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Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held at the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, on Friday afternoon, April 17, 1953.

President Lyman V. Ginger called the meeting to order at 2:00 and asked Commissioner Theo. A. Sanford to call the roll of delegates. Fifty-two regularly elected delegates or alternates answered the roll call. The following delegates were seated, in the absence of the delegates or alternates from their respective districts: Joe Duke, D. 4; Garnis Martin, D. 24; Allen Cash, D. 29; Ollie Leathers, D. 41; Arvel Arnett, D. 56; Denzil Halbert, D. 58; and Bruce Hall, D. 61. The motion to seat the delegates was made by Milton O. Traylor and seconded by Roger Wilson.

T. T. Knight moved, seconded by W. F. Russell, that the minutes of the 1952 annual meeting of the Association, which had been sent previously to all member schools, be approved without being read. The motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sanford then gave a report on the activities of the Association during the 1952-53 school year. It is as follows:

"Four hundred sixty-eight schools joined the Association during 1952-53. This is nine less than were enrolled in 1951-52. One hundred ten schools had eleven-man football teams, and sixteen played six-man football. This represents an increase of three in the number of schools having eleven-man teams, and a decrease of four in the number of six-man teams.

"The sixteen regional tournament financial reports have been received, showing total receipts of \$81,414.40. Fifty-nine of the sixty-two district tournament financial reports have been received, indicating total receipts of \$154,968.88. Receipts from ticket sales at the State Basketball Tournament, exclusive of refunds and redeposits on bad checks, were \$99,259.00. Profit on the tournament program will bring total tournament receipts to approximately \$102,000.00. Profit to the Association from the tournament should exceed \$77,000.00. A few tournament bills are still being received from the State Office, with the result that it is necessary to give an estimate of tournament profits at this time. A complete record of all receipts and disbursements will appear in a subsequent issue of the Association magazine.

"Nine hundred ninety-six basketball officials and 314 football officials registered with the Association in 1952-53. Nine football rules clinics were held under the direction of K. H. S. A. A. President Lyman V. Ginger, and thirty-nine football officials took the National Federation rules examination for the higher ratings. The basketball clinics were conducted by Charlie Vettiner, as was the School For Basketball Officials. Mr. Vettiner held fifteen clinics. The regional representatives trained in the school did excellent work during the basketball season in assisting younger officials with their registration, in conducting clinics and assembly programs, and in appearing on radio and television programs. One hundred thirty-three officials took the basketball examination, with twenty-one being added to the "Certified" list, and sixty-five receiving the "Approved" rating.

"Three hundred thirteen schools insured their athletes under the K.H.S.A.A. Protection Fund. Two thousand eight hundred fifty-two boys were insured in football, 7,746 in all sports except football, and 174 in physical education. This is

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4,762 more than the number of players insured in 1951-52. This great increase in the number of insured players is very gratifying to all members of the Board of Control who voted the Protection Fund credit last year to K. H. S. A. A. member schools insuring their athletes. Four hundred sixty-four claims, totaling \$10,329.57, have been paid to date. This figure is approximately twice the amount reported a year ago for a comparable period of time.

"Two schools have been suspended from the Association this year. One penalty came as a result of the violation of K. H. S. A. A. By-Law 17, Practice of Sportsmanship; and By-Law 5, Enrollment, was involved in the other case.

"Early reports indicate that more Kentucky high schools will have teams in baseball, track, golf and tennis this spring that at any other time in the history of the K. H. S. A. A. One hundred forty-four boys, representing eighteen schools, took part in the very successful State Swimming Meet, which was held in Lexington on April 4 under the supervision of the State Swimming Committee. Seven schools entered teams in the new Class C competition.

"The Kentucky High School Athletic Association has had a fine year during 1952-53. There have been very few troublesome cases, and our school men have been most cooperative when called upon to assist in the expanding program of the Association. The finances of the Association continue to remain in excellent condition because of the continuing increased profits realized from the State High School Basketball Tournament.

