March 24, 1995

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Holiday Inn Capital Plaza in Frankfort on Friday, March 24, 1995. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Frank Cardwell with all Board members present except Bill Beasley and Wendell Thomas. Also present were Commissioner Louis Stout, Exec. Asst. Comm. Bridget DeVries, Asst. Comm. Larry Boucher, Bus. Mgr. Julian Tackett, Ken Tippett, Adm. Secretary Anne W. May, Board Attorney Danny Reeves and Randy Kimbrough was present from the State Department of Education.

Frank Welch made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Jan. 19-20, 1995 Board meeting. Ozz Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Bob Rogers made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Teleconference held on Jan. 31, 1995. Grant Talbott seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Claudia Hicks moved to approve the East Eligibility Committee Meeting held on March 6, 1995. Teresa Isaac seconded the motion passed unanimously.

The March 13, 1995, minutes of the Appeals Hearings were not available for consideration.

Ozz Jackson made a motion to approve the charges of the Association for the period beginning Jan. 1 and ending Feb. 28, 1995. Frank Welch seconded the motion which passed unanimously. A discussion ensued regarding the 1994-95 Working Budget as of Feb. 28, 1995. Following comments and a report on anticipated boys' basketball tournament receipts, Teresa Isaac made a motion to accept the Budget Report. Tom Bryant seconded the motion which passed.

Commissioner Stout presented a recommendation to the Board that Frankfort be the site of the 1995 State Wrestling Tournament. He cited several advantages to moving the tournament from Louisville to the Fairview Dodge City Center. Stan Steidell made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Commissioner. Tom Bryant seconded the motion which passed 13-1.

President Cardwell then called on Mr. Tackett for the next item on the Agenda concerning bid solicitation for 1997-2000 Girls' State Basketball Tournament sites and Association insurance, i.e., liability, catastrophic and secondary medical. Stan Steidell made a motion to grant authorization to KHSAA staff to solicit bids and submit to the Board for review at the May Board meeting. Kathy Hopper seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Boucher presented the proposed 1995-96 Soccer alignment for the Board's comments and approval. Following questions and comments and some concerns expressed by the Board, Claudia Hicks made a motion that the Board accept the Commissioner's recommendation as submitted. Cookie Henson seconded the motion which passed 11-3.

Commissioner Stout discussed a proposal he received from Christian County High School to allow schools to play slow pitch softball in the fall and fast pitch softball in the spring. It was his recommendation that this proposal be tabled until after the current season in order that an assessment could be made. Teresa Isaac moved to accept the Commissioner's recommendation. Tasso Harris seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed three proposals to Bylaw 27, Requirements for Coaches, submitted by Principal Perry Sangalli of St. Xavier High School. One of the main objections to Proposal II was the deletion of 64 hrs. of college credit. Following a lengthy discussion, Stan Steidell then made a motion that the Board adopt Proposal I but ask the Coaches Certification Committee to meet with Commissioner Stout and Randy Kimbrough to consider how to implement for approval to the State Board of Education. Tasso Harris seconded the motion. Following further discussion and questions, Mr. Steidell and Mr. Harris withdrew their motion and second. Mr. Steidell then made a motion that the Commissioner's Office send a letter along with a copy of Proposal I to schools for their input before the Board's adoption of Proposal I. Teresa Isaac seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Tasso Harris then inquired about the participation at the Fan Jam during the Boys' Basketball Tournament. Reports indicated good comments and nearly 750 tickets sold, and that presently, the contract was for one year only.

Reba Woodall and Frank Miklavic, members of the Kentucky Track and Cross Country Coaches Association, then appeared before the Board with two proposals: 1) recognize Indoor Track & Field as a KHSAA sanctioned sport; 2) change the date of Regional Track Meet to May 27 to avoid a two-week period between the Regional and State Meets. Following discussion, Claudia Hicks made a motion that the '95 season remain unchanged and accept the Commissioner's recommendation to submit the proposals to the State Track & Field Committee for 1996 recommendation. Kathy Hopper seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 12-2.

No action was taken on changing the starting date of the Football season for 1996.

Commissioner Stout announced the results of the recent election for new Board of Control members.

Femalce Representation Sections 5-8:
  Kathy Johnston, Bourbon County High School - 40 votes
  Sharon Garland, South Laurel High School - 26 votes
  Lucy Moore, Rowan County Schools - 21 votes
  Maria Kelsch, Monticello High School - 13 votes

Regions 9 & 10:
  Stan Steidell, Dayton High School - 32 votes (Uncontested)
  Regions 3 & 4:
  Frank Cardwell, Franklin Simpson High School - 24 votes (Uncontested)

Miscellaneous items discussed were: 1) Ky. Dept. of Education enrollment report; 2) earlier delivery of the basketball tournament balls to the regional sites to allow more practice time; 3) publish summary of the Board actions in the Commissioner's Notes; 4) earlier starting seasons for soccer and volleyball; 5) addition of item to Bylaw 6, Transfer Rule. No action was taken on the above items.

Tasso Harris made a motion that the Hall of Fame Committee Meeting scheduled for April 21 be moved to May 10 to coincide with the next regular meeting of the Board which is scheduled for May 11-12. Stan Steidell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Teresa Isaac then moved for Executive Session to discuss legal matters. Bob Rogers seconded the motion which passed. Stan Steidell made a motion, seconded by Tasso Harris, to return to Open Session. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Stan Steidell made a motion that the Board send to the State Board the original Proposal to Bylaw 40, Girls' Basketball Tournament, Girls' Fast Pitch Softball. Steidell made his initial proposal before the Board and now would like to change what was passed by the Delegate Assembly back to his original proposal. The two proposals are nearly the same other than the Delegate Assembly proposal — requiring the hiring of a coach.
first – is in violation of the State Constitution. Based on this, he made a recommendation that the Board send to the State Board our approval of the following which was a change in the interpretation of Bylaw 40:

To qualify as having "sponsoring" a sport, a school must be able to demonstrate the following:

1) If similar versions of a particular sport exist and there are differences in the scholarship opportunities at the NCAA level in that sport, a survey must be taken of the student population at reasonable times and places to determine the level of interest in the sport(s).

2) If said survey reveals sufficient interest to field the normal squad required for play in the particular sport and if any version of the sport is to be played, the school shall make facilities, staff and other allowances to properly field a team in the version of the sport for which the NCAA members offer scholarships.

Q/A - Are schools required to sponsor fast pitch softball if that school offers slow pitch? Yes. Schools are required to be able to demonstrate through the criteria in Bylaw 40 that all efforts have been made to "sponsor" the sport.

Q/A 2 - Can schools play slow pitch softball without playing fast? Yes, but only if school representatives can demonstrate that the requirements for "sponsoring" the sport have been met according to the bylaw and insufficient interest is obtained from the student population.

Rationale - This change would clarify the intent of the legislation which directed the State Board through the KHSAA to promulgate administrative regulations to enforce the law. This is also consistent with other "sponsoring" implications in similar policies of the KHSAA.

Tasso Harris seconded the motion which passed 9-5.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ozz Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Ken Cox seconded the motion which passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.