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COMMISSIONER’S LETTER

In my short tenure as Commissioner one of the things I have quickly learned is time does not stand still for anyone. If we are not moving forward, we are falling behind.

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So, given this mandate, we’re pushing the envelope more. More color, frank discussion of topics that affect our member schools at all levels and items that highlight the accomplishments of our state’s student-athletes, coaches and administrators are things we are continuing to expand.

We hope to deliver a product you find engaging and informative - in short, a magazine that makes you feel like you have your finger on the pulse of the state. If we deliver that, it’s a great partnership - the KHSAA and its membership, both moving forward together.

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Outstanding Official Award Nominees

Officials please plan to attend the annual KHSAA Officials’ Awards Banquet. The banquet (free to all licensed KHSAA officials in all sports) will be Sun., May 15, 2011, at the KHSAA Office in Lexington. Social time hour will be from 4:30-5 p.m., with a buffet and awards program immediately following. Following are the 2011 Official of the Year nominees by sport.

**BASEBALL**
Terry Flener, Will Begley, Roger Fulks

**BASKETBALL**
Jennifer Hilton, James Pouncy, Bob James

**FOOTBALL**
Joe Stephan, Kenny Clark, Steve Marshall

**GOLF**
Lisa Goins, Steve Houchen, Dean Terry

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KHSAA Board of Control Minutes - December 2010

December 07, 2010
Theatre, KHSAA Offices - Lexington, KY

- 11:15 a.m. Full Board of Control Meeting

Present Board Members:
John Barnes, Carrell Boyd, Art Davis, Alan Donhoff, Ozz Jackson, Jerry Keepers, Marvin Moore, Gene Norris, Kelley Ransdell, Steve Riley, Bob Schneider, Stan Steidel, David Weedman.

Absent Board Members:
Bill Beaasley, Anita Burnette, Lea Prewitt, Boyd Randolph, Jeffrey Schlosser.

Jerry Keepers left the meeting at: 12:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order

Call to order by President Kelley Ransdell at 11:28 a.m.

B. Reflection by Alan Donhoff

C. Pledge of Allegiance by Jerry Keepers

D. Executive Session

Motion Passed: Consider approval of going into executive session per KRS 61.810 subsection (c) passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by Marvin Moore.

John Barnes Yes, Bill Beaasley Absent, Carrell Boyd Yes, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Yes, Lea Prewitt Absent, Boyd Randolph Absent, Kelley Ransdell Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeffrey Schlosser Absent, Bob Schneider Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes.

Motion Passed: Consider approval of coming out of Executive Session with no action taken in Executive Session, passed with a motion by Alan Donhoff and a second by David Weedman.

John Barnes Yes, Bill Beaasley Absent, Carrell Boyd Yes, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Yes, Lea Prewitt Absent, Boyd Randolph Absent, Kelley Ransdell Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeffrey Schlosser Absent, Bob Schneider Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes.

E. Consent Agenda (single consent vote to accept all)

1. Approve Minutes of the October, 2010 Regular Meeting
2. Approve Association Bills from October 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010
3. Written Reports for Review and Approval
4. Transfers, July 1 to September 30, 2010
5. Other Eligibility Rulings including fines and Penalties, July 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010
6. HB 327 Coaches to date

Motion Passed: Consider approval of consent agenda items as presented passed with a motion by Alan Donhoff and a second by David Weedman.

John Barnes Yes, Bill Beaasley Absent, Carrell Boyd Yes, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Yes, Lea Prewitt Absent, Boyd Randolph Absent, Kelley Ransdell Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeffrey Schlosser Absent, Bob Schneider Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes.

F. Committee Report from the Officials Policy Committee

Honors and Officials Novelty item tabled until subsequent Board meeting and other items were approved.

Motion Passed: Pay increase for Wrestling of $5.00 with other revisions per the scale presented for the 2011-12 school year, passed with a motion by Marvin Moore and a second by Stan Steidel upon recommendation of the Commissioner.

John Barnes Yes, Bill Beaasley Absent, Carrell Boyd Yes, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Yes, Lea Prewitt Absent, Boyd Randolph Absent, Kelley Ransdell Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeffrey Schlosser Absent, Bob Schneider Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes.

Motion Passed: Increase Basketball Official fees $5.00 for the 2011-2012 school year passed with a motion by Marvin Moore and a second by Bob Schneider upon recommendation of the Commissioner. Staff will review 3-person requirement for all varsity games at a later meeting during this school year.

John Barnes Yes, Bill Beaasley Absent, Carrell Boyd Yes, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Yes, Lea Prewitt Absent, Boyd Randolph Absent, Kelley Ransdell Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeffrey Schlosser Absent, Bob Schneider Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes.

G. Committee Report from the Team Sports Committee

Several items were brought forth from the Team Sports Committee for the Board to consider.

Motion Passed: Survey of principals of soccer playing schools of a determining method to settle a tie passed with a motion by Ozz Jackson and a second by Marvin Moore.

John Barnes Yes, Bill Beaasley Absent, Carrell Boyd Yes, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Yes, Lea Prewitt Absent, Boyd Randolph Absent, Kelley Ransdell No, Steve Riley No, Jeffrey Schlosser Absent, Bob Schneider Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes.

Motion Passed: The staff will draw up a draft of Bullitt County Schools being placed outside the 6th Region for basketball and bring it to the next meeting for the full Board to review passed with a motion by Ozz Jackson and a second by David Weedman.

John Barnes Yes, Bill Beaasley Absent, Carrell Boyd Yes, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Yes, Lea Prewitt Absent, Boyd Randolph Absent, Kelley Ransdell Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeffrey Schlosser Absent, Bob Schneider Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes.

Motion Passed: The staff will present agenda items as presented passed with a motion by Marvin Moore and a second by Ozz Jackson.

John Barnes Yes, Bill Beaasley Absent, Carrell Boyd Yes, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Yes, Lea Prewitt Absent, Boyd Randolph Absent, Kelley Ransdell Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeffrey Schlosser Absent, Bob Schneider Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes.

