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Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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The thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, on Friday afternoon, April 13, 1956.

President Russell Williamson called the meeting to order at 2:30, and asked Commissioner Theo. A. Sanford to call the roll of delegates. Fifty-four 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: T. L. Plain, D. 10; Charles Eades, D. 16; J. L. Cardwell, D. 41; J. H. Powell, D. 52; and Wayne Ratliff, D. 58.

Earle D. Jones moved, seconded by Oran C. Teater, that the minutes of the 1955 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 1955-56 school year. His report follows:

"Four hundred thirty-three schools joined the Association during 1955-56. This is nine less than were enrolled in 1954-55. One hundred ten schools had eleven-man football teams, and thirteen played six-man football. These numbers are the same as for 1954-55.

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"Financial reports filed by the sixteen regional basketball tournament managers show total receipts of \$101,002.80. This represents an approximate increase of \$10,500.00 over 1955 receipts. Receipts in fifty-eight of the sixty-one district basketball tournaments amounted to \$146,867.21, indicating that the total figure for all sixty-one districts will exceed, by a small amount, the 1955 figure. Receipts from ticket sales at the State Basketball Tournament, exclusive of refunds, will exceed \$108,000.00. Additional receipts from television and from the tournament program will bring total tournament receipts to a figure in excess of \$113,000.00. Profit to the Association on the tournament should be approximately \$88,000.00. A few tournament bills are still being received by 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.

"One thousand one hundred twenty-five basketball officials and 302 football officials registered with the Association in 1955-56. Nine football rules clinics were held under the direction of Dr. Lyman V. Ginger, and eighteen football officials took the National Federation football examination for the higher ratings. The basketball clinics were conducted by Charlie Vettiner, as was the School for Basketball Officials. Mr. Vettiner held fourteen clinics. Additional meetings and clinics were held by the regional representatives who continued to render a fine service to the officials and schools in their respective areas. One hundred twenty-four officials took the basketball examination, with nineteen being added to the "certified" list and fifty-four receiving the "approved" rating.

"Three hundred twelve schools insured their athletes under the K.H.S.A.A. Protection Fund this year. Three thousand, eight hundred seventeen boys were insured in football; 6,324 in all sports except football; and 211 in Physical Education. Six hundred ninety-eight claims, amounting to \$15,310.29, have been paid to date. This figure is approximately \$1,700.00 more than the amount reported a year ago for a comparable period of time. The Board of Control for 1955-56 gave each member school insuring its athletes in the Protection Fund a credit of \$30.00. To date this free insurance has cost the Association \$11,000.00, this amount having been transferred from the General Fund to the Protection Fund.

"Two schools have been suspended from the Association this year, and two placed on probation. One suspension came as a result of the violation of K.H.S.A.A. By-Law 17, Practice of Sportsmanship; the other for violation of By-Law 1, Section 7, Certification of Ineligible Player. Both of the schools placed on probation were judged guilty of having violated By-Law 17.

"Interest in spring sports continues to increase. Twenty schools sent entries to the State Swimming Meet, which was held in Lexington on April 7 under the supervision of the State Swimming Committee. One hundred twenty-two member schools have indicated that they will send teams to the twelve regional track meets. The interest in baseball, as indicated by the number of teams going to the forty district tournaments each spring, continues to increase from year to year. The number of tennis and golf teams continues to grow.

"1955-56 has been a good year for the K.H.S.A.A. The Association's new office building was completed in September of 1955. An "open house" was held in the building on October 22, to which school administrators, coaches, officials; and representatives of press, radio, and television were invited. Since that time, the K.H.S.A.A. staff has had the privilege of welcoming many representatives of the member schools throughout the state who have visited the State Office. The State Basketball Tournament set a new record in attendance and receipts, and the

finances of the Association continue to remain in excellent condition because of the tournament receipts.

"The program of the K.H.S.A.A. is an ever expanding one, and it is with sincere appreciation that we recognize the assistance of our school men, who have been most cooperative in furthering the projects and activities of the Association. Suggestions for the improvement of the Association are always welcomed by the members of the Board of Control and by the Commissioner."

T. T. Knight moved, seconded by Herschel Roberts, that the report of the Commissioner be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

John Heber moved, seconded by Henry T. Cooper, that Proposal I, providing that the K.H.S.A.A. supply the shot and discus for the regional and state track meets, be adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Edgar McNabb moved, seconded by Millard Tolliver, that Proposal II, clarifying and amending certain sentences of Track Rule IX, be adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

A. L. Roberts moved, seconded by Arthur Mullins, that Proposal III, providing that Track Rule XII be amended to require that any contestant in the State Track Meet must participate and finish in the event or events which qualified him for the state meet or disqualify himself from the relays, be adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Conrad Carroll offered an amendment to Proposal IV, to read as follows: "The expenses of the district representatives to the annual meeting shall be paid from the gross receipts of the State Tournament, only to those representatives who are present at the annual meeting, and the expenses shall be paid at the end of the meeting. The amount shall be \$50.00 for each district representative." T. T. Knight moved, seconded by Oran C. Teater, that the amendment be tabled. The motion was carried. W. B. Sydnor moved, seconded by Arthur Mullins, that Proposal IV, increasing the maximum amount to be paid the district representatives to the annual meeting from twenty-five to fifty dollars, be accepted. The motion was carried.

Millard Tolliver moved, seconded by Arthur Mullins, that Proposal V, providing that the number of basketball games played during a season by a team representing a member school be decreased in number, be tabled. The motion was carried.