"The members of the Board of Control, the Commissioner and his staff are honored to serve the member schools of the K. H. S. A. A., and will always welcome suggestions which might result in improving the service to our member schools."

Sam Pollock moved, seconded by Walter Dills, Jr., that the report of the Commissioner be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

President Ginger stated that consideration of the proposals was the next order of business.

Sam Pollock moved, seconded by Roger Wilson, that Proposal I, providing that Track Rule XIV be amended by substituting "\$16.00" for "\$12.00" as the room and board allowance for State Track Meet participants, be adopted. The motion was carried.

John Heber moved, seconded by Harry J. Taylor, that Proposal II, providing that any contestant in the State Track Meet must participate in the event or events which qualified him for the State Meet or disqualify himself from the relays, be adopted. The motion was carried.

Judson Jenkins moved, seconded by Earl Roberts, that Proposal III, setting up eligibility for membership on the Board of Control, be adopted. McCoy Tarry moved, seconded by W. F. Russell, that Proposal III be amended by substituting "sixty days" for "four and one-half months," and by substituting "election" for "appointment." The amendment was carried. The vote was then taken on the proposal as amended, and the motion was carried.

John Heber moved, seconded by Ollie Leathers, that Proposal IV, providing that certain exemptions for military schools be deleted from By-Law 37, be tabled. The motion was carried.

McCoy Tarry moved, seconded by Roger Wilson, that Proposal V, providing that a definite period of time shall be set as the maximum time limit between first and second team basketball games, be tabled. The motion was carried.

W. F. Russell moved, seconded by Milton O. Traylor, that Proposal VI, setting up a plan for the distribution of district and regional basketball tournament tickets, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Wendell Boxley moved, seconded by Clyde T. Lassiter, that Proposal VII, providing that no Board member shall be eligible to serve his section for a third term as a member of the Board, be adopted. McCoy Tarry moved that Proposal VII be amended by substituting "second consecutive term" for "third consecutive term." There was no second to Mr. Tarry's amendment. The original motion was then carried.

Sam Pollock moved, seconded by McCoy Tarry, that Proposal VIII, providing for the appointment of a committee to make a survey of the district, regional and state tournament set-up, with a view to revising the present method of choosing a state basketball champion, be tabled. The motion was carried.

McCoy Tarry moved, seconded by Joe Duke, that Proposal IX, providing that all inter-school basketball games shall be scheduled on non-school nights, be tabled. The motion was carried.

McCoy Tarry moved, seconded by C. W. Wallis, that Proposal X, providing that no member school shall play more than twenty-two inter-school games during the regular basketball season, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Clyde T. Lassiter moved, seconded by Arvel Arnett, that Proposal XI, providing that no member school shall participate in more than one invitational basketball tournament during the regular basketball season, be adopted. The motion was lost.

Sam Pollock moved, seconded by Walter Dills, Jr., that Proposal XII, providing that a senior who has participated in basketball for at least one year previous to his senior year and who attains his twentieth birthday before the end of the basketball season of his senior year shall be permitted to continue participation until the season ends, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Executive Secretary J. Rice Mountjoy of the Kentucky Coaches Association made a short talk to the delegates and other school men present, expressing his appreciation and that of the members of his organization for the assistance given by school men who have been helpful in making the all-star games, conducted by the Kentucky Coaches Association, successful. Mr. Mountjoy explained how the profits from past and future games would be spent.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

The dinner meeting of the Association was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Brown Hotel at 6:00 P.M., with approximately 275 delegates and other school officials present. A string trio sponsored by the Jefferson County Playground and Recreation Board played throughout the period of the meal, and the male quartet of the Southern High School gave several vocal numbers. President Ginger introduced Charlie Vettiner, The Flying Dutchman, who presented Board of Control member Carlos Oakley. Mr. Oakley introduced Merle Crawford, a high school student from Hebbardsville, and presented him with the Game Guy Award. Dr. Andy Holt, Assistant to the President of the University of Tennessee, gave the address of the evening, the subject being "The Place of High School Athletics in the Modern School System." Dr. Holt's talk was both humorous and inspiring, and was enjoyed by all present.