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The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held in the ballroom of the Seelbach Hotel, Louisville, on Thursday afternoon, April 18, 1940.

President W. F. O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 2:15 P.M., with fifty-two regularly elected delegates present.

K. G. Gillaspie moved, seconded by H. C. Lancaster, that the minutes of the 1939 meeting of the association, which had been previously sent to all member schools, be approved without being read. The motion was carried unanimously.

The secretary-treasurer gave the following report on the activities of the association during the 1939-40 school year:

The Board of Control has held six meetings during the year, three in Lexington, one in Ft. Thomas, one in Louisville, and one in Richmond.

Four schools were suspended from the association for the remainder of the school year. They were East Bernstadt, Bush, Bell County, and Maysville.

555 schools joined the association this year, which is ten less than the membership last year. The slight decrease in membership each year is due to the consolidation of schools throughout the state. 126 schools are listed as playing football, which is an increase of three over last year. There is a growing interest in six-man football in the state, with several schools having reported a successful season in this sport. 542 schools entered district tournaments this year.

The sixty district tournament reports show total receipts of \$39,090.38, which is an increase over the receipts of the sixty-four district tournaments last year. Thirty-three districts used the state plan for the distribution of profits.

The gross receipts of the sixteen regional tournaments were \$16,681.49, with ten of the regions using the state plan for the distribution of profits.

The gross receipts of the state tournament were \$10,945.00, and total disbursements were \$4,555.63, for a profit of \$6,389.37.

429 basketball officials and 171 football officials registered with the K.H.S.A.A. this year. This is a decrease in number from last year. There were eleven football rules interpretation clinics held under the direction of Gayle Mohny of Lexington. Football rules examinations were held for officials a short time after the clinics were conducted. 74 officials took the examination, with 37 receiving the "approved" rating. Sixteen basketball rules interpretation clinics were conducted by Buford Clark of Barbourville. 158 basketball officials took the rules examination which was held at 35 sites. Thirty-four officials received the "approved" rating in basketball. Many officials, who were not eligible to receive the "approved" rating, took the examination in both football and basketball rules for the benefit they might derive from it. There were sixteen employment bureaus set up in the state for football and basketball officials.

59 schools insured their athletes under the K. H. S. A. A. Protection Fund. 384 boys were insured for football, 532 for basketball, and 3 for softball. There were 30 injuries reported with 65 claims allowed, to date, totaling \$762.75.

Total funds of the association on June 30th, which ends the fiscal year, will be approximately \$15,000.00. The annual audit will show details of receipts and expenditures, including the state tournament report.

Dave Lawrence moved, seconded by H. C. Lancaster, that the report of the secretary be accepted and filed. The motion was carried unanimously.

The proposals included in the mimeographed list sent to all member schools and also printed in the April issue of the association magazine were then considered.

H. C. Lancaster moved, seconded by Al Anderson, that Sections 2 and 3 of Proposal I concerning unauthorized changes in eligibility lists and the verification of a player's

age by referring to vital statistics records, for both original certifications and certifications of an athlete who has been received by transfer, be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Fred W. Cox moved, seconded by L. J. Wells, that Section 4 of Proposal I providing that a new principal shall certify to the eligibility of his players by securing from the association secretary a copy of the original certification of such players, be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Leon Cook moved, seconded by Russell Williamson, that Section 5 of Proposal I for the inclusion in the By-Laws of Section 2 of By-Law XIV as Section 5 of By-Law XIII, be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

J. H. Parker moved, seconded by Dave Lawrence, that Proposal II, providing that "1941" be substituted for "1939" in Section 7 of By-Law XXVIII, be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

W. J. Foster moved, seconded by W. S. Milburn, that Proposal III be amended to read as follows: "Any school violating this requirement shall be subject to a fine of \$2.00 for each official used, to be imposed by the Board of Control and payable before the school can be admitted to membership in the association the following year. The non-registered official shall be provided with a membership card in the officials' division of the K. H. S. A. A., after he shall have filed with the secretary the regular application card." The motion was carried. Ralph Mills moved, seconded by Dave Lawrence, that the proposal as amended be accepted. The motion was carried.

Russell Williamson moved, seconded by George E. Cain, that Proposal VII, providing for the checking of the ten eligible tournament players for each game, be accepted. The motion was carried.

