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Board of Control Meeting - March 19.-20, 1949

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, on Saturday morning, March 19, 1949.

The meeting was called to order by President Lyman V. Ginger at 9:30, with Directors James L. Cobb, Carlos Oakley, J. Matt Sparkman, Roy G. Eversole, T. K. Stone, Sam Pollock, and Commissioner Theo. A. Sanford present.

Sam Pollock moved, seconded by James L. Cobb, that the reading of the minutes of the February meeting of the Board be waived, since members of the Board had received copies of these minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Commissioner discussed the new form which was being used by member schools in reporting on officials, and stated that it was his belief that the use of the form would be very valuable in the improvement of officiating. He read letters which he had received from football officials, stating that they were glad to receive lists of their faults, in an effort to become better officials.

The Commissioner read a letter which he had received from Bernard W. Ratterman, a Louisville official, suggesting that cards be prepared and that officials report weekly on individual games worked. The Commissioner also read his reply to Mr. Ratterman's letter, in which he stated that it was his opinion that it would be almost impossible to get the 1250 basketball officials to file some fifteen or twenty thousand cards during a season, it now being difficult to get each one of them to send in one report sheet. The Board concurred in the opinion of the Commissioner relative to the filing of individual report cards.

The Commissioner reported that Cromer H. Arnett of Bandana and Lyman V. Ginger of Lexington had been nominated as Board of Control members to represent Sections 1 and 6 respectively, and that no other nominations had been received. Roy G.

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Eversole moved, seconded by James L. Cobb, that the nominations of Messrs. Arnett and Ginger be confirmed, and that these gentlemen be declared elected to represent their respective sections on the Board of Control, their terms to begin July 1, 1949. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Commissioner reported that the time of the annual business meeting of the Association would be 2:30 P.M., Friday, April 22, the place being the Mulberry Room of the Henry Clay Hotel, Louisville; and that the dinner meeting would be held at 6:00 o'clock on the same day at the same place. He also reported that Coach Adolph Rupp would be the principal speaker at the dinner meeting, and that President Ginger had contacted Mr. Rupp and was responsible for his accepting the invitation.

The Commissioner reported that, in compliance with authority given him in the February meeting of the Board, he had set the dates of the various spring meets, and that these dates had appeared in the March issue of the magazine.

The Commissioner read a letter which he had received from Supt. J. O. Lewis of Mayfield, suggesting that, in the regulations set up by the Board for the selection of district and regional tournament officials, a provision be included that no official from the home town of any school in the tournament involved should be selected except by unanimous choice of the school represented. The Commissioner read his reply to Mr. Lewis' letter, in which he stated that the present plan of using the highest rated officials and not allowing school representatives to cross off any names from the list of officials on whom the vote is taken, is the most satisfactory one which the Board has ever devised. The Board declined to change at this time its regulations concerning the selection of tournament officials, since very few complaints concerning the plan have been received since its adoption.

The meeting adjourned to reconvene at 9:45 A.M., Sunday, March 20, all members being present at the second meeting.

The Board now discussed numerous proposals which it wished to have submitted at the forthcoming Delegate Assembly. The Commissioner was authorized to word the proposals properly, the following proposals receiving the unanimous approval of the Board:

Proposal 1 - Substitute "a first team game in any sport" for "an inter-school contest" in By-Law 6, Section 1.

Proposal 2 - Amend the By-Laws to provide that no K. H. S. A. A member school shall conduct spring practice in football.

Proposal 3 - Eliminate "K.M.I." from Article III of the K. H. S. A. A. Constitution.

Proposal 4 - Add "swimming, golf, tennis, and bowling" to the exempted sports in the last sentence of By-Law 8.

Proposal 5 - Add the following to By-Law 21: "In one county, conference, or invitational tournament, the games played by a member school shall count as one game."

Proposal 6 - Change the number of days for agreement on officials, in By-Law 23, from five to ten, and add: "It shall be the responsibility of the home school principal to instigate proceedings leading to the agreement on officials."

