Board of Control Meeting - March 20, 1948

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, on Saturday morning, March 20, 1948. President Lyman V. Ginger called the meeting to order at 9:30, with directors T. K. Stone, James L. Cobb, Sam Follick, Carlos Oakley, J. Matt Sparkman, J. B. Mansfield, and Commissioner Theo. A. Sanford present.

T. K. Stone moved that the reading of the minutes of the February 14 meeting be waived since all members of the Board had received previously a copy of the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Commissioner reported that, in accordance with the action taken by the Board in the February 14 meeting, he and President Ginger had determined the dates of the various spring meets, and that these dates had been announced. He stated that he was still negotiating with the Officers Club of Fort Knox to hold the State Golf Tournament there and that he hoped to get results, although the Fort Knox group had turned down the request previously because of certain damage done to the course during the 1947 meet.

The Commissioner reported that the duPont Manual Training High School of Louisville had requested sanction of a football game to be played between Manual and Baylor School of Chattanooga, Tennessee, a school which is not a member of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association. Since it appeared that certain member schools of the TSSAA competed against Baylor during the regular season, the Board authorized the Commissioner to sanction the proposed game unless Executive Secretary H. V. Porter of the National Federation recommended otherwise.

The Commissioner reported that Principal and Coach Foyster Sharpe of the Woodbine High School had withdrawn his basketball team from the floor at the end of the third quarter during the Woodbine-Burnside basketball game played at Burnside on February 20, giving as his reason that the officiating was so poor that he was attempting to avoid serious trouble. This case was brought to the attention of the Board because of the possibility of the violation of a contract which the Woodbine High School had with the Burnside High School to play a basketball game. It was the opinion of the Board that no contract violation was involved, at least as far as the paying of a forfeit was concerned, but that the Commissioner should write a strong letter of warning to Mr. Sharpe, advising him that a repetition of his procedure would probably result in the suspension of his school.

President Ginger reported to the Board that a request had been made by the Kentucky Principals Association for a joint meeting between representatives of this group and the Board of Control during K. E. A., in order to discuss common problems. Mr. Ginger stated that he advised members of the group that the Board would be glad to meet with them.

The Commissioner reported that the annual business meeting of the Association would be held at the Henry Clay Hotel at 2:30 PM, Friday, April 16, followed by the dinner meeting at 6:00 PM. He asked for suggestions concerning speakers for the dinner meeting. It was suggested that coaches Adolph Rupp, Bernard Hickman, and Ed Diddle by asked to appear on the program mentioned, and the Commissioner was authorized to invite these gentlemen to the meeting.

President Ginger reported that Athletic Director Bernie A. Shively, who had assisted with the State Track Meet in the past and served as chairman of the State Track Committee, had requested that Mr. Don Cash Seaton, head of the Physical Education Department of the University of Kentucky, be asked to serve as chairman of the State Track Committee. The Board authorized the Commissioner to accept this appointment.
There was a discussion of several proposals for changes in the Association rules, to be submitted by the Board of Control to the Delegate Assembly in the April meeting. The following proposals were agreed upon, and the President and Commissioner were asked to prepare the correct wording of the proposals:

1. Limit the number of basketball games to 30 for schools which do not maintain football, and to 24 for those which do have football teams.

2. Require at least three weeks of football practice under the supervision and control of the coach before the first game.

3. Provide that all contestants become ineligible on their twentieth birthdays.

4. Eliminate By-Law 5, Section 5, The Veterans Rule.

5. Provide that no meet, tournament, post-season game, or all-star contest will be sanctioned unless it is sponsored by a member school, a conference, or a group of schools.

6. Submit the sanction rule recently passed by the National Federation which now includes a provision that the National Federation office must sanction any interstate two-school contest which is sponsored by an individual or an organization other than a member high school.

7. Change the numbers in Tournament Rule III-A from 6 and 3 to 12 and 6 respectively.

8. Define the seasons for football and basketball as follows: football—from the opening date of school until December 1; basketball—from the opening date of school until the close of the State Tournament.

9. Provide that the regional tournament sites be determined by the Commissioner.

Matt Sparkman moved, seconded by Sam Pollock, that all bills of the Association for the period beginning February 14 and ending March 19, be allowed. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

T. K. Stone moved, seconded by Carlos Oakley, that the following claims against the K. H. S. A. A. Protection Fund be allowed:

Prin. Hubert Jaco, Fulton H. S., for Bobby Ruddle $5.00
Prin. Clyde T. Lassiter, Middleboro H. S., for Bobby Reaves 5.00
Prin. Clyde T. Lassiter, Middleboro H. S., for Ed Miracle 12.00
Prin. Eltis Henson, Trigg County H. S., for Hafford Johnson 14.00
Prin. W. R. Tudor, Buckeye H. S., for Paul Edward Lane 5.20
Prin. Archie Riehl, Barret H. S., for James Cohron 3.00
Prin. Sergius Leach, Paris H. S., for John Anderson 7.50
Prin. Joe Chr, Irving H. S., for Cecil Wilson 14.00
Prin. Clyde T. Lassiter, Middleboro H. S., for Jack Colson 20.00
Prin. W. H. Cason, Cynthiana H. S., for Wyron Hill 3.00
Prin. W. H. Cason, Cynthiana H. S., for Kenneth Brunback 15.00
Prin. Roy Knight, Maysville H. S., for Herman Tolle 25.00

The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

[Signatures]

President

Secretary