the Designated Representative of Marion County as the Board’s final decision for this violation. The motion was made to accept the recommendation from Mr. Tackett by Alan Donhoff, seconded by Jeff Schlosser, passing unanimously (17 voting).

There was a motion by Dave Weedman seconded by Marvin Moore to revise the agenda to consider the 2011-2014 Football Alignment voting out of consideration of the many guests that had come for the Board Meeting, passed unanimously (17 voting).

The Board then moved to finalizing the football realignment project. The Board reaffirmed the parameters for the football alignment as originally recommended by the Ad Hoc Football Committee with the following provisions:

- The alignment is to run from 2011-14 with a mid-term adjustment after 2012;
- That the enrollment numbers used for classification would be the average grades 9-12 male enrollment in the member school for the past two school years (2008-2009 and 2009-2010) as provided by the Kentucky Department of Education from the growth factor (second month) reports;
- Class 1A and Class 6A were to initially have 32 teams each and all teams initially qualify for the playoffs;
- The other four classes were to be divided as evenly as mathematically possible (in case of ties for ranked enrollment);
- That playing up to a higher class would only be allowed in those situations where the member school could document that the move to a higher class was to alleviate a regular season travel issue due to the proximity to other schools and that such request was an improvement over the initial placement in terms of geography; and
- That the Board affirmed its previously approved recommendations of the Ad Hoc Football Committee meetings wherein it initially reviewed the playing up requests of ten member schools, and recommended approval only for the following requests:
  - Bath County High School (documented that the regular season travel was reduced for schools involved with the move to a higher class);
  - Cooper High School (due to initial year in average enrollment being skewed by senior option during the first year the school was open); and
  - Letcher County Central High School (documented that the regular season travel was reduced for schools involved with the move to a higher class).

The Board of Control had received written feedback from a large portion of the schools following the distribution of the draft, as well as considering any feedback offered by those present at the meeting. Following this deliberation, the Board asked the Commissioner for recommendations on the individual classes, based on all member school feedback as compared to the original distributed draft alignment. Commissioner Tackett’s recommendations regarding the alignments and the Board action for each of the state’s six classes were as follows:

**Class 1A** -
- To adopt as drafted. Motion by Jeff Schlosser seconded by Jerry Keepers; passed unanimously (17 voting).

**Class 2A** -
- To move Butler County High School from District 3 to District 2 in the draft. Motion by Dave Weedman seconded by Steve Riley; passed unanimously (17 voting).
- To move Leslie County High School from District 7 to District 8 in the draft. Motion by Dave Weedman seconded by Jerry Keepers, passed unanimously (17 voting).
- To move Russell High School from class 2A to class 3A in the draft. Motion by Dave Weedman seconded by Bob Schneider; passed unanimously (17 voting).
- To adopt Class 2A as drafted with approved changes. Motion by Jeff Schlosser seconded by Bill Beasley; passing unanimously (17 voting).

**Class 3A** -
- To move Western Hills from District 3 to District 5 in the draft. Motion by Dave Weedman and seconded by John Barnes; passed unanimously (17 voting).
- To adopt the 3A draft with approved changes. Motion by Stan Steidel seconded by Gene Norris; passing unanimously (17 voting).

**Class 4A** -
- To adopt as drafted. Motion by Boyd Randolph seconded by Lea Wise Prewett;
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passing unanimously (17 voting).

Class 5A -
• To move Anderson County from District 4 to District 6 in the draft. Motion by Stan Steidel seconded by Lea Wise Prewitt; passing unanimously (17 voting).
• To adopt 5A as drafted with approved change. Motion by Jeff Schlosser seconded by Bob Schneider; passing unanimously (17 voting).

Class 6A-
• To approve a two-year experiment passed that placed Simon Kenton in District 6 from District 7 to be with other northern Kentucky schools; and place Paul Laurence Dunbar in with Bryan Station, Henry Clay and Scott County; with an alternate bracket where the 5th place time in District 6 would take the 4th pace slot in District 2 for bracket 6 purposes; motion by Stan Steidel seconded by Bob Schneider, passing unanimously (17 voting).
• A motion to accept the 6A draft with the stated changes by Stan Steidel and seconded by Jerry Keepers, passing unanimously (17 voting).

Mr. Donhoff thanked Male and DuPont Manual for coming and presenting their alternative to the 6A Draft Alignment. Mr. Tackett thanked them for coming as well as all of the other member schools for their feedback.

For the Regulation Adoption and Legislative Committee, Alan Donhoff presented the following motions:
• To recommend the advancement of all six proposals from the Annual Meeting, seconded by Jeff Schlosser, passing unanimously (17 voting).

Mr. Donhoff also reported additional items discussed by the committee including:
• There was discussion relative to Bylaw 7 to eliminate section three (3) of Bylaw 7 due to possible conflict with the Due Process Procedure.
• There has been a proposal submitted to amend Bylaw 25, Limitation of season for golf to include two (2) additional days for scheduling tournaments in light of the 18 hole requirement that is coming online. This would add a Saturday and Sunday to the golf schedule.

