

The fifty-third annual meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, on Thursday afternoon, April 16, 1970.

President Ralph C. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 2:30, and asked the Commissioner to call the roll. Sixty regularly elected delegates and alternates answered the roll call.

James A. Pursifull moved, seconded by O. C. Leathers, that the minutes of the 1969 meeting of the Assembly, which had been sent previously to all members 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 1969-70 school year. The report was as follows:

"Three hundred fifty-eight schools have joined the Association during the 1969-70 school year. This number compares with 362 members last year.

"Financial reports filed by the sixteen regional basketball tournament managers show total receipts of \$192,793.56. District receipts were \$278,740.16. These receipts were approximately the same as those of last year.

"Attendance at the State Basketball Tournament for the eight sessions was 129,934. This was somewhat lower than the attendance for 1969. However, receipts held up well, total ticket sales for 1970 being \$238,835.00. Profits to the Association should be the largest in history. These profits will almost completely underwrite the current K.H.S.A.A. budget. A complete record of all receipts and disbursements will appear in a subsequent issue of the Association magazine.

"Fifteen hundred fourteen basketball officials, 714 football officials, 475 baseball officials, and 23 wrestling officials have registered with the Association in 1969-70. Ten football rules clinics were held under the direction of Edgar McNabb, and 105 football officials took the National Federation examination for the higher ratings. Of this number, ten were added to the Certified list and there were fifty-seven officials on the Approved list. Assistant Commissioner Billy V. Wise conducted a school for basketball officials, the sixteen regional representatives involved later conducting clinics in their respective areas. Mr. Wise also conducted a school for baseball officials, with twenty-one men holding area clinics for umpires and coaches in the areas which they represented. One hundred sixty-four basketball officials took the examination for the higher ratings, with thirty-five being added to the Certified list and 117 receiving the Approved rating. In 1968-69, seventy baseball officials took the examination for the higher ratings. Of this number, twenty-five were Certified and thirty-seven were Approved.

"It has been necessary to suspend only one member school from the Association this year to date. Five schools have been placed on probation. Of the six schools, violation of K.H.S.A.A. By-Law 17, Practice of Sportsmanship, was involved in five of the cases.

"The number of schools maintaining sports sponsored by the Association are approximately the same as last year with the exception of girls' golf, boys' and girls' track, boys' tennis, and cross country teams, all of which show a slight increase. The 1969-70 figures are: boys' golf, 163; girls' golf, 44; boys' track, 217; girls' track, 132; boys' tennis, 86; girls' tennis, 60; boys' swimming, 40; girls' swimming, 31; boys' gymnastics, 21; girls' gymnastics, 23; wrestling, 45, baseball, 293; basketball, 343; football, 185; cross country, 118; rifle marksmanship, 10.

"If the expanding program of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association has been successful, one of the principal factors in this success is the continued cooperation, assistance, and constructive criticism of the administrators and coaches who represent our member schools. Your continued help is solicited."

President Dorsey presented to the Assembly newly elected Board members J. C. Cantrell and Roy L. Winchester, who will represent respectively Sections 3 and 4 for a four year period, beginning July 1, 1970.

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

L.L. McGinnis moved, seconded by Tom Hunt, that Proposal I, substituting units of credit for studies in By-Law 3, be adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

T. G. Florence moved, seconded by Arnold S. Oaken, that Proposal II, making it possible for units of credit, to be substituted for studies in By-Law 5-4, be adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Joe Ohr moved, seconded by James A. Pursifull, that Proposal III, providing that "September 1" be substituted for "October 1" in the first sentence of Article VII of the Constitution, be adopted. The motion was carried. There were three dissenting votes.

James A. Pursifull moved, seconded by J. M. Burkich, that Proposal IV, providing that a contestant becomes ineligible on his twentieth birthday, be tabled. The motion carried with no dissenting votes.

O. C. Leathers moved, seconded by Don Stephenson, that Proposal V, providing that "swimming" and "wrestling" be omitted from the last sentence of By-Law 8, be tabled. The motion carried by a vote of 33-17.

Pete Grigsby, Jr., moved, seconded by L. L. McGinnis, that he be allowed to present a proposal from the floor relative to a seeding plan to be used in district basketball tournaments. The Commissioner, in interpreting the rules of the K.H.S.A.A., explained that such a proposal could not be considered by the Delegate Assembly, which had authority only to consider changes in the Constitution and By-Laws. He stated that changes in tournament and meet regulations may be made only by the Board of Control.

James A. Pursifull moved, seconded by J. M. Burkich, that he be allowed to present from the floor a proposal relative to the required registration of

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baseball officials for regular season games. The Assembly, by a vote of 34-16, gave Mr. Pursifull this permission. He moved, seconded by Mr. Burkich, that "baseball" be deleted from By-Law 22 and By-Law 29-1. After a discussion of the proposal, the vote to adopt the proposal was taken. The proposal failed to carry by a vote of 10-39.

There being no further business, President Dorsey 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 some 500 school administrators and coaches present.

Recipient of the Game Guy Award was Rocky Roberts of the Bath County High School. Presentation of the award was made by W. H. Crowds.

The address of the evening was given by Dr. Harold A Meyer, Commissioner of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Dr. Meyer spoke on current problems of schools holding membership in high school athletic associations, and challenged the school men present to use their programs of athletics in solving some of these problems. His address was well received.