Motion Passed: The staff will present agenda items as presented passed with a motion by Marvin Moore and a second by John Barnes upon recommendation of the Commissioner.

John Barnes Yes, Bill Beaasley Absent, Carrell Boyd Yes, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Yes, Lea Prewitt Absent, Boyd Randolph Absent, Kelley Ransdell Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeffrey Schlosser Absent, Bob Schneider Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes.

Motion Passed: The staff will present agenda items as presented passed with a motion by Marvin Moore and a second by John Barnes upon recommendation of the Commissioner.

John Barnes Yes, Bill Beaasley Absent, Carrell Boyd Yes, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Yes, Lea Prewitt Absent, Boyd Randolph Absent, Kelley Ransdell Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeffrey Schlosser Absent, Bob Schneider Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes.
H. Committee Report from the Executive Committee

Recommendations were made from the Kentucky Medical Association for the Board to consider. Also, the State Softball Tournament was discussed with emphasis on heat related dangers. Heat index measurements will now be year-round (within Bylaw 25 dates) with the Association making this an online report.

Mrs. Ransdell and the Commissioner presented an oral report of the:
1. current operations and investigations,
2. a discussion on the Advisory Committees within the KHSAA decision making structure,
3. heard Board Budget Status Report (both the General Ledger and Income Statement Report),
4. a discussion on the Advisory Committees within the KHSAA decision making structure,
5. review of the sports sanctioning process which included a discussion of items that will be on the Triennial Survey.

Motion Passed: To approve the prepared contract with LRG (Licensing Resource Group) to accept them as a corporate sponsor and to exclusively endorse LRG as KHSAA’s partner to commercialize, manufacture and market member school merchandise passed with a motion by Kelley Ransdell and a second by David Weedman upon recommendation of the Commissioner.

John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Absent, Carrell Boyd Yes, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Yes, Lea Prewitt Absent, Boyd Randolph Absent, Kelley Ransdell Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeffrey Schlosser Absent, Bob Schneider Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes.

For the good of the Order

A. Various Copies of Correspondence

B. Support Staff Resumes were presented for review

- Adjourn

Motion Passed: Consider approval of adjourning meeting passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by Marvin Moore.

John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Absent, Carrell Boyd Yes, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Yes, Lea Prewitt Absent, Boyd Randolph Absent, Kelley Ransdell Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeffrey Schlosser Absent, Bob Schneider Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes.

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Board of Control Minutes - January 2011

January 18, 2011 8:30 a.m.
KHSAA Offices, Lexington, KY

1. 8:30 a.m. Team Sports Committee
   (Ozz Jackson, Chairperson, John Barnes, Bill Beasley, Carrell Boyd, Anita Burnette, Alan Donhoff, Jerry Keepers, Marvin Moore, Lea Prewitt, Steve Riley, Stan Steidel, Dave Weedman)
   Present Board Members:
   John Barnes, Carrell Boyd, Alan Donhoff, Ozz Jackson, Marvin Moore, Lea Prewitt, Steve Riley, Stan Steidel, David Weedman.
   Absent Board Members:
   Bill Beasley, Anita Burnette, Jerry Keepers

1.1. Consider movement of Eminence High School from District 30 to District 31 of Region 8.
   Motion Passed: Approve recommending to the full Board the change of Eminence from District 30 to District 31 for 2011-2012 and will be brought to full board in February, passed with a motion by Stan Steidel and a second by Marvin Moore upon recommendation of the Commissioner.
   John Barnes Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Anita Burnette Absent, Alan Donhoff Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Jerry Keepers Absent, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Absent, Lea Prewitt Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes.

1.2. Consider request of Bullitt County Schools to relocate to Region 5 or 8, looking at geographic alternatives.
   Mr. Tackett described to the Team Sports Committee Bullitt County Schools request for wanting to change regions.
   Motion Passed: We look at final revisions in Region 5 through 8 to be reviewed in February, passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by Lea Prewitt.
   John Barnes Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Anita Burnette Absent, Alan Donhoff Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Jerry Keepers Absent, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Absent, Lea Prewitt Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Stan Steidel No, David Weedman Yes.

1.3. Consider realignment in Louisville/Jefferson County
   Motion Passed: Staff will gather information from the 6th and 7th regions on a proposed alignment both with and without the Bullitt County Schools and bring it back to the full Board, passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by Marvin Moore.

1.4. Consider renumbering of Regions 5 through 7
   The Commissioner brought forward concerns with the current numbering of regions, in particular, the Board of Control representation issues in regions 5 through 8. Through no fault of anyone, the pairings of these regions were not viewed as the best possible representation for the member schools. Due to the current composition of the Board of Control, and the current tournament formats in all KHSAA sports, there would be no irreparable harm if the districts were renumbered to pair the current region numbers 5 and 8 for Board representation, and the current region numbers 6 and 7. This would ensure that region 6 and 7 would always have a sectional board member, and place the common interests of the schools in regions 5 and 8 in a higher priority.
   The consensus was to consider this recommendation in February.

1.5. Discuss distributing realignment information to effected schools, and being work on other sports at next meeting.
   It was decided that the staff would gather information regarding the realignment and bring that information back to the Board in February.

Ozz Jackson adjourned the Team Sports Committee session at 9:10 am.

2. 9:30 a.m. Board of Control Strategic Planning Work Session
   President Kelley Ransdell convened the Board of Control and immediately declared the Board to be in work session to discuss Strategic Planning.
   Present Board Members:
   John Barnes, Carrell Boyd, Art Davis, Alan Donhoff, Ozz Jackson, Marvin Moore, Lea Prewitt, Kelley Ransdell, Steve Riley, Boyd Randolph, Bob Schneider, Stan Steidel, David Weedman.
   Absent Board Members:
   Bill Beasley, Anita Burnette, Jerry Keepers, Gene Norris, Boyd Randolph, Steve Riley, Jeffrey Schlosser.