The staff will draft a newly worded proposals for discussion and when preparing for the 2011 Annual Meeting.

For the Title IX Committee, Lea Wise Prewitt presented the report with the following issues being discussed. There was no action taken by the committee.
• There was discussion regarding the Prime Date Policy with no change at this time.
• Phil Rison, Chair of the 10th and 11th region policy board, brought from the 10th and 11th regions an Officials’ fee schedule requesting clarification on an issue related to softball. Mr. Rison inquired as to whether or not the $5 difference maximum in baseball and softball applied to non-varsity. Mr. Tackett reminded the committee that the board only establishes varsity fees and as such, the difference at non-varsity level was a regional policy board decision.
• Mr. Rison also asked the committee to review the $5 different policy to see if it was still necessary and the committee agreed to discuss the issue at a later date.

For the Individual Sports Committee, Stan Steidel made the following motions:
• That the KHSAA join the American Association of Adaptive Sports for a fee of $2500 and that we stage two exhibition events during the 2010-2011 track and field state meet and look forward to expanding that program seconded by Dave Weedman, passing unanimously (17 voting).
• To establish a statewide bowling program as a sanctioned sport to start during the 2011-2012 school year seconded by Ozz Jackson, passing unanimously (17 voting).

• To expand the Swimming and Diving State meet to 32 from 24 per event starting the current 2010-2011 track and field state meet seconded by Jeff Schlosser, passing unanimously (17 voting).
• To change the Tournament Rules for Golf under section 5 to include the information we used this year along with the PGA Junior Ryder Cup Team and that that become a permanent part of the tournament rules, seconded by Jerry Keepers, passing unanimously (17 voting).

For the Team Sports Committee, Ozz Jackson told the Board that the following items were discussed with no action taken.
• Consider minor revisions of the Basketball Alignment beginning in December and after that, with Board approval, to bring all baseball, softball, soccer and volleyball in line with the basketball regions to make them all the same regions.

2:41 p.m. - Bill Beasley stepped out of meeting

For the Executive Committee, Kelley Ransdell made the following report of action items:
• Approve the Commissioner’s recommendation rotation of Regional Basketball Officials for 2011-2013. Motion by Alan Donhoff seconded by Dave Weedman, passing unanimously (16 voting).
• To return to a former KHSAA Policy which requires that in order to be eligible for boys post-season basketball officiating, you must officiate at least 8 girls and 8 boys during regular season play beginning 2010-2011 school year, with a requirement of 8 girls games for those desiring to be eligible for girls post-season basketball officiating. Motion by Kelley Ransdell, seconded by Jerry Keepers, passing unanimously (16 voting).
• To discontinue utilizing general fund or other undesignated funds for museum development effective with the year end 2010 journal entries. The plans for the Museum Committee to continue to work to provide self-funding for that area. Motion by Kelley Ransdell, seconded by Jeff Schlosser, passing unanimously (16 voting).

The Board then considered other general items and heard brief reports including:
• Ken Trivette of the KABC approached the Board with a presentation regarding the online rules clinics. Mr. Tackett informed the Board of the cost savings to the Association and the good comments we have received for having the online clinics. Mr. Cope stated with the online clinics, the message is consistent. The Board agreed to continually review the new delivery mechanism.

The Board heard the periodic report from iHigh about KHSAA Fund raising.

The Board heard the report about the previously declared trophy emergency, and heard that the approved alternate vendor is working out well.

The Board heard from the OHSAA and how they approached member issues as they are encountering similar issues to those of the KHSAA in the mid-2000s.

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Alan Donhoff, seconded by Dave Weedman, passing unanimously (16 voting).

2:53 p.m. – Bill Beasley returned to the meeting.

Various correspondence was discussed with no action needed.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m. with a motion by Alan Donhoff, seconded by Gene Norris and passing with a unanimous vote (17 voting).
Following in Father’s

Kyle Bottoms joins decorated father as basketball official

Scott Bottoms has officiated five state championship games and many of the biggest basketball games in this part of Kentucky over the past two decades, but this was the biggest game he had ever worked.

Kyle Bottoms had never called a varsity game, so naturally this was the biggest game he had ever worked.

And as father and son stood side by side during pregame warmups for an otherwise ordinary early-season game, both of them knew they were exactly where they wanted to be.

Kyle Bottoms is following in his father’s footsteps as a basketball official, getting started in much the same way Scott Bottoms did in the late 1980s, but at an earlier age.

He is only 20 years old and still in college as he begins his first season of calling varsity games, and he was thrilled to be able to work alongside his father in the very first of those games last week at Casey County.

“I’ve been looking forward to this day, and to be able to do it with my dad is a pretty next experience,” Kyle said before he and his father took the floor for the Anderson County-Casey County game.

