

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, SEELBACH HOTEL, APRIL 18th, 1929

Mr. Swing called the meeting to order.

Because of the length of the 1928 minutes and because mimeographed copies had been mailed after the meeting to each member school, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Mr. Hall of Morganfield, however, asked for that part of the minutes dealing with his motion requiring the Board to publish in detail all rulings and opinions, and all changes and evidence relating thereto. That part of the minutes accordingly was read, showing that the motion did not pass. The treasurer's report was read, and President Swing appointed an auditing committee to examine the report and books, composed of Bruce Daniel of Morganfield, Brother Ligouri of St. Xavier's, and J.O. Lewis of Owensboro; and the committee reported the books and finances in good order.

It was moved by Mr. Miracle and voted that the books and finances be audited hereafter at the end of the fiscal year, June 30th, by the Commercial Department of the Louisville Male High School under the direction of Principal J.B. Carpenter.

At this point qualified voters were seated and credentials were submitted. 109 voters were present and 73 votes would be necessary to pass any amendment to the Constitution of By-Laws.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

The secretary stated that a detailed financial report, the secretary's report, and a copy of the minutes, would be sent in due time to all members.

Mr. Arntson stated that he believed Section 2, Article IX of the Constitution, which requires a two-thirds vote for the amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws, had been changed without authorization to include the By-Laws in the requirement; he believed that copies of the Constitution for former years did not include the By-Laws in this section. Mr. Miracle, however, read this section from a 1927 copy and it was found to be identical with the section in this year's copy. Mr. Meinschein said that, as he remembered it, Mr. Hall's motion of last year, above referred to, had been passed. A number of other voters stated that the minutes were correct; that they remembered the motion to have been lost.

The secretary stated that the Board of Control at its meeting on this forenoon had decided to mail out with the secretary's monthly letter next year a summary of new decisions and interpretations.

The secretary read a communication from the Kentucky Physical Education Association offering the following recommendations: 1. That interscholastic Basket Ball Tournaments for girls be abolished. 2. That the laws of the National Amateur Athletic Federation governing participation in athletics for girls be adopted for the schools of Kentucky.

The secretary read a letter to President Swing from the Kentucky Committee of the Y.W.C.A. making the same recommendation.

The secretary read a letter from President Turck of Centre College recommending that girls' basket ball tournaments no longer be held by the K.H.S.A.A. and that girls' basket ball no longer be played by boys' rules.

The secretary read a letter from the Kentucky School for Deaf applying for membership in the association, under a special dispensation since the school is not approved by the State Department of Education.

The secretary explained that the Board had found that the second paragraph of Rule V of the By-Laws could not in fairness be applied to K. M.I. and M.M.I., since all of their students come from abroad and no student will come to either institution knowing that he will be ineligible for athletics for a semester.

The rule would seriously cut down the attendance of both schools. The Board of Control therefore as an emergency measure had waived the rule last fall in its application to these two institutions. The action of the Board in this matter was approved by a vote of the house.

Mr. Burnett of Nicholasville then moved that the Board of Control hereafter be guided strictly by the provisions of the By-Laws, Constitution and Tournament Rules. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Arntson moved that private schools hereafter should not be allowed membership in the K.H.S.A.A. Motion was not seconded.

Mr. Bradner moved that K.S.D. be accepted for membership. Seconded by Mr. Miracle. Mr. Henry thought that Article 3 of the Constitution would have to be amended in order to accept K.S.D. Mr. Neal favored

accepting K.S.D. Mr. Meinschein favored accepting K.S.D., but did not think K.S.D. should be allowed to participate in the basket ball tournaments. Mr. Burnett was not in favor of accepting K.S.D. as our Constitution does not provide for it and he saw no need of amending the Constitution for one school. Mr. Arntson saw no reason to amend the Constitution for a single one year high school.

Mr. Miracle offered a substitute motion amending Article 3 of the Constitution by adding after the words "and the By-Laws adopted" the words "and Kentucky School for the Deaf at Danville". There was no second to the substitute motion. Mr. Scay of Danville could not see any advantage in K.S.D. holding membership, but had no objection. Mr. Jones thought it would be entirely out of keeping with our Constitution. Mr. Bradner's motion was lost.

Mr. Arntson moved that the K.H.S.A.A. exclude private schools from membership. Mr. Meinschein seconded the motion. Mr. Lewis stated that he favored leaving the rule as it is. Mr. Henderson of Campbellsville College asked the house to consider carefully. The motion was lost.

Mr. Lewis moved to amend Rule 5 of the By-Laws by adding to the second paragraph the words "this paragraph shall not apply so long as Rule 13 is not violated". He believed that this would relieve K.M.I. and M.M. I. The motion was seconded and lost.