2.1. Discuss and Review Current Strategic Plan
   Mr. Tackett introduced Kay Kennedy of KDE who made her presentation and will attend future Board meetings in the upcoming spring to facilitate the Board in this process.

2.2. Discuss and consider for revision, KHSAA Mission Statement
   Mrs. Kennedy described the Mission Statement and described what we needed to do if we want to change/enhance it as well as developing a Vision Statement.

2.3. Discuss Strategic Planning Process and Process for Going Forward including identification of stakeholders, and data collection needed
   Mrs. Kennedy discussed goals for going forward, once we have a plan, and helped facilitate, determination of the stakeholders and effected parties.
   10:47 Kay Kennedy completed her presentation. The Board of Control will be sent information in the next few weeks with a request for comments and concerns, and these will be compiled to help further develop strategic initiatives for the Association.

Ms. Crain then had a motion from Ozz Jackson, seconded by Carrell Boyd to adjourn.

John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Absent, Carrell Boyd Yes, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Jerry Keepers Absent, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Absent, Lea Prewitt Yes, Boyd Randolph Yes, Kelley Ransdell Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeffrey Schlosser Absent, Bob Schneider Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes.
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Present Board Members: John Barnes, Bill Beasley, Alan Donhoff, Ozz Jackson, Jerry Keepers, Marvin Moore, Lea Prewitt, Boyd Randolph, Kelley Ransdell, Jeffrey Schlosser, Bob Schneider, Stan Steidel, and David Weedman.

KHSAA Staff: Julian Tackett, Michael Barren, Darren Bilberry, Rob Catron, Chad Collins, Butch Cope, Elden May, Angela Passafiume, and Cheryl Goodwin.

Absent Board Members: Carrell Boyd, Anita Burnette, Art Davis, Gene Norris, Steve Riley

Guests Present: Lori McCreary, David Hicks and Megan Moore from Stivers and Associates, Bridgette Stacy from KDE, and David Fatzinger from iHigh.

2:00 p.m. Full Board of Control Meeting
Call to Order
Called to order by President Kelley Ransdell at 2:23 pm.

Reflection: Marvin Moore
Pledge of Allegiance: Jeff Schlosser

Executive Session to Discuss Current and Threatened Litigation

Motion Passed: Consider approval of going into executive session per KRS 61.810 subsection (c) passed with a motion by Alan Donhoff and a second by Lea Prewitt.

Kelley Ransdell Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, John Barnes Yes, Carrell Boyd Absent, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Absent, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Absent, Boyd Randolph Yes, Steve Riley Absent, Jeffrey Schlosser Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Bob Schneider Yes.

Motion Passed: Consider approval of exiting from executive session per KRS 61.810 subsection (c) with no action taken passed with a motion by Jerry Keepers and a second by Ozz Jackson.

Kelley Ransdell Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, John Barnes Yes, Carrell Boyd Absent, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Absent, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Absent, Boyd Randolph Yes, Steve Riley Absent, Jeffrey Schlosser Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Bob Schneider Yes.

Committee Report from the Executive Committee

Ms. Ransdell introduced Stivers and Associates and their members present. David Hicks and assistant Lori McCreary explained the audit report prepared by their firm in detail. Mr. Tackett explained to the Board that Stivers and Associates have been helpful with additional questions and concerns. Mr. Tackett and the audit firm also reviewed the management letter.

Approve movement of designated funds
Motion Passed: Approve Following Transfers:
1. Transfer $40,000 from Equipment Designated to Physical Plant Designated Effective 2/8/2011; Transfer $20,000 from Title IX Designated to Archives Designated Effective 2/8/2011;
2. Close PD Reserve as part of operations as of 6/30/2010;
3. Transfer $17,000 of Dawahare reserve for use in 2010 Banquet and scholarship expenses as of 6/30/2010; passed with a motion by Kelley Ransdell and a second by Jeff Schlosser.

Kelley Ransdell Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, John Barnes Yes, Carrell Boyd Absent, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Absent, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Absent, Boyd Randolph Yes, Steve Riley Absent, Jeffrey Schlosser Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Bob Schneider Yes.

Approve Audit Report
Motion Passed: Approve Audit Report as presented by Stivers and Associates, passed with a motion by Kelley Ransdell and a second by Bill Beasley.

Kelley Ransdell Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, John Barnes Yes, Carrell Boyd Absent, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Absent, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Absent, Boyd Randolph Yes, Steve Riley Absent, Jeffrey Schlosser Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Bob Schneider Yes.

Approve movement of designated funds
Motion Passed: Approve Committee recommendation to move Eminence from District 30 to District 31 passed with a motion by Ozz Jackson and a second by David Weedman.

Kelley Ransdell Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, John Barnes Yes, Carrell Boyd Absent, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Absent, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Absent, Boyd Randolph Yes, Steve Riley Absent, Jeffrey Schlosser Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Bob Schneider Yes.

Internal Corporate Partner Sales Report
Motion Passed: Approve the Internal Corporate Partner Sales Report as presented by Butch Cope, passed with a motion by Kelley Ransdell second by Alan Donhoff.

Kelley Ransdell Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, John Barnes Yes, Carrell Boyd Absent, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Absent, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Absent, Boyd Randolph Yes, Steve Riley Absent, Jeffrey Schlosser Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Bob Schneider Yes.

External Corporate Partner Sales Report
Motion Passed: Approve the External Corporate Partner Sales Report as presented by iHigh representative, David Fatzinger, passed with a motion by Kelley Ransdell second by Alan Donhoff.

Kelley Ransdell Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, John Barnes Yes, Carrell Boyd Absent, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Absent, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Absent, Boyd Randolph Yes, Steve Riley Absent, Jeffrey Schlosser Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Bob Schneider Yes.

Committee Report from the Officials Policy Committee

In reviewing contract agreement for assigning secretaries, Mr. Tackett explained about the contracts and the pay structure with the current system. No action was taken, but further research will be done. A model local association document will be developed as well as contract revisions.