It was every bit as special for Scott, who has called far bigger games and bigger venues but said the pride he felt about working with his son was unmatched.

“Doing those state tournaments was a big thrill, but being able to work Kyle’s first game with him (was) just as big a thrill, if not bigger,” he said.

There are many similarities between the father and the son. Both started out calling rec league games for pocket money, then moved up to middle school games before breaking into the 12th Region as junior varsity officials.

And each of them was named JV official of the year in their very first year in the region. The award is voted on by the region’s varsity officials, and it comes with an immediate promotion to the varsity level.

“And I didn’t have any reservations about voting for him,” Scott said.

The difference is that Kyle reached this point six years earlier than his father.

“He’s got a big leg up on me. At 20 years old, to be starting his first varsity experience bodes well for him. He’s got a bright future,” Scott said.

Scott Bottoms, 47, is in his 20th year of officiating high school games, and he calls college games as well.

“I’ve been around sports all my life. I’ve played, I’ve coached and I’ve officiated. It would be hard to make people understand, but ... outside of coaching my own two sons, officiating was the one thing that I’ve enjoyed the most,” he said. “It’s just a passion that I’ve had over the years.”

Kyle has also grown up around sports, and from an early age he started tagging along on his father’s assignments.

“I grew up around it. Since I was little I’ve been going to games and watching Dad work,” he said.

He was working rec league games as a junior at Boyle County when Mark Bryant, another 12th Region official who makes assignments for local middle school games, called during a school day and asked him to officiate a game that night at Burgin.

“I didn’t know if I could do it or not, but he had me go over there, and I really enjoyed it,” Kyle said.

Now a junior at Eastern Kentucky University, he jumped at the chance to join the Lake Cumberland Basketball Officials Association last year and to call varsity games this season, even though he knows
it will make for some long nights commuting to 12th Region games from Richmond.

“It is a lot of travel, but the opportunity to work with the guys that I’ve grown up and watched along with my dad, guys like Tony Gray and Mark Bryant that have kind of been mentors to me growing up, those kind of opportunities only come every so often,” he said.

His father says it’s an opportunity he is more than ready for.

“His mechanics are very good, he has a very good knowledge of the game for a 20-year-old. He has great judgment, great composure, he doesn’t get rattled, all the things that it takes,” Scott said. “Anybody can get out there and run up and down, but to understand the game, to have a feel for the game, he’s got all that in place.”

Kyle was paying attention during all those games when he followed his father, and he said it’s clear to him that the two are alike in many ways.

“I think just from watching him work so much, my mannerisms, my mechanics, the way I run, the way I hold my hands when I make a call, stuff like that, it’s almost scary,” he said.

However, because he’s only two years older than many high school seniors, he knows fans — and perhaps some coaches — will judge him only by his age at first.

“When I was calling at Lincoln County Middle School one day, I had a fan yell at me, ‘How can you referee a game if you’re not old enough to drive?’” Kyle said.

“Acting in a professional manner and not acting like I’m 20 years old, being able to communicate with coaches, being able to not have a bias in a game, to call a foul on one end the same as you do on the other ... is what I think differentiates me from being a 20-year-old calling a rec league basketball game.”

Kyle will continue to work middle school games, as well as some college JV and freshman games during a busy winter. He said he aspires to work his way up through the high school and college ranks.

“I’m competitive, not against other officials but with myself. I want to get better, and I want to work the state tournament, and I want to work college basketball (and) get up to Division I basketball,” he said.

It was no accident that Kyle worked his first game with his father. Scott had asked assigning secretary Noel Hargis for that favor.

“He’s been very good to me over the years, and he was more than willing to do that,” Scott said.

Both father and son said they were pleased with the chemistry they felt they shared right from the start in their game at Casey.

“A lot of times when you work with someone new you don’t have that, but it was just like working with someone I’ve worked with a thousand times. I think that’s a little bit of that father-son thing,” Kyle said.

Kyle said he will always remember his first call — “block on red 24” — as well as his first mistake, when he signaled the wrong direction as the ball went out of bounds, even though his verbal call was correct.

But what he and his father will remember most is simply the shared experience.

“To be officiating with my son for his first varsity game, it’s probably about as exciting as it could get for me, being in this profession,” Scott said.
Football Advisory Committee Minutes

The Commissioners Advisory Committee on Football met at the KHSAA offices in Lexington on December 17, 2009. All members were present except Paul Rains, Bob Schneider, Mike Weedman, & Jerry Wyman.

The meeting was chaired by Executive Assistant Julian Tackett who reminded the Committee that Coach Schneider had been dealing with health issues for most of the fall and sent his best wishes to the Committee but obviously could not attend.

