Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Kentucky High School Athletic Association
1963

The forty-sixth annual meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held at the Kentucky Hotel, Louisville, on Thursday afternoon, April 18, 1963.

President K. G. Gillaspie called the meeting to order at 3:00, and asked the Commissioner to call the roll of delegates. Fifty-eight 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: George Whitecotton, D. 5; Jackie Day, D. 16; Roy Reynolds, D. 18; Eugene Clark, D. 40; Hillard Combs, D. 45; Preston Parrett, D. 46.

Brad Mutchler moved, seconded by Bowman Davenport that the minutes of the 1962 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 1962-63 school year. His report follows:

"Four hundred twenty-five schools joined the Association during 1962-63. This is one less than the number of schools enrolled in 1961-62. One hundred sixty-one schools had eleven-man football teams, and eleven played eight-man football. This is an increase of eight eleven-man teams over 1961-62.

"Financial reports filed by the sixteen regional basketball tournament managers show total receipts of $145,015.55. Receipts from the sixty-four district basketball tournaments amounted to $218,021.36. Receipts from ticket sales at the State Basketball Tournament including state tax, will approximate $168,000.00. Profit to the Association on the tournament will be close to $124,000.00. A complete record of all receipts and disbursements will appear in a subsequent issue of the Association magazine."
"Thirteen hundred nineteen basketball officials and 454 football officials registered with the Association in 1962-63. Nine football rules clinics were held under the direction of Edgar McNabb, and fifty-three football officials took the National Federation examination for the higher ratings. Of this number, eleven were added to the "certified" list, and there were twenty-two officials on the "approved" list. Charlie Vettiner, veteran trainer of officials, conducted fifteen basketball clinics, and held the School for Basketball Officials. Additional meetings and clinics were held by the regional representatives who continue to render a fine service to the officials and schools in their respective areas. Seventy-eight officials took the National Federation basketball examination with eighteen being added to the "certified" list and thirty-nine receiving the "approved" rating.

"One member school was suspended from the Association and three were placed on probation during the current school year. The schools placed on probation were considered guilty of violating K.H.S.A.A. By-Law 17, the Association's Sportsmanship Rule.

"The football playoffs, in their fourth season, continued to create interest in the sport. The Board of Control set up districts in four regions during 1962. Eight of the ten regions in the three classes will have districts in 1963.

"Eight regional cross country runs were held on October 27 for the purpose of qualifying teams and individuals for the state event, which was held in Lexington on November 10. Interest in this sport continues to increase.

"Ten schools sent entries to the Class A Section of the State Swimming meet, held in Lexington on February 23. Twelve schools sent entries to the Class B Section of the State Swimming Meet, held in Lexington on March 30. The second State Swimming Meet for Girls, held in conjunction with the Class B Meet for Boys, attracted entries from fifteen schools. Swimming is now probably the fastest growing sport sponsored by the K.H.S.A.A.

"The numbers of teams representing their schools in track and baseball appear to have leveled off. One hundred ninety-nine schools will send teams to the twelve regional track meets. Fifty district tournaments have been set up for baseball to accommodate the 306 teams which will enter the tournaments. There will be ninety-seven schools with golf teams, fifty-eight with boys' tennis teams, and thirty-seven with girls' tennis teams.

"Principals of eleven schools have indicated their interest in the Rifle Marksmanship Championship, scheduled to be held at M.M.I. April 27. Representatives of several schools have indicated an interest in wrestling, and it is probable that this sport will be sponsored by the Association in the near future.

"Working with the K.H.S.A.A., the School Health Committee of the Kentucky State Medical Association has conducted seven athletic injury convention conferences within the past year. In a summary report the committee stated that 40 per cent of those in
attendance were coaches, 40 per cent were students, 14 per cent were school officials, and 6 per cent were physicians. Although the attendance at some of the meetings was low, it was felt by all of those present at the clinics that much good was accomplished. It is hoped that the State Medical Association will find it possible to continue this service to Association member schools during 1963-64. Administrators and coaches are urged to give their assistance to this very worthwhile project.

"The excellent cooperation of numerous school men in the state, working with the Commissioner, the Assistant Commissioner, and the Board of Control has made possible the expanding program of the K.H.S.A.A. This assistance is appreciated very much."

The Commissioner announced that the 1962-63 M. J. Cavanaugh Swimming Achievement Award had been won for the second straight year by the Highlands High School.

President Gillaspie introduced to the Delegate Assembly Sherman Gish and Don Davis, recently elected to the Board of Control for a period of four years, beginning July 1, 1963, and representing Sections 2 and 5 respectively.

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

Harold Miller moved, seconded by Clinton B. Hammons, that Proposal I, providing that "twenty" and "twenty-six" be substituted for "twenty-four" and "thirty" respectively in the second sentence of By-Law 21, this change not to take effect until the beginning of the 1965-66 school year, be adopted. The vote was 33-29 in favor of the proposal, but this was not the necessary two-thirds vote required for amending the By-Law, and the motion was declared lost.

George Houston moved, seconded by James Caudill, that Proposal II, providing that all K.H.S.A.A. football, basketball, baseball, and track contests shall be played under the National Federation rules, be adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

John Heber moved, seconded by Roy N. Walters, that Proposal III, providing that "nineteenth" be substituted for "twentieth" in By-Law 4, this change to become effective at the beginning of the 1966-67 school year, be adopted. The motion failed to carry by a vote of 29-32.

Clinton B. Hammons moved, seconded by Paul Wright, that Proposal IV, providing that a basketball official shall not work a district or regional tournament in the district or region in which he resides, be adopted. The motion carried by a vote of 41-21, and the proposal was declared to be adopted.

There being no further business, President Gillaspie declared 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 679 delegates
and other school officials present. Recipient of the Game-Cuy Award was David Leon Wood of the Park City High School. The presentation of the award was made by K.H.S.A.A. Director Ralph C. Dorsey.

The address of the evening was given by Executive Secretary Sam Burke of the Georgia High School Association, who is currently President of the National Federation of State High School Associations. Mr. Burke spoke on the subject, "Some Problems in High School Athletics." He explained the purposes and functions of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations, after which he made a forceful presentation of the part which high school athletics is playing in modern education. He stated that several abuses in the field of high school sports have been detected from time to time in Georgia, and possibly in Kentucky and the other states; but that he was glad to point to certain things of which high school athletics are guilty which might be on the credit side of the ledger. He believed that these items of "guilt" in recent years were better sportsmanship, better coaching, better equipment and facilities, and higher requirements for eligibility. Mr. Burke said that surveys made in his state indicated that athletics paid their own way in most school systems, and that less school time was lost by athletes than by students representing their schools in other types of activities. He said that better public relations and more publicity concerning school athletic programs and the contributions which they make to school and community like should be a primary concern of school administrators and coaches.