

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, on Saturday morning, March 17, 1945, with all members present.

President Bridges called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

The minutes of the January 26-27 meeting were read and approved.

Miss Sue M. Hall, Director of Physical Education for Women of the University of Louisville and Miss Dudley Ashton, faculty member of the Louisville school system, appeared before the Board with certain suggestions for the formation of a Girls' Division of the K. H. S. A. A. A large amount of well prepared material concerning the possible activities of such a Girls' Division was submitted to the Board for further study. It was explained that no action on the suggestions could be taken at the present time, but all members of the Board showed interest in the proposals advanced by Miss Hall and Miss Ashton.

Dr. A. B. Crawford, Principal, and Coach Bobby Burns of the Lafayette High School appeared before the Board by request of President Bridges to give testimony concerning the recent severe disturbance following the Lafayette-University High basketball game on March 3rd in the 85th District Tournament held in Lexington. Other witnesses present at various times during the investigation were Referees J. Foster Heatherly and Bob Hickey, Principal Lyman Ginger of University High, Principal James Deacon of Morton Junior High, and Coach John Heber of Henry Clay High School. After the testimony was heard, the meeting adjourned to reconvene at 11:30 P.M.

After the evidence in the Lafayette case had been thoroughly reviewed and discussed, Russell Williamson moved, seconded by Brad Mutchler, that the association suspend Lafayette players J. H. Daley and Coleman McCord permanently from high school competition in athletics for the use of insulting language to an official and for assaulting an official, and that the following statement be issued as representing the sentiments of the members of the Board of Control:

"After very careful consideration of all the factors involved, we have unanimously agreed that J. B. Daley and Coleman McCord of the Lafayette High School basketball team shall be and are hereby permanently disqualified from further participation in high school athletics in Kentucky.

"The Board deplors the action of certain of the Lafayette players in their unjustified attack on and abuse of Referees J. Foster Heatherly of Mt. Sterling and Bob Hickey of Lexington and the University High players following the game. We further regret that Coach Bobby Burns failed to remain with his team following the game and that he did not exercise reasonable control to prevent their misconduct.

"We further condemn the action of spectators, fans and team followers for their unwarranted abuse of officials, coaches and team members and for their wanton destruction of property and general conduct unbecoming good citizens, all of which is detrimental to the cause of athletics and friendly school relations.

"From all testimony presented to the Board it is evident that athletic rivalry between and among schools in the city of Lexington is very keen and that it is going to be necessary for school officials to exercise every precaution to prevent a recurrence of such unfortunate incident as that which occurred in this tournament. The fans must realize as well as the student bodies and team members that every case of this kind jeopardizes the schools' membership and standing in the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

"If inter-school athletics is to serve the purposes for which it has been established, it is necessary that schools make every effort to procure the support and co-operation of their spectators and fans to the end that there may be developed better sportsmanship, friendly school relations, and a wholesome school spirit."

The motion was carried unanimously.

There was a discussion as to the procedure to be followed in nominating two new members for the Board of Control. Walter C. Jetton moved, seconded by Brad Mutchler, that officers and directors of the association be retained in office until such time as a regular meeting of the association is held. All voted "Aye" except Secretary Sanford who did not vote.

W. B. Owen moved, seconded by C. T. Ward, that proposals received by the secretary on or before April 1st shall be submitted to member schools for a referendum vote. The motion was carried unanimously.

Brad Mutchler moved, seconded by Walter C. Jetton, that the K. H. S. A. A. sponsor state meets and any necessary regional meets in track, baseball, golf, and tennis, with dates approximately the same as in 1944. The motion was carried unanimously.

Walter C. Jetton moved, seconded by Russell Williamson, that the secretary be allowed an amount of \$300.00 as an honorarium and tournament manager's expenses for conducting the state tournament. The motion was carried unanimously.

Walter C. Jetton moved, seconded by W. B. Owen, that all bills as recorded and read by the secretary for the period beginning January 27, 1945 and ending March 16, 1945 be allowed. The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Russell C. Bridges

President

John A. Sanford

Secretary

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