The meeting began with the usual review of the material provided including the current By-law 25 football provisions, the current football tournament rules and a listing of 2007-08 and 2008-09 enrollment averages for the member football schools. This data led to a discussion of alignment break points and other issues surrounding the 2011-12 football realignment. Mr. Tackett discussed with the Committee that the Board’s objective was use the most recent figures available and therefore the alignment would likely be based on an average of 2008-09 and 2009-10. At this point the past two alignments cycles have been based on the average number of boys in the school which appeared to be a fair way to divide the state into six (6) classes.

The discussion concerning alignment was then deferred to a later point in the meeting.

The next section in the meeting dealt with issues regarding Nation Federation and a couple of clarifications that have been requested by Committee members. First of all it was reminded that the band is not to play while the opponent is in cadence or in the middle of a play. According to some members, this has become an issue in a couple of schools and is being used in a potentially unsportsmanlike manner at a couple of schools. Mr. Tackett agreed that in the future beginning the KHSAA video standards that have been adopted a couple of years ago. The Committee felt, and Mr. Tackett concurred, that the introductory period, a phase in period for the standards was over and it was time to enforce them. This has become a serious issue in playoffs as some schools continue with gamesmanship and other tactics regarding film that do not fairly demonstrate the principals of good sportsmanship about exchanging this information. The Advisory Committee was adamant that regardless of what happened in past years the coaches must hold themselves to a higher standard of conduct and conscience and must exchange within the parameters of the adopted plan. It does not require the use of the online or internet based systems, the issue is about film quality and availability.

Mr. Tackett agreed that in the future beginning with the 2010 season violations of the standards would be penalized at first with a financial penalty against the football program at the school and secondly could lead to suspension of the coach for one or more contests for failure to comply.

The next item on the agenda was a general discussion about the aftermath of the Stinson case (Pleasure Ridge Park). The coaches were all in agreement that this case had heightened awareness to pre-season restrictions as well as what coaches did during pre-season.

It was the consensus of the Committee that they must continue to try to tell the people they represent to be cautious of what they are doing and yet mindful of the need to protect themselves. This would include the purchase of liability insurance or other issues that might serve to protect the coach. Mr. Tackett reminded the Committee that the civil trial involving Stinson had not yet been conducted and therefore comment needed to minimized. There was a general review of all the heat index requirements and general concurrence by the Committee that these are being adhered to by most coaches. There was a discussion on the status of spring practice and the proposal on spring practice and member Dale Anderson will be responsible for getting an author for that proposal so that it can be discussed at the September 2010 Annual Meeting. There was also a discussion about the implementation of Bylaw 26’s restrictions on football team play in the summer and the need for education of all coaches as to this new requirement.

There was a discussion regarding the hosting of games out of state. Mr. Tackett reported that a couple of members of the General Assembly had asked that this topic be discussed by the Committee when they came together. This was a result of Ft. Campbell choosing to play a home football game at an out of state school (Austin Peay). It was the consensus of the Committee that those games need to be played at the best possible facility regardless of the fact that it happens to be across the state line. Many counties border the state and it’s neither possible nor desirable to pass a rule that restricts the location of those games.

There was a discussion regarding the rotation of cross-bracketing playoff opponents and travel concerns related to that but there was
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no motion or action taken by the Committee to suggest a change to the Board of Control. The next discussion regarded sites for the 4th round playoffs. The Committee’s intention from the past was to try and get those fourth round games set on neutral fields. The Committee identified some 31 artificial turf fields that now exist in the state of Kentucky that could easily hold those 4th round games. A sub-committee was set up to discuss this specific issue and report back to the Committee at a point in the future. This sub-committee will include Tim Schlosser, Mike Glaser, Jimmie Reed, and Dale Anderson, who will begin with the West Virginia criteria and begin working toward a proposal to have all of the 4th round games set at neutral sites that more closely mirror the playing conditions of the State Finals.

The weather extremes of late November and early December necessitate the games to be played on a proper field that isn’t susceptible to the bad weather of that time of year. There was a discussion regarding the seeding position and the host of the games for the 4th round with no movement by the Committee to propose a change to that for the Board of Control. The Committee was excited about the atmosphere created by the 2009 Championships and the movement to Western Kentucky University.

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A total of 65 member schools were recognized for their sportsmanship efforts with certificates for not having any coaches or athletes disqualified during the entire 2009-2010 school year in any sport. The schools received recognition at the 94th Annual Meeting of delegates on Monday, Sept. 20, 2010, held at the Lexington Center.