L. J. Wells moved, seconded by H. C. Lancaster, that the word "state" be stricken out in Proposal VIII. The motion was lost. L. J. Wells moved, seconded by H. C. Lancaster, that Proposal VIII, providing for the selection of tournament officials by a majority vote of official representatives of participating schools, be accepted. The motion was lost.

W. J. Foster moved, seconded by L. G. Shultz, that Proposal IX, providing that there shall be no football practice by any member school of the K. H. S. A. A. prior to August 15th, be tabled. The motion was carried.

J. R. Mountjoy moved, seconded by A. L. Lassiter that Proposal X, providing that the K. H. S. A. A. become a member of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations, be accepted. The motion was lost.

L. G. Shultz moved, seconded by W. J. Foster, that Proposal XI providing that each basketball team in the state tournament be given the sum of \$175.00 to cover cost of board and room, be tabled. The motion was lost. J. R. Mountjoy moved, seconded by A. L. Lassiter, that Proposal XI be accepted. The motion was lost. Russell Williamson moved, seconded by Garret R. Harrod that the allowance per meal at the state tournament be increased to 75¢. The motion was carried.

Ralph Mills moved, seconded by Dave Lawrence, that Proposal XII, providing that all registered officials wear an emblem of the officials' association on their shirt or sweater, be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Dean Squires moved, seconded by J. W. Snyder, that Proposal XIII, providing for sixteen tournament regions of eight districts each, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Fred W. Cox moved, seconded by Wendell Johnson, that Proposal XIV, providing that teams eligible to participate in the regional tournament shall be the winners in the eight districts constituting that region, be tabled. The motion was carried unanimously.

Leon Cook moved, seconded by Harry Hardin, that Proposal XV, providing for the striking out of the second paragraph of Tournament Rule 12, be tabled. The motion was carried unanimously.

Garrett R. Harrod moved, seconded by A. L. Lassiter, that Proposal XVI, providing that the state shall be divided into sixty-four districts, no one of which may have more than twelve or less than eight member schools, be tabled. The motion was carried.

W. J. Foster moved, seconded by Al Anderson, that Proposal XVII, providing that each district shall be represented in the delegate assembly by one superintendent or principal and one coach, with each delegate having one vote, be tabled. The motion was carried unanimously.

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J. W. Bradner moved, seconded by Frank D. Scott, that Proposal XVIII, providing that the games in the district and regional tournaments shall be played on a maximum playing space of 74 feet by 50 feet, be tabled. The motion was carried.

A. L. Lassiter moved, seconded by L. G. Shultz, that Proposal XIX, providing that a majority vote of schools participating in district and regional tournaments shall determine the plan of the distribution of receipts, be tabled. The motion was carried unanimously.

W. J. Foster moved, seconded by W. S. Milburn, that Proposal XX, providing that the participating schools in district and regional tournaments may adopt by a two-thirds vote any plan they desire for the distribution of receipts, be accepted. The motion was carried.

Harry Hardin moved, seconded by G. L. Burns, that Proposal XXI, providing that one coach and one principal from each school in the region shall be issued a pass to the regional tournament. The motion was carried unanimously.

Ralph Mills moved, seconded by Eltis Henson, that Proposal XXIV, providing that contestants who reach their twentieth birthday after the season of a sport in which they are participating has already begun shall be allowed to finish the season, be accepted. The vote was 26 "aye" and 17 "no," the motion failing to carry since it did not receive the necessary two-thirds vote.

J. W. Bradner moved, seconded by L. J. Wells, that Proposal XXIII, providing that a player who entered high school the second semester may play both semesters of his fourth year in school, if he does not go through the graduation exercises at the mid-year, be tabled. The motion was carried.

W. J. Foster withdrew Proposal VI and Leon Cook withdrew Proposals XXVIII and XXIX.

L. E. Jones amended Proposal IV to read "Junior High Schools and Kentucky Military Institute shall not be eligible to membership. W. S. Milburn moved, seconded by H. C. Lancaster, that the amended proposal be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Ralph Mills moved, seconded by J. W. Bradner, that Proposal XXII, providing for the eligibility of players who reach their twentieth birthday between October 1 and the end of the football season and between January 1 and the end of the basketball season, be tabled. The motion was carried.