Mr. Henry moved to amend the second paragraph of Rule 5 by striking out the word "town" and in place of it insert the words "school district". Mr. Swing stated that the Board of Control had interpreted the word "town" to mean school district. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Curry asked for information concerning first sentence, second paragraph of Rule 5 of the By-Laws, concerning the transferring from one school to another of the same class. Mr. Swing explained that the word "class" referred to two year, three year or four year schools and that the student who has completed the work of a school of a given class can transfer to a school of higher class without becoming ineligible, but can not transfer to one of the same or lower class without becoming ineligible.

Col. Richmond of K.M.I. made an appeal in behalf of K.M.I. and asked the house to amend the Constitution so as to make it possible for him to secure students; or else to declare military schools ineligible for membership in the association, which would make it possible for our members to play K.M.I. without violating Section 1 of Article VIII of the Constitution, since the Board of Control has always ruled that this section does not refer to non-member secondary schools that are not eligible for membership. No action was taken.

Mr. Curry asked whether a student could transfer to a Class "A" from a Class "AA" school without becoming ineligible. Mr. Swing stated that he could not; that all four year high schools were in the same class.

Mr. Babb moved to amend Article IV of the Constitution, by striking out the words "a Vice President" and inserting the words "three vice presidents". The motion was not seconded.

Mr. Bradner referred to Rule 5 of the By-Laws and asked how long a student must have been in school during the preceding semester in order to be eligible. Mr. Swing stated that he had ruled that the student must have been in school four and one-half months during the preceding semester in order to satisfy the requirements of this rule.

Mr. Arntson moved that the regional tournaments be discontinued, and that hereafter there be thirty-two district tournaments and that only the district champions go to the state tournament. Seconded by Mr. Carpenter. The motion was lost, having but 18 affirmative votes.

Mr. Lewis proposed an amendment to Rule 3 of the Tournament Rules and Regulations, directing the Board of Control to locate both regional and district tournaments, being guided by information concerning the relative facilities of the applicants to be obtained by a questionnaire on a standard application blank. He also proposed to amend Tournament Rule IV so as to require a school conducting a tournament to render a financial statement to each school participating in the tournament and to the secretary, using a standard K.H.S.A.A. blank for the purpose.

Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. The motion was lost.

Mr. Curry moved to amend Tournament Rule 3 so that regional tournament locations hereafter be determined by vote of the schools interested.

This was seconded and carried with 83 affirmative votes.

Mr. Babb moved that the Board of Control be authorized to change the words of Tournament Rule 3 so as to carry out the purpose of the above motion. Accordingly, the Board of Control proposes to strike out the first two sentences of Tournament Rule 3 and to replace the third sentence by the following: "The secretary shall prepare proper ballots and during the last week in January shall send two to each member school with a request that the proper authority cast on one ballot the vote of the school for location of the district tournament and on the other ballot the vote of the school for the location of the regional basket ball tournament." The fourth sentence as amended later in this meeting will remain. The fifth and sixth sentences will be stricken out.

Mr. Arntson moved that 20 per cent of the net receipts of all tournaments hereafter be turned over to the treasurer of the association. The motion was not seconded and lost.

Mr. Henderson of Campbellsville College moved to amend the fourth sentence of Rule 3 of the Tournament Rules by inserting the word "played" after the word "has" and by striking out the word "for" after the word "games" and by adding at the end of the sentence the words "with at least three different schools". The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Owen moved that the same amount as last year (\$200 ) be appropriated for this year and each year hereafter for the purpose of maintaining the president's office. Seconded and carried.

Mr. Arntson moved that the state be redistricted into forty districts and that Louisville and K.M.I. constitute one district. After some discussion Mr. Arntson withdrew his motion.

Mr. Jones moved that Section XXII of the By-Laws be amended by striking out the word "girl's" and that such changes as are necessary be made in the other tournament rules in conformity. Seconded and failed to carry.

Mr. Arntson moved that the state be redistricted into forty districts and Louisville and K.M.I. should constitute one district. Seconded and lost with 12 affirmative votes.

Miss Boyd moved to amend Rule XXII of the By-Laws by striking out the word "girl's" and by adding the words "and girls' basket ball tournaments are to be played under girls' intercollegiate rules". Seconded and lost with 54 affirmative votes.

Col. Richmond asked that military schools be excluded from membership in the association.

Mr. Jones moved to reconsider the vote on Mr. Lewis's proposed amendment to Tournament Rule 3. Seconded and lost.

Mr. Meinschein spoke in favor of exempting K.M.I and M.M.I. from the requirements of the second paragraph of Rule V of the By-Laws. Mr. Henry agreed that the association should give relief to the two schools. No action was taken.

Mr. Babb moved to amend Article IV of the Constitution by striking out the words "a vice president" and inserting the words "Two vice presidents". Motion seconded and lost.

Mr. Curry moved to proceed with the election of officers. Motion seconded and carried.

Mr. Squires of Whitesburg moved, Mr. Lassiter of Richmond seconded, that the president and vice president now in office be re-elected by acclamation for the ensuing year. Carried with 66 votes.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

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