Committee Report from the Team Sports Committee

Approve Committee Recommendation to move Eminence from District 30 to District 31 from Special Meeting

Motion Passed: Approve Committee recommendation to move Eminence from District 30 to District 31 passed with a motion by Ozz Jackson and a second by David Weedman.

Kelley Ransdell Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, John Barnes Yes, Carrell Boyd Absent, Anita Burnette Absent, Art Davis Absent, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Absent, Boyd Randolph Yes, Steve Riley Absent, Jeffrey Schlosser Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Bob Schneider Yes.
Motion Passed: The Bullitt County Schools Consider Report, Jefferson County Metro Kelley Ransdell Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, John Barnes Yes, Carrell Boyd Absent, Anita Burnett Absent, Art Davis Absent, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Absent, Boyd Randolph Yes, Steve Riley Absent, Jeffrey Schlosser Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Bob Schneider Yes.

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community are excited to be included with the KHSAA.

Mr. Tackett stated that the triennial survey will be out in a few weeks.

Review of Wisconsin Court Matter and Arizona Amicus Brief
Commissioner Tackett is monitoring a matter that is going to Federal Court involving the Wisconsin Association and the local media and the KHSAA is watching that and supporting them in this matter.

KBE Regulation Adoption and Promulgation Update
Mr. Tackett reported that KDE approved designation of KHSAA as the agent to manage athletics per 702 KAR 7:065 and the regulatory process for final approval continues.

Update on Title IX Online Project
Mr. Tackett reported that the KHSAA is working to have the Title IX reports ready for online submission by early spring. This will be done to decrease paperwork presently done by administrators.

Update on Title IX Review of Material
No action taken.

Commissioner’s Report on LRG from 2009-2010
Mr. Tackett reminded the Board of the discussion had earlier in the year regarding licensing of school merchandise and the revenue that individual schools could see by licensing. This is an “opt-in” program for the schools. They are under no obligation to opt-in. The company had operated in Kentucky in 2010 without KHSAA knowledge or consent, but had provided the requisite royalties for distribution to the membership to be distributed.

Oral report on upcoming Board of Control elections
No opposition in the Board of Control elections for Riley, Steidel and Ransdell.

Copy of Clinton County letter
Mr. Tackett stated that we had received a letter from Clinton County regarding alignment and will respond.

Adjourn
Motion Passed: To adjourn Board of Control meeting at 3:30 p.m. passed with a motion by Lea Prewitt and a second by Stan Steidel.

Kelley Ransdell Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, John Barnes Yes, Carrell Boyd Absent, Anita Burnett Absent, Art Davis Absent, Jerry Keepers Yes, Marvin Moore Yes, Gene Norris Absent, Boyd Randolph Yes, Steve Riley Absent, Jeffrey Schlosser Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, David Weedman Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Ozz Jackson Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Bob Schneider Yes.
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Detroit Martin Luther King's 2007 MHSAA Division 2 Football title lifted more than a few eyebrows as one of the true anomalies in the sport's history. For all of the talent cultivated in Detroit and exported to colleges and even the professional ranks, the Public School League had never before won an MHSAA football crown since the playoff system was implemented in 1975. It didn’t seem possible that some of the state’s most populated schools in such a fertile talent pool hadn’t produced a single champion until then.

Fast forward 10 –maybe fewer– years from now, and the accomplishment might not be as rare, but the Class/Division on the trophy could be markedly smaller when the Motor City schools are involved.

Consider the following: During the 2000-01 school year, there were 27 schools in the PSL. Now there are 24, but only 12 are of Class A enrollment. A net loss of only three schools might not seem like a huge difference, but the doors being locked belonged to some big buildings. Avid prep followers needn’t be much older than a high school senior to have name recognition with the following schools: Chadsey, Murray-Wright, Northern and Redford. None of these schools exists any longer, yet it’s only been four years since Redford was the MHSAA Class A runner-up in boys basketball. Murray-Wright won the big boys title in 1994, and Northern was a finalist in 1991. Not exactly ancient history.

More than 250 miles away, Traverse City in 1997-98 solved its burgeoning enrollment issues by splitting into two schools, Central and West. It was certainly a district in stark contrast to Detroit, where declining enrollments would lead to padlocked doors and empty lockers.

Yet, a little more than a decade later, traditional schools from Detroit to Traverse City – in-between and beyond – face a strikingly similar obstacle to filling hallways, regardless of demographics. The landscape of educational choices in Michigan has been shifting. School of choice and the increasing emergence of charter schools, in addition to the option of parochial schools, have buildings in fierce competition to win over students, and with the students, funding.

“It’s affected our schools tremendously, to the point of closing and consolidating schools and forcing us to put extra programs in one building,” said Alvin Ward, athletic director for the PSL. “We’ve seen the talent pool shrink for each school, and consolidating helps to meet some of the needs.”

The impact is not as deep in nearby Ferndale where the enrollment has remained at its target number, but administrators are keeping a keen eye on the trend. Now in its fifth year, Ferndale University High School, a charter school with tri-county open enrollment, is an MHSAA member sponsoring basketball, cross country and volleyball.

“At Ferndale High, we’ve had 14 or 15 kids leave and attend University, and all but one came back. The parents wanted the University curriculum, but the kids wanted to be with their friends and have the traditional extracurricular activities,” said Shaun Butler, athletic director at both Ferndale and University. “There are two critical components the traditional...
schools need to address moving forward: smaller classroom sizes and more parental involvement. The latter, unfortunately, just isn’t there anymore, and that’s not exclusive to us.”

Perhaps they are not Richter Scale magnitude, but the school of choice tremors felt statewide have created a fragmentation of traditional school systems that seems here to stay. For the 2000-01 school year, 19 charter schools had MHSAA membership. Last year, the number was 48, an increase of more than 250 percent in a decade.

