

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Kentucky High School Athletic Association
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The thirtieth annual meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held at the Henry Clay Hotel, Louisville, on Thursday afternoon, April 17, 1947.

President Russell E. Bridges called the meeting to order at 2:45 and asked Secretary Theo. A. Sanford to call the roll of delegates. Fifty-seven delegates answered the roll call.

President Bridges announced that new officers of the Kentucky Coaches Association had just been elected, namely, Earle Jones, President; Bob Beams, Vice-President; and J. Rice Mountjoy, Secretary-Treasurer.

Case Thomasson moved, seconded by James Fennington, that the minutes of the 1946 meeting of the Association, which had been sent previously 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 1946-47 school year:

"Four hundred eighty-three schools joined the Association this year. This is seventeen less than the number of schools enrolled last year. One hundred seven schools indicated that they played football this year, which is an increase of twenty-four over the number playing last year. Four hundred eighty-one schools entered district tournaments.

"Total receipts of the sixteen regional tournaments amounted to \$44,736.75, after federal tax was deducted. Fifty-nine of the sixty district reports show total receipts of \$101,043.50 after tax was deducted. The receipts of both regional and district tournaments were by far the largest in the history of the Association.

"Gross receipts of the state tournament were \$55,193.00, including federal tax. Profit to the Association will be approximately \$31,000.00. An itemized report of tournament receipts and disbursements will appear in the Association magazine.

"One thousand three basketball officials and two hundred thirty-nine football officials registered with the K. H. S. A. A. this year. This was a large increase in number over the 1945-46 registration. Eight football rules clinics were held under the direction of five out-standing registered officials, and several football officials took the National Federation rules examination for the higher ratings. The basketball clinics were conducted by Charles Vettiner of Louisville. Seventy officials took the basketball examination, with eight being added to the Certified list and twenty-one receiving the approved rating.

"One hundred four schools insured their athletes under the K. H. S. A. A. Protection Fund. One thousand five hundred fifty-two boys were insured for football, one thousand one hundred sixty-two for basketball, and sixty-eight for baseball. One hundred sixty-eight injuries have been reported. One hundred twenty-seven claims totaling \$2,299.50 have been paid to date.

"The annual audit will show details of receipts and expenditures for all K. H. S. A. A. accounts."

Charles Davis moved, seconded by Millard Tolliver, that the Secretary's report be approved and filed. The motion was carried unanimously.

President Bridges declared that next in order of business was the consideration of the proposals relative to changes in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Tournament Rules of the Association. He stated that Proposal I would be taken up last since it was quite lengthy, had to do with important changes concerning the Athletic Commissioner set-up, and would probably call for much discussion.

A. L. Lassiter moved, seconded by Jack Dawson, that Proposal II, providing that all contestants will become ineligible on their twentieth birthday, be adopted. The vote was 31 to 24 for the proposal, and President Bridges ruled that the motion had failed to carry by the two-thirds vote necessary to amend the By-Laws.

Eberly Hammack moved, seconded by I. H. Thiessen, that Proposal III, relative to principals and officials reporting violations of By-Law XXXV, be adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

H. B. Gray moved, seconded by Bradford D. Mutchler, that Proposal IV, empowering the President of the Association to appoint a committee for the purpose of recodifying the Constitution, By-Laws, and Tournament Rules, be adopted. The motion was carried.

C. V. Watson moved, seconded by Turner Elrod, that Proposal V, providing that each basketball region in the state be divided into eight districts, be adopted. The motion failed to carry.

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Eltis Henson moved, seconded by Walter Price, that Proposal VI, providing that after the close of the school year no member school shall engage in any football or basketball contest with any other school before the opening date of its first semester, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Proposal VII, providing that By-Law XXXIV be deleted in its entirety, was withdrawn by Case Thomasson who had originally submitted the proposal.

H. B. Gray moved, seconded by Edgar McMabb, that Proposal VIII, providing that games played by girls' teams shall be played under NSWA rules, be adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

John Heber moved, seconded by Case Thomasson, that Proposal IX, relative to striking out in By-Law V "within two weeks after the beginning of the next term", be tabled. The motion was carried unanimously.

A. L. Lassiter moved, seconded by L. G. Shultz, that Proposal X, relative to the Board of Control waiving the penalty provided for in Section 1 of By-Law VI, be tabled. The motion was carried.

L. G. Shultz moved, seconded by Millard Tolliver, that Proposal XI, providing for certain changes in the state plan of tournament expenses, be tabled. The motion was carried.

John Trapp moved, seconded by G. E. Lewis, that Proposal XII, relative to losers of the first round games in the state tournament playing in a separate tournament, be tabled. The motion was carried.

President Bridges then stated that Proposal I, providing for numerous amendments and changes in the Association Constitution, By-Laws, and Tournament Rules, having to do with setting up the office of the Commissioner of Athletics, was now open for consideration.

Case Thomasson moved, seconded by Charles Davis, that Proposal I be tabled. The motion failed to carry.

President Bridges asked whether or not the delegates wished to consider Proposal I by sections or in its entirety.

Walter Price moved, seconded by Eberly Hammack, that Proposal I be adopted in its entirety. The vote on the motion was 34 to 12, and President Bridges declared that the motion carried.

Secretary Theo. A. Sanford asked the permission of the delegate assembly to present a proposal of the Board of Control relative to the regional and state track meets, and was given this permission. The proposal was that Section 1 of the Track Rules and Regulations be amended to give the Board of Control the authority to set the dates of the regional and state track meets. John Heber moved, seconded by Walter Price, that the Board of Control proposal be adopted. The motion was carried.

The Secretary then stated that the Board of Control had previously discussed at length the holding of a spring sports festival in Louisville or Lexington, at which state meets in track, baseball, golf, and tennis would be held. He mentioned the advantages and disadvantages of each site, and asked the opinion of the delegate assembly concerning the site. John Heber made a short talk concerning the better facilities for track at the University of Kentucky, and moved, seconded by H. B. Gray, that the state track meet be held in Lexington. The motion was carried.

President Bridges called attention to the fact that only three members of the Board would be holdovers on July 1st and that the new plan of organization to be put into effect on that date called for eight members of the Board, thus leaving five places to be filled. He asked the opinion of the delegates concerning the method of filling these vacancies until the regular plan of election could be put into operation next year.

A. L. Lassiter moved, seconded by L. W. Allen, that the five vacancies be filled by election by the delegate assembly. The motion failed to carry.

Secretary Theo. A. Sanford suggested that the plan of election called for in Proposal I be put into immediate effect. C. V. Watson moved, seconded by Eltis Henson, that the Secretary's plan as explained be adopted by the delegate assembly, that the nominations by the Sections involved be made to the Secretary on or before May 1st and that the ballots shall be returned on or before June 1st. The motion was carried.

Henry Chambers asked permission to offer a proposal or an amendment concerning Proposal 1, relative to the election of the Commissioner of Athletics by the Board of Control, and was given this permission by the delegate assembly. He moved that the Board of Control taking office on July 1st, after the new members are duly qualified, be empowered to elect the Commissioner of Athletics. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

The secretary then made an announcement concerning the dinner meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

The dinner meeting of the association was held in the Mulberry Room of the Henry Clay Hotel at 6:00 P.M., with one hundred thirty delegates, guests, and school officials present. Mr. H.R. Giles, Director of the Kentucky Division of Recreation, presented the program. Mr. Giles spoke briefly on the need of recreation and then showed the film, "Playtown U.S.A."

Russell E. Briggs
President

Shirley Stanford
Secretary