A. L. Lassiter moved, seconded by Al Anderson, that Proposal XXV, providing that a player who becomes twenty years of age during the season of a sport shall be permitted to complete the season in that sport without loss of eligibility, be tabled. The motion was carried.

W. J. Foster moved, seconded by Adrian Richie, that Proposal XXVI, which was essentially the same as Proposal XXV, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Ralph Mills moved, seconded by H. C. Lancaster, that Proposal XXVII, providing that a contestant may be allowed to complete a season in which he was eligible at the beginning of said season, be accepted. The vote was 27 "aye" and 16 "no", the motion failing to carry since it did not receive the necessary two-thirds vote.

W. J. Foster withdrew Proposal V, providing that the Board of Control shall designate the site of the state basketball tournament.

By consent of the delegate assembly, the motion for which was made by W. J. Foster and seconded by Dave Lawrence, Frank D. Scott submitted the following proposal: Amend the first paragraph of Tournament Rule 3 by placing a period after the word "tournament," striking out the remainder of the paragraph, and adding "On Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, representatives of the district winners and runners-up shall meet at the school which last held the regional tournament to determine the location of the regional tournament, select officials, and to discuss other questions pertaining to the tournament. Each participating school shall have one vote, but its representative must be present. In case of a tie vote, the site shall be determined by flipping a coin." Mr. Scott moved that his proposal be accepted, and was seconded by Garrett R. Harrod. The motion was carried unanimously.

By consent of the delegate assembly, the motion for which was made by L. J. Wells, seconded by H. C. Lancaster, J. W. Bradner submitted the following proposal: Add to the third paragraph of Tournament Rule 4, Section F. the following, "From this profit the Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall allow $1\frac{1}{2}\phi$ per mile per boy to and from the state track meet, in addition to room and board, not to exceed \$6.00, for each

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of the boys who finish first and second in any event in the regional track meets. No one boy, even though he competes in several events, shall receive more than this initial allowance." H. B. Lawson moved, seconded by W. J. Foster, that the proposal be accepted. The motion was carried.

By consent of the delegate assembly, Forest Sale submitted the following proposal: "A player shall be permitted to participate in athletics until he shall reach the age of 19, provided he is not enrolled in school more than ten semesters." L. U. Wells moved, seconded by Dave Lawrence, that the motion be accepted. The motion was lost.

J. W. Bradner moved, seconded by Al Anderson, that Proposal X be reconsidered. The motion was carried. K. G. Gillaspie moved, seconded by J. W. Bradner, that Proposal X, providing that the K. H. S. A. A. become a member of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations, be accepted. After a general discussion of the advantages of National Federation membership, the motion was carried unanimously.

W. J. Foster moved, seconded by John S. Jones, that the Board of Control be authorized to conduct a baseball tournament and spend a reasonable sum of money to subsidize the tournament. The motion was carried unanimously.

The election of officers was next in the order of business.

Ralph McRight moved, seconded by Fred W. Cox, that the present Board of Control with the exception of the secretary-treasurer, who is not up for re-election, be elected by acclamation. The motion was carried unanimously, the secretary putting the question.

The business meeting was then adjourned at 5:30, reconvening in a social meeting at 6:30 P.M. The principal speaker at the dinner meeting was Jimmy Conzelman, former coach of Washington University. The meeting was well attended, 150 school officials, coaches, delegates, and guests being present.

Of the proposals sent out by the Secretary in his April letter, and printed in the April issue of the association magazine, the following were passed by the delegates to the annual meeting, as previously indicated in the minutes:

I. The Board of Control recommends that the present By-Law XIII be designated as section 1 and that the following sections be added:

Section 2. The statement of facts concerning a player on the eligibility list of his first year of competition is to be considered authoritative and may not be changed in later eligibility lists for that year or in later years except to carry out the purposes of the by-laws in providing a cumulative record or, when authorized by the Board of Control, to correct error. However, nothing in this section shall be construed as waiving the requirement of section 3 of this By-Law.

If an unauthorized change in the eligibility lists results in the use of an ineligible player by the school that made the change, the school shall be suspended from the Association as provided for in By-Law XIV.

Section 3. Before certifying to the eligibility of a player, a principal shall verify the player's age by referring to the vital statistics records of the state in which the player was born, or in the absence of a state record to the earliest available school enrollment and census records. This requirement shall apply both to original certifications and to the certification of an athlete who has been received by transfer from another school.