At times, it seems as though district administrators need to be equipped with education majors and marketing minors. And one of the key carrots in the marketing medley is athletics, for big schools and small.

“School of choice has provided a challenge for administrators to provide a better education in a small, close-knit community like Traverse City, where we have public and parochial schools, and charter academies,” said Cody Inglis, athletic director at Traverse City Central. “The extracurricular opportunities at West and Central are a huge advantage. We can offer more and better opportunities than some of the smaller schools, and athletics plays a huge role in the educational component.”

That refrain rings true at neighboring Grand Traverse Academy, which opened with no plans for athletic opportunities, but now is an MHSAA member sponsoring seven sports for its 171 high school students, some in cooperatives with Traverse City Christian.

“The academy opened with strong academics in mind, and providing a quality curriculum is still the main focus,” said LeAnne Foote, athletic director at Grand Travers Academy. “Finances and facilities restrict the number of sports we offer, and if we added any more we’d also see numbers dwindle within each sport. But, the students enjoy the opportunity to compete. Our co-op in cross country with Traverse City Christian has been great. The kids have become like family, and all of our spirit wear has both schools on it.”

The challenge for the schools is to maintain and increase enrollment. The challenge for the MHSAA is to accommodate all schools seeking membership – public, parochial, charters and academies – in its tournament structure under the same competitive umbrella. And, MHSAA membership plays an increasingly important role in attracting students.

At Big Rapids Crossroads Charter Academy, the girls cross country team upped the ante for charter schools by not only competing in MHSAA Tournaments, but winning back-to-back Division 4 titles in 2006-07.

“We continue to expand the sports program, and becoming part of the West Michigan League has helped us athletically,” said J.J. Eads, who heads up the 14-sport program as athletic director. “It’s great for us to be part of the MHSAA and to let potential students know they can compete for tournament championships with traditional public schools. The cross country championships show that anything is possible with the right mix of athletes no matter what the size of the school is.”

Kentucky students have an array of educational choices. Once an academic decision is resolved regarding what school to attend, should the right to participate in extracurricular activities, including organized athletics, be a guaranteed part of the educational process, regardless of the school structure?
know that our small numbers limit the variety of sports we can offer.”

While the school of choice movement has left some districts scrambling to fill desks, others have seized the opportunity to fund improvements and expansion projects. Shrewd and astute administrators have used the current state of education to impress upon local leaders the importance of public school improvements to attract students and dollars. Milan is one such community that is thriving, having gone from a mid-level Class B enrollment of 611 10 years ago to its current count of 961, just six heads shy of Class A status. Of that building population, 362 students are school of choice youngsters.

“I believe the attraction has to do with our community’s commitment to the district,” said Chris Gill, Milan’s assistant principal. “Our voters passed a bond two years ago to improve our buildings the in district and upgraded our outdoor facilities. We had some concerns for our outdoor facilities because about one-third of the school of choice students participate in athletics so we needed upgrades to accommodate the growth.”

Milan offers two 7th-grade and two 8th-grade teams in volleyball and both genders of basketball thanks to another 300-plus choice students in the district below high school age. The impetus also has allowed Milan to maintain freshman teams and avoid participation fees.

Receiving approved funding for construction and renovation projects is a luxury not all districts will realize, but there are other marketable assets for schools to promote which aren’t tied to money. Curriculum changes and the people in the buildings — perhaps the most overlooked attribute — come to mind.

“The fact that we have a certain ‘perception’ is everything, and we use that perception to our advantage,” said Karl Nelson, athletic director at Byron Center, which in its second year as a school of choice district has received an infusion of 110 students district-wide.

“Byron Center is perceived as a safe place for kids where education is paramount. We have a nice, attractive building, and when something is attractive from the outside people want to come and see it; it’s magnetic. Once they come inside, they see that it’s not all bricks and mortar. The people inside are terrific, quality professionals who put the kids first.”

Byron Center also has a charter school in the district, but has still shown the ability to grow in today’s climate. While those in charter schools often point to the smaller class size and, in turn, fewer distractions as key educational advantages, traditional schools are beginning to counter with improved curriculums. At Milan, for instance, students can choose from eight AP courses and two college courses offered in a partnership with Eastern Michigan University which can be taken during the school day.

Whether consolidating schools due to closures or opening doors to neighboring communities, having more students in one place does not always equate to harmony and school spirit. In both cases, the new students are sharing the same school, but came from a different place. At times, quite different.

“Putting more programs and more kids into one school can cause neighborhood cultures to cross. Kids are territorial, and it can create problems during the school days and on athletic teams,” said Ward. “And here (Detroit) it’s more related to gang activity rather than just former school rivalries. It spills over from the community into the schools, and then back to the community.”

Ward added that the PSL had more night games than ever this fall — showcasing the league with games for MHSAA.tv and six PSL “Games of the Week” — and has no major incidents. Such change comes with a cost, as added security was in place, but he believes it’s a step in the right direction. In time, perhaps attendance will reach the levels of days gone by.

“We have to try to change the culture and prove that we can host these types of events without incident, and without giving into crime and gang activity,” Ward added. “Our games of the week were moderately to well attended, but overall attendance isn’t what it used to be. At dismissal time, most students just go home. Whether it’s declining enrollment, I don’t know. It’s just not the thing to do anymore. It’s a change in tradition, a change of behaviors, from when we were in school.”

So, too, at Milan, where enrollment increase hasn’t translated to an attendance increase in athletics.

“In some ways, we don’t have the same sense of community at the school,” Gill said. “It seems many of our school of choice students still identify with their old district and go to games in the old districts instead of going to the games at Milan. There is increased competition within the school academically, athletically and in the arts.”

Ultimately, educational choices belong to the students and their parents. Being able to meet the desires of those groups will continue to challenge educators and administrators. And, athletics will remain firmly entrenched in the mix.

