Minutes of the October Board Meeting

October 16, 1992

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg, Ky. on Friday, Oct. 16, 1992. The meeting was called to order by President Jack Portwood at 1 p.m. with all Board members present. Others present were Commissioner Billy Wise, Executive Asst. Comm. Louis Stout, Assistant Commissioners Bridg L. DeVries and Larry Boucher, Bus. Affairs Manager Julian Tackett, KHSAA Attorney Ken Jackson and Gary Faulkner, representing the State Department of Education. The Invocation was given by Ray Story.

Minutes of the following meetings were approved unanimously: Regular Meeting on July 24-25, 1992 - Frank Welch moved, Claudia Hicks second; Conference on 8/28/92 - Ray Story moved, Gene Brooks second; East Eligibility on 9/14/92 - Alvis Johnson moved, Arthur Jackson second; East Eligibility 9/24/92 - Alvis Johnson moved, Arthur Jackson second. Frank Cardwell made a motion, seconded by Frank Welch, that all bills of the Association for the period July 1 through Sept. 30, 1992, be accepted. The motion carried unanimously. Following a discussion of the Working Budget for the First Quarter, Stan Steidel moved to accept. Ray Story seconded. Passed unanimously.

The next items on the Agenda were the Appeals. Following presentations by the appellants, questions by the Board members and discussions thereof, the following actions were taken:

Shawn Woolam, Pineville H.S. - Voted 10-1 to waive By-Law 5, Sec. 3;
Clay County H.S. - Voted 11-1 to deny request to remove the girls’ basketball team from probation for 1992-93;

David Daukas, Caswood H.S. - Voted 6-6 to uphold By-Law 4, Sec. 1(b);

Patrick McCowan, Corbin H.S. - Voted 9-2 with 1 abstention to uphold By-Law 4, Sec. 1(b);

Owensboro H.S. appeal to deny eligibility to Peter Nichols and Phillip Moore at Apollo H.S. - Voted 6-5 (Talbott abstained) to uphold By-Law 6, and deny eligibility;

The Board then recessed for lunch.

Following the lunch break, Alvis Johnson moved, seconded by Stan Steidel, that the KHSAA Board of Control meet with the State Board of Education prior to its December meeting to discuss transfer cases. The motion passed. Mr. Johnson then left the meeting.

David Nunn, Valley H.S. - Voted 9-2 to waive By-Law 4 and By-Law 5;
Anthony Sharber, University Heights Academy - Voted 6-5 to uphold By-Law 6, Sec. 1(f);
Casey County H.S. - Voted unanimously to uphold By-Law 25, Sec. 4(5);
Male H.S. - Voted unanimously to uphold the probation of the football team for violations of By-Law 6, Sec. 3(b);
Owen County H.S. - Voted unanimously to uphold the participation of Walton Verona’s baseball team in District 32;
Ian Wallace - Conner H.S. - Voted 10-1 to waive By-Law 5, Sec. 3;
Ray Story made a motion to authorize Commissioner Wise to issue 1,150 complimentary tickets each for the boys’ and girls’ state basketball tournaments. Frank Cardwell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting was recessed until Saturday morning at 8 a.m.

October 17, 1992

President Portwood called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with all Board members present. Mr. Portwood welcomed Brooks Downing, the newly hired Sports Information Director, to the meeting.

The first item on the Agenda was a discussion of House Bill 750. The State Board of Education directed the KHSAA to adopt a proposal in the form of a by-law to present to the SBESE for approval regarding the implementation of House Bill 750. This by-law, if adopted by the SBESE, would prohibit athletes below grade 9 from participating in varsity level contact sports — football, soccer and wrestling. Following a lengthy discussion, Grant Talbott made a motion, seconded by Frank Cardwell that President Portwood appoint a committee to draft a position paper on HB750. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Portwood appointed the following persons to serve on this committee: members of KHSAA By-Laws Committee, Dr. Quin Bailey of the K.M.A., Randy Kimbrough of the State Department of Education and the KHSAA Staff.

Commissioner Wise then discussed a request he had received from the State Department of Education that a regulation be proposed for adoption as a KAR regarding the financial planning and rules and regulations as set forth in the KHSAA Handbook. Stan Steidel moved to adopt the request from the SBESE and to include the members of the KHSAA Board of Control. Grant Talbott seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Exec. Comm. Stout requested the following dates and sites be approved for the 1992 Soccer Tournaments: Girls - Semifinals on Thursday, Nov. 5 at Montgomery County H.S.; Finals on Saturday, November 14 at Woodford County H.S. at 6 p.m.; Boys - Semifinals on Thursday, Nov. 12 at Woodford County H.S.; Finals on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. at Woodford County H.S. Gene Brooks made a motion, seconded by Claudia Hicks that the above schedule be adopted.