Schools who did not have any athlete or coach ejected during the 2009-10 school year include: Adair County, Apollo, Assumption, Atherton, Augusta, Barbourville, Bethlehem, Betsy Layne, Breckinridge County, Brown, Buckhorn, Burgin, Caldwell County, Calvary Christian, Casey County, Christian Fellowship, Community Christian (Paducah), Conner, Cordia, Crittenden County, Cumberland County, Danville, Elliott County, Frederick Fraize, Fulton City, Gallatin County, Glasgow, Harrison County, Heritage, Holy Cross (Covington), Jenkins, Kentucky School ft Blind, Kentucky School ft Deaf, Lee County, Leslie County, Lewis County, Ludlow, Lynn Camp, Martha Layne Collins, McCreary Central, McLean County, Notre Dame, Owsley County, Paris, Piarist, Portland Christian, Powell County, Presentation, Red Bird, Riverside Christian, Rose Hill Christian, Sacred Heart, Scott, Silver Grove, South Floyd, South Warren, St. Mary, St. Xavier, Trinity (Louisville), Union County, Walden, Webster County, West Carter, Williamstown, and Wolfe County. In addition, the following seven schools have not had any disqualifications for the entire four years the recognition program has been in place: Augusta, Calvary Christian, Frederick Fraize, Heritage, Kentucky School for the Blind, Kentucky School for the Deaf, and Red Bird. A special recognition award was sent to those schools following the meeting.

“lt’s refreshing to see this many schools go through the entire school year without an ejection,” said KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett. “I do not believe that ejections and poor sportsmanship have to be just an unfortunate part of the game that is accepted. These schools have given all our membership an example to follow and hopefully the number will be even higher next year.”
Basketball Advisory Committee Minutes

The Commissioners Advisory on Basketball met on December 9, 2009 at the KHSAA offices in Lexington. Present: Ron Bevars, Scott Chalk, Mike Harper, Bill Hill, Allan Holland, Lavonda Johnson, Lea Wise Prewitt, Bart Rison, Cindy Stuart, Shawn Thacker, Rodney Woods, Steve Wright, and Sally Zimmerman. Absent: Members Terry Birdsong, Nell Fookes, Burney Jenkins, Donna Moir Kevin Salyer, Kerry Stovall, and Curtis Turley were unable to attend for a variety of reasons.

When the group convened there was a discussion about expense forms committee composition, and a review of the agenda material that had been provided by KHSAA Executive Assistant Commissioner Julian Tackett who chaired the meeting. During the discussion Mr. Tackett reminded the Committee that the Board of Control requires these committees to rotate and the original committee members had been offered a second term on the committee when those were completed, they likely would be replaced with other coaches, athletic directors or administrators. Mr. Tackett pointed out that the composition of the Committee had changed slightly since it was first formed as it was no longer exclusively coaches. The issues surrounding basketball affect more than just coaches and a wide variety of athletic administrators and officials should also be included when deciding certain key issues.

There was a review of the current provisions for Bylaw 25 and a general discussion regarding a potential revision to Bylaw 25 to establish a fixed number of games. Mr. Tackett reminded the Committee that this proposal is being discussed by the Board of Control as a possible proposal for the future and it would ensure that the coaches feeling were carried forward. There was a review of the basketball tournament rules with little discussion about change. The one thing that was discussed was the fact that in some districts veteran administrators and coaches were still trying to use eligibility lists versus just the online roster. Mr. Tackett reminded the Committee that the online roster is the official eligibility list for KHSAA tournaments and is to be used for post season verification. There was a general discussion about future dates for boys’ and girls’ state basketball tournaments and a review of the proposal which guarantees a minimum of 12 week season and potentially a 13 week season in years when the NCAA dates roll forward.

Mr. Tackett then reviewed the very minimal amount of rules changes that had gone on within the NFHS basketball playing rules and reviewed comments and questions that had come up at clinics during the previous few weeks. Mr. Tackett also reminded the Committee that in all likelihood the basketball rules clinic will transition to an online format for the 2010-11 season. The rules have become stable enough in basketball with minimal change in either rules or mechanics so that it appeared to be a better use of both coaches and officials travel time to allow them to stay home and review certain things. The Committee did request that in years when significant issues change, that consideration be given to maintaining an in-person clinic.

There was then a lengthy discussion from the Committee members regarding the summer and off-season issues. The amendment to Bylaw 26 was to go into effect in the summer of 2010 which will restrict school team play in the month of July. There was a discussion about potentially applying this restriction to girls basketball in the future particularly if the volleyball coaches have an interest in working together.

It was reminded of the Committee that is was great work by this Committee and the Football Advisory Committee working together that resulted in the current Bylaw 26 restriction. There was also discussion about the rule for the fall and discussion of a proposal that had been put forth for the Annual Meeting that would have allowed more play in the fall but was subsequently withdrawn before it could be voted on by schools. Committee members recounted the fact that this was a tremendous opportunity to equalize basketball with the other sports, but also acknowledged that work needed to be done with other sports behind the scenes to get the proposal that it needed. There is also going to have to be some reassurances from basketball types that this style format.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.
The 2009-10 meeting of the Basketball Assigning Secretaries was held on December 7, 2009 in Lexington. The meeting was chaired by Executive Assistant Commissioner Julian Tackett.

Present: Mickey Allen, Barry Barnes, Randall Curry, Mike Goins, Tom Haas, Tommy Hall, Noel Hargis,Burney Jenkins, Jerry Kimmel, Brett Miles, Brent Rose, Darryl Smith, Don White.