“We’ve lost some kids to charter and parochial schools. I can’t put a number on it,” said Inglis. “But, I also know that within our community a lot of students enrolled in the charter schools to begin with (K-8), we get back at high school age because of the extracurricular activities we offer that are missing at the charters. And, athletics is a huge part of those activities.”

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Basketball Assigning Secretary Committee Minutes

The 2010-11 meeting of the Basketball Assigning Secretaries was held in Lexington. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Julian Tackett. Assistant Commissioner Angela Passafiume was introduced. Assistant Commissioner Passafiume will be taking over the day to day operations and questions concerning regular season basketball.

Present: Brent Miles, Barry Barnes, Randall Curry, Bob McGrath, Mike Goins, Tom Haas, Tommy Hall, Noel Hargis, Burney Jenkins, Jerry Kimmel, Brent Rose, Joe came for Darryl Smith, Don White.

Absent: Brent Rose who had a conflict at school and Mickey Allen who was having knee surgery.

Commissioner 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. The agreement has been revised to inform the assigners of the insurance coverage that they have as well as the state that they now have to use the arbitrator. There were very few questions about the independent contractor agreement.

Reminders –
1) Through cross referencing the KHSAA, NFOA, and Arbiter sites a problem was found. There were 45 officials being used that were not registered in the state.
2) Officials who register late will not be permitted to officiate in the case of post season.
3) Please remind your officials that registration begins again in May. This is especially for those new officials who may have registered as late as November this season.

There was a discussion regarding the use of scratched 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. NEW – this season is that each school will only have 2 scratches.

The rules clinics will be online this year, beginning October 6th and ending November 14th. This clinic is free if completed before the November 14th deadline. A $100 late fee will be assessed after the November 14th deadline.

There was a discussion about the playing rules changes for 2010-11 season. All assigners were invited to stay for the online National Federation rules clinic that afternoon.

There was a discussion about clinics and camps that area assigners have offered for training. There was a reminder that officials are covered by insurance while working high school games during the summer as long as it was a legal competition. Many ideas were shared about different ways to train officials, and different ways enhance the training experiences (the use of you tube and other video sources). There was discussion about the arbitrator and its various uses including releasing games on an interval (for example 2 weeks) so that assignments could be changed when necessary. There was a reminder that it is possible for all officials to get an email address and have access to the internet.

There was discussion about the commissioner presenting to the Board of Control that all regions will go out in the future for regional and a rotation schedule would be formed and distributed.

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. There was also discussion about how the different areas handled games that were rescheduled by schools or turned in by officials. Some assigners have gotten the approval of their policy boards to charge for those changes. The Assigners agreed that compensation is the number one way to recruit officials and likely the number one way to retain officials. It was also suggested that in order to have the ability to obtain change in your area is to establish a good working relationship with your policy board.

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 manner as possible.

The last general discussion dealt with camps and each assigner relayed their plans and preferences for training camps. There was also roundtable discussion on a number of topics including how to advertise for new officials.

Mr. Tackett introduced that there would be a transition into a new officials shirt with the logo on the sleeve. He also introduced that he would be discussion with the Board of Control for final approval for a post season requirement for officials requiring all officials to work both boys and girls games in order to receive boys post season assignments.

Lastly, it was mentioned that that “Blow the Whistle on Cancer” program through the Jimmy V foundation was a great program to get involved in.

With no further business the meeting adjourned.
Harrison County baseball coach Mac Whitaker has been named by the National Federation of State High School Associations as its national baseball coach of the year.

Whitaker led the Thorobreds to the 2010 state championship, the fourth for the school under his watch. During his 33 years as the head coach at Harrison County, the program has compiled a record of 913-260 heading into the 2011 season while many of his players have gone on to play collegiate and professional baseball, including 1992 Mr. Baseball Shon Walker and 1993 Mr. Baseball Dion Newby. Another Whitaker protege, Chris Snopek, enjoyed a four-year major league career with the Chicago White Sox and Boston Red Sox.

In addition to his coaching duties, Whitaker also contributes to the sport by serving as a member of the KHSAA Baseball Advisory Committee.

Whitaker also enjoyed a successful tenure as the school’s girls’ basketball coach, leading the Fillies to 10th Region championships in 2000 and 2002. He also served as the school’s athletic director.

Whitaker, who became only the fourth coach in state history to win 900 games during the 2010 season, trails only Larry Gumm, Don Richardson and Bill Miller on the all-time victories list.
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Sports Lighting Technology Going Green

Innovative sports lighting systems can be a key opportunity for state high school organizations interested in satisfying environmental concerns and saving money.

SPORTS LIGHTING THEN AND NOW

Sports lighting involves projecting light over long distances. In prior generation systems, this resulted in about 25% of the total light generated by the luminaires landing on the playing surface. The rest went into the sky or on adjacent property as wasted spill light and light pollution. To compensate for the wasted light, additional luminaires were necessary to achieve the desired light levels for play.

Today, thanks to advances in the reflector system efficiencies and aiming design, as much as 70% of the light generated can be directed onto the playing surface. As a result fewer fixtures are needed to purchase, install, and operate.

All sports lighting systems differ, so consider environment, playability and budget to help ensure you’re getting a lighting system that fits your needs.

Environment

Good environmental light control can contribute to reduce energy costs in addition to controlling light pollution. Manufacturers can use sophisticated reflectors systems and visors to help direct spill light back onto the playing surface, which limits the light trespass and reduces electrical costs.

Playability

Balancing energy efficiency, environmental concerns, and costs are big considerations, but determining the quantity and quality of light necessary for your facility is just as important. Desired amount and quality of light can be determined by considering several factors including sport type, player skill level, field size, spectator capacity, and any videotaping requirements.

The Illuminating Engineering Society of North America provides recommended light levels for both indoor and outdoor facilities. User groups such as Little League Baseball<sup>®</sup> and Softball and Amateur Softball Association have also established their own guidelines for lighted facilities.