Proposal 7 - Amend By-Law 29, Section 2, to provide that the official's fee in each sport shall be \$3.00.

Proposal 8 - Add to By-Law 29, Section 2, the following: "An official registered in a sport for the first time shall be required to make an acceptable grade, determined by the Board of Control, on an examination in that sport."

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Proposal 9 - Substitute "shall attend" for "is expected to attend" in By-Law 29, Section 3.

Proposal 10 - At the end of the fifth line of Tournament Rule I, substitute the following for the remainder of the paragraph: "and a regional tournament in each region the following week, ending on Saturday night; and a State Tournament the following week."

Proposal 12 - Add the following as Section C. of Tournament Rule V: "No official may be used in a district, regional, or State Tournament, who has not officiated in at least twelve basketball games during the current season."

Proposal 11 - Substitute the following for the second sentence of Tournament Rule IV-B: "At the meeting of district winners and runners-up, which shall be held on Sunday afternoon, immediately following the district tournament, at 2:00 o'clock in the school designated as the tournament site, the manager shall conduct the drawings, etc."

Proposal 13 - Make the following substitutions in Tournament Rule VI: "\$300.00" for "\$175.00" in A-1, "twenty cents" for "fifteen cents" in A-2, and "fifteen per cent" for "twenty-five per cent" in A-4.

Proposal 14 - Substitute "twelve" and "six" for "six" and "three" respectively in Tournament Rule VII-A.

There was a discussion of the feasibility of the Association registering baseball umpires, because of the large number of K. H. S. A. A. member schools now sponsoring baseball teams. It was the opinion of the members of the Board that no attempt should be made to register umpires this spring, but that the Commissioner should attempt to set up a few clinics for umpires for the current season, if this is possible, with the probability of umpires in high school games being required to register in another year.

There was a general discussion concerning the need for an assistant commissioner, the duties of such an assistant, additional services which the State Office might render member schools with this additional member of the staff, salary, etc. James L. Cobb, seconded by J. Matt Sparkman, that the Board make its plans to elect an assistant commissioner, prior to July 1, 1949, the maximum salary to be \$5,000.00. The motion was carried unanimously.

Sam Pollock moved, seconded by Carlos Oakley, that all bills of the Association for the period beginning February 11, 1949, and ending March 18, 1949, 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.

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

Prin. H. W. Betts, North Warren H. S., for D. W. Tabor	\$ 5.00
Prin. Sam B. Pollock, Madisonville H. S., for Frank Ramsey	7.50
Prin. Sam B. Pollock, Madisonville H. S., for Calvin Walls	7.50
Prin. Sam B. Pollock, Madisonville H. S., for Chesley Riddle	7.50
Prin. Sam B. Pollock, Madisonville H. S., for John Sampson	7.50
Prin. Sam B. Pollock, Madisonville H. S., for Joe Steckler	7.50
Prin. Sam B. Pollock, Madisonville H. S., for Jack Martin	7.50
Prin. H. J. Priestley, Jeffersontown H. S., for John Keeley	23.00
Prin. L. H. McHargue, Louisa H. S., for Donald Spencer	30.00

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Prin. L. H. McHargue, Louisa H. S., for George Tackett	\$ 15.00
Prin. Samuel L. Smith, Fordsville H. S., for Stanley Shelton	25.50
Supt. J. O. Ward, Lebanon Junction H. S., for Tony Booth	23.50
Prin. Archie Riehl, Barret H. S., for Al J. Feix	25.50
Prin. R. E. Stevenson, Russellville H. S., for Pat O'Brien	30.00
Prin. R. E. Stevenson, Russellville H. S., for Huey Hinton	35.00
Prin. Tony Raiser, Great Crossing H. S., for Jackie Wise	35.00
Supt. Clark Atkins, Anchorage H. S., for George Morris	7.50

The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Sydney V. Ginger*  
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 President

*Shirley A. Paulson*  
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 Secretary