John Heber moved, seconded by James B. Moore, that Proposal VI, providing that no regular season basketball game played by a member school start later than 8:00 P.M., be amended to include: "on nights preceding school days." The amendment failed to carry. Kenneth Kuhnert moved, seconded by Alton D. Rudolph, that Proposal VI be tabled. The motion was carried.

Joe P. Duke moved, seconded by Aubrey M. Inglis, that Proposal VII, providing that Tournament Rule XI be amended to increase the player limit for basketball tournament games from 10 to 12, be tabled. The motion was lost. James B. Moore moved, seconded by R. C. Hinsdale, that Proposal VII be adopted. The motion was carried.

W. B. Sydnor moved, seconded by M. E. Swain, that Proposal VIII, providing that the Board of Control select all regional basketball officials, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Clyde Lassiter moved, seconded by A. L. Roberts, that Proposal IX, providing that the Board of Control set up certain residence qualifications for regional basketball tournament officials, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Paul Phillips moved, seconded by Clyde Lassiter, that Proposal X, providing that the Commissioner shall appoint regional basketball tournament officials, be tabled. The motion was carried.

James E. Bazzell moved, seconded by Owen P. Hurt, that Proposal XI, providing that the Commissioner shall appoint state basketball tournament officials, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Clyde Lassiter moved, seconded by R. C. Hinsdale, that Proposal XII, providing that the Board of Control shall have authority to establish uniform procedures in the selection of district tournament officials, and shall appoint officials for all regional tournaments, be tabled. The motion was carried.

M. E. Swain moved, seconded by Millard Tolliver, that Proposal XIII, providing that the state be divided into eight basketball tournament regions instead of sixteen, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Clyde Lassiter moved, seconded by J. H. Powell, that Proposal XIV, providing that the regional basketball tournament sites shall be determined by the participating schools, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Clyde Lassiter moved, seconded by Millard Tolliver, that Proposal XV, providing for certain changes in By-Law 6, Section 1, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Conrad Carroll moved, seconded by A. L. Roberts, that Proposal XVI, providing for certain changes in By-Law 8, Section 1, be adopted. The motion was lost.

Clyde Lassiter moved, seconded by Buddy Cate, that Proposal XVII, providing for certain changes in By-Law 10, Undue Influence, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Clyde Lassiter moved, seconded by John Heber, that Proposal XVIII, providing that additional State Basketball Tournament passes be given to member schools and superintendents, be tabled. The motion was carried.

John Heber moved, seconded by James E. Bazzell, that Proposal XIX, providing that each K.H.S.A.A. member school shall receive four passes to the regional tournament and each superintendent of a participating school district shall receive two passes to the regional tournament, be tabled. The motion was carried unanimously.

John Heber moved, seconded by Clyde Lassiter, that Proposal XX, setting up a plan for declaring K.H.S.A.A. football class champions, be tabled. The motion was lost. Charles Snyder moved, seconded by Alton D. Rudolph, that Proposal XX be adopted. The motion was lost.

Clyde Lassiter moved, seconded by T. T. Knight, that Proposal XXI, providing that the date limit for selecting opposing teams for Kentucky high school bowl games shall be October 31, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Roy Dorsey moved, seconded by Clyde Lassiter, that Proposal XXII, naming certain periods during which bands may play at basketball games, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Clyde Lassiter moved, seconded by Arthur Mullins, that Proposal XXIII, regarding the residence of a basketball official with respect to school teams for which he works, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Oran C. Teater moved, seconded by Clyde Lassiter, that Proposal XXIV, providing that regional basketball tournament games be played on a neutral floor, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Clyde Lassiter moved, seconded by Kenneth Kuhnert, that Proposal XXV, providing that an official must be rated among the top three in regional tournament selections in order to qualify for selection as a State Tournament official, be tabled. The motion was carried.

John Heber moved, seconded by Henry Ed Wright, that Proposal XXVI, providing that K.H.S.A.A. files or other material concerning schools or people involved in protests or hearings shall be open to any schools or individuals requesting said information, be adopted. Prin. Charles S. Combs, who had submitted the proposal, moved to amend the proposal by substituting "school officials" for "schools" and by deleting "individuals." The motion to amend was seconded by W. B. Sydnor and was carried. The amended motion was then put to a vote, and was lost.

Clyde Lassiter moved, seconded by Denzil J. Ramsey, that Proposal XXVII, providing that district, regional, and state basketball tournament trophies and awards be furnished by the K.H.S.A.A., be tabled. The motion was carried.

T. T. Knight offered the following motion: "Mr. Chairman: In light of the service that Lyman V. Ginger has made to this organization and others in the state, I move that the Kentucky High School Athletic Association go on record as endorsing him as a candidate for First Vice-President of the National Education Association." The motion was seconded by Herschel Roberts, and was carried unanimously.

After some announcements concerning spring sports had been made by Commissioner Sanford, Clyde Lassiter moved, seconded by R. C. Hinsdale, that the meeting adjourn. The motion was carried.

The dinner meeting of the Association was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Brown Hotel, at 6:00 P.M., with more than 300 delegates and other school officials present. Several singing and dancing acts were presented by members of the Jefferson County recreation group. The Flying Dutchman, Charlie Vettiner, introduced Bob Kirchdorfer, who had won the Game Guy Award the first time in 1949. He introduced the 1956 Game Guy, Eddie Ginter, of the Montgomery County High School. Dr. Henry H. Hill, President of George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee, gave the address of the evening. Dr. Hill's subject was "Athletics and Education: Rivals or Partners?" The speaker's talk was well received by the school men present, many of whom had been in his classes when he was on the College of Education faculty at the University of Kentucky.