With some sports lighting, light levels depreciate over time. It is important to make sure your system is designed to provide target foot-candles to ensure the light you purchased is maintained over the life of your lighting system.

Going green means efficiency and quality. When evaluating a system, consider how long light levels are guaranteed. Some systems offer guaranteed constant light levels for 25 years, meeting IESNA and League standards. Technology that reduces sky glow and spill light also results in the ability to keep glare out of the players’ eyes.

The quality of light on the field is specified in terms of uniformity, or evenness, of light on the field. It is stated as a ratio, like 3:1, meaning the brightest point on the field should be no more than three times the darkest point. This is important because in play, a ball appears to changes speeds when it passes from dark to light areas, making it difficult for participants to follow the flight or gauge the speed.

Maintaining both quality and quantity of light on the field over time is impacted by equipment design as well as maintenance practices. With proper maintenance, the overall performance of the lighting installation can be greatly improved.

Budget Considerations

Sports lighting budget considerations should include the capital cost and long-term costs of operating, maintaining, and managing the system. Routine maintenance and unexpected repair costs can add up if the lighting system is poorly designed from an electrical and structural standpoint. However, a system that is energy efficient and easy to operate and maintain can become part of a program’s success story.

Electrical Consumption

Energy efficiency presents the largest opportunity for cost savings. Differences in reflector system efficiencies and aiming design can vary, meaning one manufacturer may require fewer luminaires to achieve the same amount of light on the field, saving money on electrical costs, lamp replacements, and other maintenance costs.

By choosing environmentally friendly Musco sports lighting for their Warhill Sports Complex, James City County will save about $404,000 in energy and operating costs over the next 25 years. Another factor contributing to these savings is the purchase of the control and monitoring system along with the lights.

With a control and monitoring system, lights can be scheduled via web, phone, fax, or email to be turned on only when the field is in use. If a game is unexpectedly rained out, officials can simply phone into the control center to have the lights turned off instantly.

Energy-conscious lighting benefits programs, environment

Tackling a lighting project can be a significant undertaking and investment. Obviously, communities want their decisions to result in a trouble-free lighting system that will be a safe, energy-efficient source of pride, rather than a disappointing source of continuing high-maintenance headaches and neighborhood complaints.

Be sure to do your research on local regulations and codes as well as the different products companies have to offer. Find the fit that will best help your association reach its goals, both in the short and long-term.

Balancing your lighting needs with environmental concerns doesn’t have to be difficult. Thanks to advancements in sports-lighting technology, lighting that provides ideal playing conditions for your team can also help to preserve the environment for tomorrow’s athletes.

The preceding article was submitted by Musco Lighting.
The KHSAA Volleyball Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order by KHSAA Assistant Commissioner Butch Cope at 1:00 pm. Present at the meeting were: Mitzy Donhoff (KVCA), Dale Grupe, Ron Kordes, James Mills, Jerry Taylor, Gale Travis, Holly Whittinghill and Marsha Day.

The meeting began with introductions and Mr. Cope asked the committee members to complete travel vouchers and update information for mailings, etc.

Mitzy Donhoff of the Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association gave a brief report about getting a new president and vice president for the KVCA. She will update the committee with more information as it is finalized.

Mr. Cope discussed the rules clinics had finished and the online makeup clinic was underway. There was discussion from the committee about next year’s clinic being online and the Sports Safety and Medical Symposium being combined. The committee discussed the first year and second year coaches and officials attending a rules clinic in person, second year officials and coaches having separate clinics.

Mr. Cope reported that the assigning secretaries had asked him about warm-up time across the state. The committee gave feedback on the amount of time that is given to the Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman to warm up and all agreed that 25 minutes is standard.

The committee looked at the site selection plan for both district and region and discussed the need to get the site selection and seeding forms from the schools.

Mr. Cope discussed briefly that he wants to recognize Mr. Grupe and Mr. Mills at the State Tournament this year as outgoing committee members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:57.

### Volleyball Advisory Committee Minutes

Fred Waits said that Russell County is going to have a new pool and officials would need to be recruited for that area.

Mr. Bilberry stated that in all regions the top 12 would go to the State Meet. An extra heat cannot score or qualify for the State Meet. It would be an extra heat only. Under this setup competitors could score for regional only but not qualify for the State Meet. The committee members discussed doing three heats for individuals and only two for relays. It was decided the committee would discuss this at a later time.

The possibility of having diving preliminaries on Thursday evening was discussed by the committee members. Various times were discussed and Mr. Bilberry said he would present an option to the Board of Control since it was a consensus of the group to make this recommendation.

Miscellaneous items were discussed as follows:

Wayne Kraus made the recommendation that large signs be posted that the hospitality room is for Coaches only. He stated he thought $100 for each region would cover the cost of expenses for the hospitality room.

Mr. Bedingfield asked for additional seating for divers.

Mr. Lichty suggested they create a diving film and video that could be used in training.

A motion was made by Jan Goff and seconded by Wayne Kraus to conduct the Advisory Committee to meet on August 17 at 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

### Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee Minutes

Fred Waits asked how this change would affect diving on Thursday evening. Ms. Goff stated the University of Louisville would allow the KHSAA to hold the preliminaries that evening.

Committee members discussed increasing the number of qualifying swimmers and divers for the state meet from 24 to 32 in each event. Awards would need to be relocated from the current location on the deck. The vote was unanimous for this recommendation. Mr. Bilberry said he would present that proposal to the KHSAA Board of Control.

Ms. Goff clarified the number of allowable events for a meet. Coaches should be responsible to make sure the participant only swims in four (4) events. It had been determined that coaches have previously been swimming relay 1 & 2 and 3 & 4 next day. In last year’s regional meets this was not caught in the time frame of 24 hours. She reminded the committee that coaches and meet referees have allowed this for quite some time in certain regions. Ms. Goff requested that she see the report from regional meets. Ms. Goff recommended that all meet managers and referees meet with her on this process. She said she would conduct 2-3 clinics around the state regarding running a meet.