Asst. Comm. Boucher gave a report on several items regarding the Officials Division; 1) assignments for the district and regional basketball tournaments to be presented at the December meeting; 2) black jackets for the officials; 3) status of the officials’ banquet, bags for state tournament officials in all sports, certificates and newsletter; 4) rain-out policy for cancellation of games.

Mr. Portwood then called on Lisa VonHalle, Mike Sullivan and John Huston, representatives of Miller, Mayer,
Sullivan & Stevens, to answer questions regarding the 1991-92 Audit Report. Mrs. Yoni-Halle pointed out that from July 1985 to June 1992, the KHSAA went from a $638,000 surplus to a $607,000 deficit, mostly due to the construction of the new facilities and the inability to use the proceeds from the sale of the previous headquarters. She also noted that the 1993 Budget indicates that the shortfall will be corrected if expenses are cut and revenue is increased as projected by Commissioner Wise and his staff. Mr. Sullivan pointed out that this was the first time his firm had been asked to meet with the Board to discuss the Audit Report. Mr. Portwood thanked them for coming.

Alvis Johnson made a motion that the president appoint a Budget/Audit Committee. Stan Steidel seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Stan Steidel moved to approve the 1991-92 audit as presented. Grant Talbott seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Anne W. Mays, office manager, reported that $35,181.7 in ticket sales has been received through this date for the Boys' State Basketball Tournament. Advanced ticket sales for the Girls' State Basketball Tournament has netted $25,216. Both figures are ahead of last year's receipts for the same period. A report of cash balances in all checking accounts was given.

Mr. Cardwell, Chairman of the All-Sports Committee, advised the Board that the committee is studying golf realignment and cross country and track proposals. He also stated that a girls' soccer survey is to mailed in January. The committee had no items for action.

Ray Story, Chairman of the Football Committee, recommended that the following items be approved:

1) That officials for the third round of the football playoffs be approved;
2) McCreary Central be eligible to play in district playoff competition in 1995 and 1996;
3) Pike County Central's request to be placed in Class AA, Region IV, District 2 pending enrollment verification;
4) Boyd County's re-classification to AAA, III, 2; Breathitt County's re-classification to AA, III, 2; Glasgow's re-classification to A, II, 1; Marion County's re-classification to AA, II, 2.

All of the above requests are pending enrollment verification. Mr. Story made a motion that the Football Committee's recommendations be adopted. Arthur Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Following further discussion of the football re-alignment, Frank Cardwell made a motion, seconded by Stan Steidel, that the Association look at the enrollment figures for football schools every two years and allow the Commissioner to raise/lower the classification and eliminate the 10% provisions to become effective for the 1994-95 school year.

S.D. Brooks Downing gave a report on his current projects: FB stats and notes to the media; assisting the coaches with the all-state teams; State Record Book; "Be A Sports Campaign" through the National Federation; Boys' and Girls' State Golf Tournaments; State Volleyball Tournament Program and the Officials' Newsletter.

Commissioner Wise submitted the following amendments to the By-Laws for approval to send to the State Department of Education: By-Law 4, Enrollment; By-Law 6, Transfer Rule; By-Law 8, Contestant on Other Teams; By-Law 10, Recruitment; By-Law 11, Permanent Ineligibility; By-Law 23, Forfeits; By-Law 25, Limitation of Seasons; By-Law 28, Physician's Certificate and Parent's Consent; By-Law 31, Liability to Suspended School; By-Law 33, By-Laws Not Applying to Certain Schools. Ray Story moved, seconded by Gene Brooks, that the Board authorize the Commissioner to submit these By-Laws to the State Department of Education. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wise reported on the National Federation Section 11 Meeting in Annapolis. Items of discussion were eligibility, transfers, coach's certification and gender equity. He also reported on the status of TARGET, litigation against Partners in Protection, and the Be A Sport Campaign.

Commissioner Wise next responded to a list of Board concerns and requests and a letter received from an attorney desiring to work with the KHSAA.

Mr. Steidel suggested that the Board look for a more efficient manner in which to handle the appeals. Mr. Johnson made a motion that the East and West Eligibility Committees hear appeals monthly if there are cases to be heard. James Sexton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Dec. 4, 1992, at the Executive Inn in Louisville for the purpose of hearing appeals. The regular meeting will be on December 5, 1992, at 8 a.m.

Several miscellaneous items were presented by the Board members for discussion, however none of them required any action. There being no further business, Mr. Story moved to adjourn. Grant Talbott seconded.