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Board of Control Meeting - June 13-14, 1947

The K.H.S.A.A. Board of Control, which was to take office officially on July 1, 1947, met at the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, on Friday evening, June 13, 1947. Although the action of the new Board was to be unofficial, it was felt that a meeting was necessary due to certain important business which needed to be transacted at this time.

Directors Ginger, Stone, Sparkman, Mansfield, Cobb, Oakley, Carter, and Pollock were present.

Lyman Ginger was elected President and T. K. Stone Vice-President, to take office July 1.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the duties of a Commissioner, salary, and miscellaneous items.

James L. Cobb moved, seconded by Matt Sparkman, that the salary of the Commissioner be set at \$6,500.00 for the first four years. The vote on the motion was Sparkman, Cobb, Ginger, Stone "Aye", with Mansfield, Oakley, Carter and Pollock voting "No".

After much more discussion the meeting adjourned at 2:00 A.M. to reconvene at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 14.

With Lyman Ginger presiding, Russell E. Bridges, retiring President of the Association, appeared before the Board and explained what he thought the Commissioner of Athletics should do. He discussed the following items: salary, term of office, travel expenses, staff (Assistant Commissioner, secretary), stenographer, location of office, treasury balance, budget for first year, kind of program, insurance program, officials' clinics, minor sports, publicity, and All-Star games. Mr. Bridges stated that in his opinion \$6,500.00 should be top salary and that he would be an applicant at that figure if all other conditions were favorable to a progressive program of athletics.

Ted Sanford was then asked to come before the Board and discuss the question of the Commissioner, and to explain his position. He discussed the same items that Mr. Bridges had previously discussed. He also felt that \$6,500.00 should be the top salary and that he would not be interested at that figure. He stated that he would be interested at \$7,000.00. After he had retired from the meeting, the following business was transacted:

Sam Pollock moved, seconded by Matt Sparkman, that the business be transacted item by item. The motion was carried.

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Lawrence Carter moved, seconded by James L. Cobb, that the Commissioner be elected for a four-year period. The motion was carried.

Sam Pollock moved, seconded by Lawrence Carter, that the salary of the Commissioner be set at \$7,000.00 a year for the four years. The motion was carried.

T. K. Stone moved, seconded by Carlos Oakley, that 5¢ per mile be allowed when the Commissioner travels outside the city by car, and actual travel expense be allowed for bus or train travel; and that actual expenses be allowed for meals and hotel when the Commissioner travels on Association business. The motion was carried.

Lawrence Carter moved, seconded by James L. Cobb, that all travel ~~expenses~~ be allowed when it is necessary for the business of the Association. The motion was carried.

James L. Cobb moved, seconded by Matt Sparkman, that the staff for the office be an Assistant Commissioner, a secretary, and a stenographer. These are to be recommended by the Commissioner and approved by the Board, with salaries set by the Board. The motion was carried.

James L. Cobb moved, seconded by T. K. Stone, that, due to the present housing emergency, the Commissioner be permitted to live where it is convenient for him at present, but that as soon as the Board deems it advisable, the office will be moved to Lexington. The motion was carried.

James L. Cobb moved, seconded by T. K. Stone, that the first official meeting of the Board be held at Newport High School on July 5, 1947. The motion was carried.

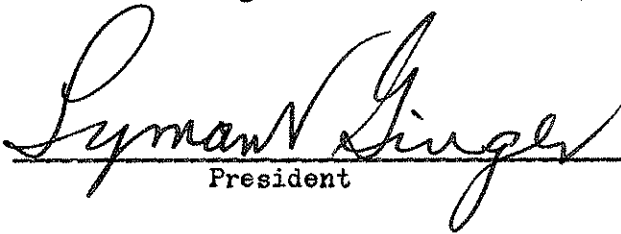
The drawing was then held to determine the length of term for each Board member, resulting in the following: one-year term, Sparkman and Carter; two-year term, Ginger and Pollock; three-year term, Stone and Mansfield; four-year term, Cobb and Oakley.

Sam Pollock nominated Ted Sanford for the office of Commissioner under the conditions already passed by the Board. Carlos Oakley moved that the nominations cease, and was seconded by Matt Sparkman. The question was called for, the vote taken, and the motion carried. Mr. Sanford was elected.

James L. Cobb moved, seconded by T. K. Stone, that no announcement be made about the choice until he has formally accepted. The motion was carried. The President was instructed to write to Mr. Sanford, explaining the terms of the election, and ask for immediate consideration.

The Board expressed the opinion that the Commissioner should begin immediately to promote all of the activities previously mentioned in this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



President



Secretary

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Henderson, Kentucky
June 30, 1947

Mr. Lyman V. Ginger, President
K. H. S. A. A.
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Lyman:

I appreciate very much the invitation of the Board of Control for me to be Kentucky's first high school Commissioner of Athletics. After thinking the matter over, I have decided not to accept the position. There are many reasons for my making this decision, but there is no particular reason for me to mention them.

You may be sure that the confidence of the Board members in me, as shown by their vote, will always be remembered as a pleasant experience. I am deeply grateful.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Ted Sanford

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL, July 5, 1947

Russell E. Bridges of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, has served the Kentucky High School Athletic Association for the past ten years with honor and distinction. For four years he was a member of the Board of Control and for the past six years president of the association.

Upon his retirement from active guidance, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, through the Board of Control, hereby accords its grateful appreciation of his untiring efforts in the promotion of the state's inter-scholastic athletics.

It is the opinion of the 1947 Board of Control that his influence as a leader in the field of athletic endeavor will live in the state as a memorial to his leadership.

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W. B. Owen of Greensburg, having served with distinction as a member of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association for a period of eleven years (the past six as vice president) is hereby accorded the grateful appreciation of the member schools of the association for his untiring efforts in the promotion of inter-scholastic athletics.

WHEREAS, Mr. Owen has retired from active participation in the association, we, the members of the 1947 Board of Control, enter this expression on the official record of our minutes.

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