Jay Grigsby volunteered to set up a database. He would be a record keeper for officials. Dan Lichty suggested a performance assessment of officials. Steve Bedingfield recommended that the diving judges be included in the assessment as well.

Dan Lichty recommended that for dual meets that both schools would be allowed to officiate. He recommended that a team of instructors do a meet and let new officials observe.

The committee discussed and Mr. Bilberry said he would present that recommendation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:57.
Richard K. ‘Dick’ Morse  
(1934-2011)

Richard K. “Dick” Morse was a man for all seasons. The Hardin County transplant boasted 133 combined years of officiating experience in the sports of basketball, baseball, football and wrestling between 1959 and 2010. Morse passed away on January 22 at Jewish Hospital in Louisville.

A transplant from Nebraska, Morse took to the Bluegrass State almost immediately, becoming a fixture in the Radcliff community. He coached Little League for many years and served as a KHSAA official.

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Morse was inducted to the 2011 class of the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Dorothy; three sons, Danny Morse, Jimmy Morse and Corky Morse. He was preceded in death by another son, Ricky.

Mike Murphy  
(1957-2011)

Often it is easy to forget the effort behind the expertly manicured field, the basketball game without incident or the team that shows up on time for the game. Such things are all essential for athletics, yet not considered glamorous jobs. Mike Murphy was the backbone of the athletic department at Mason County for parts of four decades as a bus driver, timer, groundskeeper and, at the time of his passing, head baseball coach.

Murphy didn’t mind doing the dirty work. He often worked from daylight till dark, performing the essential tasks with minimal fanfare all while keeping in mind the reason for it all - the children. Murphy was a fixture at the high school and became a father figure to many student-athletes and non athletes alike. Murphy, who had five children and 10 grandchildren of his own, adopted the community along the way. A 1975 graduate of St. Patrick, he worked to make his hometown a better place, from owning the local sport shop for many years, to working third shift as a dispatcher at the Maysville Police Department.

For the past six years, Murphy coached the Mason County baseball team, winning the 39th District each season.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Ann.

Edell R. ‘Doc’ Gray  
(1928-2011)

Chances are, anyone who has competed or coached in basketball or track and field over the past six decades has a story to tell about Edell R. ‘Doc’ Gray. The longtime coach at Harlan Independent and a member of the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame, passed away on March 21 following a long battle with cancer.

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Robert Creech  
(1945-2010)

The term ‘home court advantage’ is not an overnight creation – it involves years of excellence, community involvement and passion – three things Robert Creech enjoyed during his tenure as boys’ basketball coach at Wolfe County.

Creech passed away in late December at the age of 65.

Creech took over the boys’ basketball program at Wolfe County in 1984 and over the next 17 years molded his program into one of the 14th Region’s most respected.

His Wolves captured six district championships during that span and became widely known as one of the toughest teams in the state to defeat on its home floor.

Using a free-wheeling style that excited players and fans alike, Wolfe County regularly surpassed the 100-point mark under Creech, while making Rose Gymnasium a house of horrors for opponents. One of those contests, a 133-101 victory over Morgan County in 1986, still stands as the fifth-highest scoring contest in KHSAA history.

Creech remained close to the program in recent years as he turned the coaching reins over to son Robert Scott Creech in the 2002-03 season.

Robert Creech also served Wolfe County as athletic director and baseball coach during his tenure.
The KHSAA State Baseball Advisory Committee meeting was called to order on November 16 at 10:10 a.m. Those members present were KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett, Assistant Commissioner Butch Cope, L.W. Barnes (Anderson County), Les Broady (Muhlenberg County), David Dawson (Larue County), Bryan Dean (Letcher Co. Central), Todd Driskell (Male), Kristain Elliott (Graves County), Jeff Ely (Assigning Secretary), Randy Keeton (Lawrence County), Jeff Schulkens (Newport Central Catholic), Marc Taylor (McCreary Central), Gale Travis (Madisonville-North Hopkins), Mac Whitaker (Harrison County), Scott Willard (Scott County).

Assistant Commissioner Cope reviewed the committee representation by members and announced that retiring members Broady, Barnes, Taylor and Dean would be recognized during the 2011 Forcht/KHSAA State Baseball Tournament.

Mr. Cope then reminded members that rules clinics for the 2011 year would be available free online beginning Feb. 8 to Feb. 28. From March 1-31 the make-up would be available with a fine of $100 and from April 1-30, the fine would be $300. He reminded members that it is imperative for coaches to sign in using their own e-mail to receive proper credit. In addition to the online clinics, the clinic will again be offered as part of the Kentucky Baseball Coaches Association Conference on Jan. 15 in Louisville.

Mr. Cope asked Commissioner Tackett to give a review of the composite bat rule information. Mr. Tackett has been a member of the baseball rules committee and provided great detail with regard to what is legal and illegal in 2010-11 and 2011-12. He stated that the information provided to members would be posted on the KHSAA website and a notice sent to all schools. He asked that members inform coaches to help get the information distributed to parents with regard to the changing bat rules.

Next a discussion of bylaw changes related to fall baseball practice was discussed. Commissioner Tackett shared with the committee this idea was presented to the board a couple of years back and did not receive favorable support from the KHSAA Board of Control. Other ideas were mentioned and the Commissioner reminded the committee proposals are due May 1 each year for consideration at the September Annual Meeting.

Mr. Cope reminded the committee of the deadline to play any seeded game for 2011 is May 14 as district tournament meetings are due May 1 each year for consideration at the KHSAA Board of Control.

Mr. Cope then asked Commissioner Tackett – District/Region. Todd Driskell and Jeff Schulkens inquired about mandatory statewide seeding and or other options with regard to the postseason qualifications. Coach Whitaker then brought up consistency in officiating in regular season and postseason.

Gale Travis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Les Broady, and the meeting concluded at 11:35 a.m.

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.