Absent: Bob McGrath who had an NFL Football obligation.

Executive Assistant Julian Tackett conducted the meeting.

The first item of business was to review the forms and material that had been distributed to the Assigning Secretaries as well as review the provisions of the independent contractor agreement. There were very few questions about the independent contractor agreement after Mr. Tackett informed them that they were included in the directors and officers insurance as had been requested by one of the football assigning secretaries.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the use of scratches of officials. The Assigners were reminded that scratches are not restricted simply to the region that an official can actually be scratched across regions and it's important that the assigners communicate between each other in the case of situations that have occurred.

There was a discussion about the playing rules changes and mechanic changes for 2009-10 season and the assigners shared a lengthy discussion about the efforts that they were making to train and refine the mechanics of their officials.

There was a long discussion regarding the use of the Arbiter which had been purchased or at least supplemented with cash by the NCAA to allow for all assigners to use it in the state with some advance features. The KHSAA continues to pay the entire amount for every official to use the Arbiter as well as the assigners to use it and Mr. Tackett reminded the assigners that we are very close to the time that the use of the Arbiter will be mandatory versus optional. There was discussion about the advance release of assignments as well as officials working multiple associations and the assigners decided that communication between them about officials who might be trying to work in more than one association will be the best way to handle it.

There was discussion regarding post-season officiating and every assigner concurred that the preference of the officials and the assigners was to work outside of the region for the regional tournament. Mr. Tackett reported that this was obviously a point of debate in a couple of different areas but based on that happens in 2010 we might be able to get more clarity as far as that decision in the future.

The Assigners then had a long discussion about recruiting which morphed into a discussion about official’s fees that were paid for two person crews, three person crews, and even double headers in different areas. The Assigners agreed that compensation is the number one way to recruit officials and likely the number one way to retain officials.

There was also a discussion about several regions where officials were desiring to see who scratched then and or their ratings. The group was reminded that the Attorney General in a ruling specific and on point to the KHSAA has stated that the revealing of scratches and or the ratings has a chilling effect on any evaluation process and therefore those individual ratings are not discoverable by the individual officials. Anyone having a problem with that opinion should contact the KHSAA and we will deal with the official and make sure they understand the provisions of that ruling.

Disqualifications were discussed particularly in light of the fact that that over the Christmas tournaments many games are played at once and the requests and response to the requests for disqualifications need to be done in as timely a manor as possible.

The last general discussion dealt with camps and each assigner relayed their plans and preferences for training camps. Mr. Tackett reminded the assigners that under the Policy Board Regulations approved by the Board of Control the Assigners had to attend a camp on a periodic basis so they too could become updated on what was going on in mechanic changes and rule changes throughout the sport, and not just simply assign games.

With no further business the meeting adjourned.
The annual meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Assigning Secretaries Meeting for Baseball was held on January 27, 2010.

Present were: Mike Ash, Jacob Asher, Matt Bell, William Bradley, Phil Burken, Ken Clark, Clarence Coleman, Kevin Dalton, Rick Garland, Michael Melton, David Pentecost, Robert Staggs, & JJ Wurtz.

Executive Assistant Commissioner Julian Tackett conducted the meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting there was the customary review of housekeeping items such as the expense voucher, a listing of all the addresses, and information related to the KHSAA officials division. All members completed the material and the meeting then moved to a discussion of the 2010 Rules Clinics.

For 2010 the Rules Clinics for officials and coaches were to be conducted solely online. From January 29, 2010 through February 28, 2010 the clinic was going to be free from March 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010, there’s a $75.00 make-up fee and after March 31, and only for the month of April, a coach or official could pay the extra make-up fee of $300.00 and be allowed to participate in post season.

There was then a lengthy discussion of the coming changes to the National Federation bat rule including the transition from the BESR to BBCOR bat standard. There was a discussion about the use of composite bats during the 2010 season. Many of the Assigning Secretaries are also collegiate baseball umpires and knew that the NCAA had prohibited the use of composite bats. Mr. Tackett informed the group that such prohibition was not in place by the National Federation and these bats will continue to be legal for 2010 as long as they have the BESR mark. There was discussion about the rule change on assistant coach behavior and it was generally felt that the rule imposed in 2009 by experiment in the KHSAA and then subsequently adopted nationwide by the NFHS had done a wonderful job of deterring some incidences of bad conduct. Most conduct was fairly acceptable but this, at least, is a deterrent to that one bad situation.

There was also discussion regarding the rule change on the runner interference with a foul fly ball and clarification was given by Mr. Tackett to the Assigner.

There was then a lengthy discussion about the gorilla pitching position from the set as many of the Assigners felt this was right on the line of being illegal. Mr. Tackett reported the NFHS had interpreted that as long as the pitching hand was stationary, then they were going to allow the gorilla position if it started to move it was to be called a balk. There was also a lot of discussion about the continued NFHS emphasis on the batter not allowing the ball to hit him. The whole spirit of this editorial change was to make sure that the batter understands it’s their obligation to at least not initiate the contact with the ball. The practice of diving into the ball or sticking an elbow over the plate is not only a potential injury but could be a tremendous problem for the kid who gets hit.