Section 4. Before certifying to the eligibility of his players a new principal shall secure from the Association's secretary a copy of the original certification for such players.

If failure to observe the requirements of section 3 or 4 of this By-Law results in the use of ineligible player, the player's school shall be suspended from the association as provided for in By-Law XIV.

Section 5. (Same as section 2 of Rule XIV.)

(Note—Since the proposed sections 3 and 5 of Rule XIII are practically the same as sections 3 and 2 of Rule XIV, we recommend the repeal of section 2 and section 3 of Rule XIV in the event of favorable action on proposed sections 3 and 5.)

II. The Board of Control proposes that "1941" be substituted for "1939" in Section 7 of By-Law XXVIII.

III. The Board of Control proposes that the first paragraph of Section 1, By-Law XXVIII be amended to include the following: "Any school violating this requirement shall be subject to a fine of \$200 for each offense, to be imposed by the Board of Control and payable before the school can be admitted to membership in the association the following year."

IV. Coach L. E. "Brad" Jones proposes that the last sentence of Article III of the Constitution be amended to read: "Junior High Schools and essentially military schools (M.S.) shall not be eligible to membership."

VII. Principal S. Jack Gardner proposes that the first sentence of Tournament Rule 10 be amended to read as follows: "Each team shall be limited at each tournament game to ten players from among those whose names appear on the final eligibility lists, and these players must be designated for each game of the tournament."

X. The Kentucky Coaches Association proposes the following: That the Kentucky High School Athletic Association become a member of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations.

XII. The Kentucky Coaches Association proposes the following: That all registered officials wear an emblem of the officials' association on their shirt or sweater.

XX. Principal K. G. Gillaspie proposes that the second paragraph of Tournament Rule 4 be stricken out and the following be substituted: "The participating schools may adopt by a two-thirds vote any plan they desire for the distribution of receipts. If no plan can be agreed upon the following shall prevail."

XXI. Principal K. G. Gillaspie proposes that the following be added to Tournament Rule 12: "One coach and one principal from each school in the region shall be issued a pass to the regional tournament."

Proposals submitted from the floor have been included in the minutes.

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Board of Control Meeting- April 19, 1940

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, on Friday morning, April 19, 1940, with W.F.O'Donnell, Russell Bridges, John Dotson, and T.A.Sanford present.

President O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 10 A.M. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

John Dotson moved, seconded by Russell Bridges, that transportation to the state track meet of 15¢ per mile be allowed this year for first and second place winners in the regional meets, and that the secretary be authorized to spend a maximum of \$400 in meeting the expenses of the state high school baseball tournament. The motion was carried unanimously.

John Dotson moved, seconded by T.A.Sanford, that Russell Bridges be authorized to buy the regional track trophies. The motion was carried unanimously.

Russell Bridges moved, seconded by John Dotson, that T.A.Sanford be authorized to buy golf trophies for the state meet. The motion was carried unanimously.

John Dotson moved, seconded by Russell Bridges, that all bills as recorded and read by the secretary for the period beginning March 17, 1940, and ending April 11, 1940, be allowed. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board of Control was then called to order in its capacity as the Board of Directors of the K.H.S.A.A. Protection Fund.

John Dotson moved, seconded by Russell Bridges, that the following claims against the Protection Fund be allowed:

Prin. R.C.Hinsdale, Simon Kenton H.S., for Jack Wayman	\$6.00
Prin. G.R.Boyd, Barbourville, for Horshal Logan	6.00
Prin. George H. Wright, Bellevue, for Kenneth Alexander	2.00
Prin. Walter F. Coop, Walton-Verona, for Charles Ransler	4.00
Margaret Hayes, clerical work	40.00
Prin. Wm. D. Merrifield, Irvine, for Earl Patrick	5.00
Prin. Wm. D. Merrifield, Irvine, for Melvin Gilbert	2.50

The motion was carried unanimously.

Russell Bridges asked permission to submit the claim of a Fort Thomas player whose injury had not been apparent within the ten day limit set for the filing of claims.

John Dotson moved, seconded by T.A.Sanford, that the ten-day rule be waived in this case and that Mr. Bridges be authorized to submit the claim to the secretary. The motion was carried, with all members voting "aye" except Mr. Bridges, who did not vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

W. F. O'Donnell President

T. A. Sanford Secretary

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