It’s very important that all of the sports medicine emphasis points be brought up for the coaches and certainly safe equipment and a safe environment are going to be on the top of everybody’s discussions.

There was then a lengthy discussion of the Rules camp coming up February 27, 2010. Andy Strain will again assist the of the NFHS in directing the camp and coordinating the instructors with the approval of Mr. Tackett. At the mechanics camp there is to be a general discussion of the ejection of non-participants. Many umpires seem to feel they have the authority to eject fans simply because they are complaining about a call. The Assigners agreed the first option for those umpires is to seek game administration to try to control the situation. Negative reaction to officiating calls is a part of every sport and simply cannot be a reason to automatically eject fans and/or participants. There was a lengthy discussion and video review of plays that occurred in 2009 regarding obstruction and malicious contact mostly on plays at the plate. The plays from the 2009 semi-state series were great examples of plays that could go wrong and need to be administered in a proper manner. These are great instructional opportunities for the umpires if they will look at these videos. A long discussion then ensued among the assigners about pay for officials, pay for assigners and a great exchange of information regarding their meeting schedules and training techniques and recruiting tips that were available.

Mr. Tackett then reminded the Assigners, particularly those that were using Arbiter, that the mandatory use of the Arbiter was coming in the future, and likely in the near future depending upon who was selected as the next Commissioner of the KHSAA. Anyone needing assistance, feel free to contact the office and he will try and get you in touch with someone who can assist you more from up here perspective than from an instructional perspective.

With no further business the meeting adjourned.
Bocock honored with Charles Ruter Award

Gordon Bocock, a veteran track and cross country coach and official, was recently honored by the USA Track and Field National Officials Committee with the Charles M. Ruter Award.

The award is presented annually to a person who has been recognized as one of the top running event officials in the United States.

The Ruter Award is the latest honor for Bocock, who will serve as the Chief Umpire for the following 2011 track and field events:
- SEC Indoor Track and Field Championships
- NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships
- SEC Outdoor Track and Field Championships
- NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships
- USATF Masters National Championships.

Bocock, a native of New Albany, Indiana, began his connection in the Commonwealth as a runner at Cumberland College (now University). As a senior in 1967, he was voted the Most Valuable Athlete on campus after a standout career on both the track and cross country teams.

Bocock embarked on a 20-year coaching career at Pulaski County, where his teams won numerous state championships and more than 40 athletes continued their careers in college. He was the first president of the Kentucky Track and Cross Country Coaches Association and helped start the All-State Track and Cross Country selections.

Bocock has also spent more than two decades as the Meet Director for both the Mason Dixon Games and the KHSAA State Track & Field and Cross Country meets. For his efforts to the sport, he has been enshrined in the Dawahares/KHSAA, Cumberland University, Mason Dixon Games and KTCCA halls of fame.

“Gordon’s contributions to the sport of track and cross country, not only to the youth of Kentucky, but to student-athletes everywhere, are immeasurable,” said KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett. “He’s been an ambassador for his sport for so many years and the example he sets for everyone involved in each meet emphasizes the highest level of competition and sportsmanship. He’s a true gentleman of the sport and very deserving of an honor named for Charlie. Both men are giants within the field.”

Owensboro, Nicholas County open new gymnasiums

The basketball programs at Owensboro High School have much to be proud of – three state championships, legendary coaches and numerous players who have helped put the Red Devils and Lady Devils in the conversation of most recognized programs in the state.

Now the program has something else to be proud of – a state of the art gymnasium on campus they can call home.

Owensboro, a charter member of the KHSAA in 1917, completed work on a new on-campus facility before the start of the current school year. The new gymnasium played host to its first game on Wednesday night, Dec. 2, as the boys lost to Henderson County, 60-46. Fans saw the first victory in the gymnasium the next night as the girls defeated Dawson Springs 64-31.

The school’s athletic programs have called several facilities home over the years, including the Owensboro Sportscenter for the past half-century. The new gymnasium, built for around $13 million, features seating for 2,500 spectators, weight room and two new classrooms.

Nicholas County High School has opened a new gymnasium but the people of Carlisle received a thrill with the grand opening of the new gymnasium on Friday night, Dec. 15. Nicholas County’s boys and girls played a doubleheader against border rival Fleming County before a large crowd on hand to see the teams’ new home. Fleming County walked away victorious in both contests.

The games marked the end of an era for the old gym at Nicholas County, which had seen its share of great teams, such as the 1993 Lady Jackets of coach Barbara Kenney that won the state championship behind standouts Kim Denkins and Nikki Smoot, or the 1992 boys’ squad, led by current Henry Clay coach Daniel Brown, that advanced to the championship game of the 10th Region tournament.

If you have any news or notes from your school or district that you would like to include in upcoming issues of the The Athlete, please contact Elden May at 859-299-5472 or emay@khsaa.org
There’s little debate over Tim Cahill’s ability as a swimming and diving coach. But for the hundreds of students who came back to visit and spend time with their old coach this spring and summer, Cahill’s impact went far beyond swimming.

Cahill, the patriarch of the Model swimming and diving program and a proponent of the sport nationwide, passed away on Aug. 20 at the Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond from pancreatic and liver cancer. He was 63.

To say Cahill’s impact on swimming and diving in Kentucky was lasting would be an understatement. Cahill coached 40 individual state champions in more than 30 years as coach at Model. It was the hundreds of others on his team and opponents alike, he left with discipline, love and respect.

Brent Rutemiller, publisher and CEO of Swimming World, said in his magazine that, “Coach Cahill spent an equal amount of time coaching the athlete in sport and in life. He was a wonderful man who always had the athlete’s best interest in mind. His positive attitude radiates today through those with whom he worked.”

This outpouring of affection was never more evident than at a reception held in his honor in Richmond in early August. Hundreds of students, co-workers, family and friends attended to celebrate Cahill’s latest achievement – the 2010 National Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association – and his impact on the lives he came in contact with.

Cahill, a native of northern Kentucky and a decorated swimmer at Cincinnati St. Xavier, received a degree in special education from the University of Cincinnati and a master’s in education from Xavier University. He joined the faculty at Eastern Kentucky University in 1979 and began coaching the swimming and diving team at Model Laboratory School that same year.

Cahill was a fixture at KHSAA Swimming and Diving events, assisting with staff wherever needed at the region and state levels. He also served on the NFHS swimming and diving rules committee.

“Tim was a personality that simply cannot be replaced,” said KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett. “I knew Tim from the time I started at the Association in ’84 and worked my first swim meet. During those 25 years I never met a coach who cared as deeply for his sport, or the students left to his guidance, as Tim. As knowledgeable as he was about the sport, he was just as good at managing and building up people. It was about more than just competing or winning for Tim – anybody that had the privilege of working with him was better off for it.”

In 1987 he began coaching another group of students – the club team at Arlington Country Club. Cahill also coached the Bluegrass Aquatics team for the past 10 years.

Tim Cahill is survived by his wife, Judith Saalfeld Cahill; one daughter, Alison Judith Cahill of Richmond; and two sons, Joshua T.S. Cahill of Silver Spring, Md., and Adam Cahill of Covington.

In Memoriam

S.T. Roach
(1916-2010)

S.T. Roach, the legendary basketball coach at Lexington Dunbar High School for more than 20 years one of the leaders of integration of high school sports, died on Sept. 2.

Roach led Dunbar High School first in the old Kentucky High School League, where he led them to a pair of state championships, and then in the KHSAA as Dunbar became the first black school admitted as a member in 1956.

Roach’s Bearcats were consistently among the state’s best as they won six regional titles and finished as state runner-up in 1961 and 1963. Along the way Roach won 610 games, 512 of them at Dunbar, where he coached from 1943-65.

Roach, a quiet person off the court, was instrumental in the integration of high school sports in the state through the late 1950s through his efforts and example he set for his players.

Roach was born in Frankfort and became a standout athlete at Danville Bate High School. He went on to Kentucky State College in Frankfort. He returned to Bate as a teacher and coach before moving on to Dunbar, where he built the Bearcats into a power.

During his tenure, his teams traveled across the state to play, often in racially charged environments. But his demeanor showed through with his teams.

Bobby Washington, former coach at Bryan Station and a player for Roach, told the Lexington Herald-Leader, “Some places treated us rough but Mr. Roach would not let us react. He told us to just play and behave and be men.”

Warren Cooper
(1920-2010)

Warren Cooper, one of only two men to ever play, coach and referee in a Boys’ Sweet 16®, died on Dec. 13 in Morehead after a long illness.

Born on Oct. 8, 1920, Cooper gained fame along with his brothers Earl and Marvin as they led Brooksville to the 1939 state championship. Cooper then attended Morehead State University, where he was a standout athlete from 1941-45 and later inducted into the school’s Hall of Fame.

Cooper returned to Brooksville and began his coaching career. After leading Dlicable Combs to the state tournament in 1954, Cooper returned to Morehead and coached Morehead (now Rowan County) High School for 14 years. Cooper retired after 34 years in education in 1980.

Cooper was an official for 36 years and was selected to four boys state tournaments.

Cooper was inducted to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame in 1990. The Gymnasium at Rowan County is named in his honor.
### School Penalty Update

In accordance with KHSAA Board of Control policy, following is a listing of penalties that have been administered by the Association to member schools during the 2010-2011 school year since the printing of the Spring/Summer Athlete to date. The Board has requested that an updated listing be published in each issue of the Athlete.

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