BOARDS OF CONTROL MINUTES

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at 8:30 a.m. at the KHSAA Office Building in Lexington on Friday, May 16, 1997. All Board members were present with the exception of Teresa Isaac. Others present were Commissioner Louis Stout, Exec. Asst. Bridg DeVries, Asst. Commissioners Larry Boucher and Julian Tackett, SID Butch Cope, Ken Tippett and Anne Wesley Mays. Mr. Ernie Tocague was present representing the Ky. Dept. of Education.

President Bob Rogers called the meeting to order and asked Roland Williams to pronounce the Invocation.

The first item on the Agenda was a Denovo Hearing requested by Mr. Johnny Harris on behalf of Ryan Neal Burchett, Lawrence County High School, and approved by Mr. Rogers. Upon Mr. Harris’ request, Stan Steidel made a motion, seconded by Cookie Henson, that the Board go into Closed Session. The motion passed unanimously.

Following testimony by Mr. Harris, Ryan Burchett and his father, Neal Burchett, Bill Beasley made a motion, seconded by Gary Kidwell, to return to Open Session. Tasso Harris then made a motion to set aside the recommendation of the KHSAA Hearing Officer and grant an additional semester of eligibility to Ryan Burchett for the 1997-98 school year. Tom Bryant seconded the motion which passed 14-1. The Board made the following Findings of Fact in support of its decision: 1) Ryan Burchett has been enrolled in high school for eight semesters; 2) Ryan Burchett suffered a serious injury on September 13, 1996, and was unable to attend school; 3) Ryan was unable to take Advanced Placement Calculus and AP English, in which he was enrolled, on Homebound instruction or during summer school.

Mr. Rogers reminded Board members of the following items: 1) the Board meeting was being taped; 2) No proxy votes or absentee ballots accepted at the Hall of Fame Selection Committee Meeting. If anyone could not be in attendance, only written recommendations would be considered.

Cookie Henson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 1997 meeting. Gary Kidwell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Frank Cardwell made a motion, seconded by Cookie Henson, to approve bills from March 1 to April 30, 1997. Motion passed unanimously.

President Rogers called for Committee reports.

Fall Sports Committee
Kathy Johnston, Chairperson, made a motion that the Board approve the following report:
1) Recommend that Georgetown College serve as the host site for the 1997 State Soccer Tournament, and Marshall County High School as the site for the 1998 Tournament. Bill Beasley seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Note: The Board asked staff to send a letter of appreciation to Woodford County thanking them for hosting the State Soccer Tournament during the past several years.
2) Confirm the remaining fall sports sites: Volleyball - Bellarmine College; Cross Country - Kentucky Horse Park; Boys’ Golf - Arlington Golf Course, Richmond; Girls’ Golf - Gibson Bay Golf Course, Richmond. Roland Williams seconded the motion which passed.
3) Approve a request to split Region III into two regions in Girls’ Golf to ensure that the boys’ and girls’ schools be in the same relative regions for the two that are affected.
4) Approve the Cross Country alignment as presented. Tom Bryant seconded the motion, which passed.

The next items on the Agenda were consideration of the Hearing Officer’s Reports for March.

Roland Williams made a motion, seconded by Tom Bryant, to set aside the Hearing Officer’s Recommendation on Appeal #230 heard on March 17. The motion to set aside this appeal passed unanimously. In support of its decision, the Board found by reason of the nature of Bylaw 3, Age, there must be a positive and inflexible cut-off date. They also found nothing in the record which would justify an exception to this bylaw.

Stan Steidel made a motion, seconded by Tasso Harris, to set aside the Hearing Officer’s Recommendation on Appeals #233 and 234 heard on March 17. The motion to set aside these appeals passed 11-2 with 2 abstentions. In support of its decision, the Board found that there had been no bona fide change of residence by the parents and that neither Luanne Porter nor Amber Bastin qualified for a waiver in these cases.

Tasso Harris made a motion, seconded by Darrell Treece, that the Hearing Officer’s Recommendation be upheld on Appeal #232 heard March 17. The motion passed unanimously.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee
Betsy Grover gave the report in the absence of Teresa Isaac.
1) Based on survey of membership, no change is recommended to Bylaw 34 “Summer Dead Period” for 1997. The Committee will review the bylaw at the October meeting.
2) Request that staff bring to the July meeting a list of the US Territories to determine what constitutes a Domestic/Foreign Exchange Student.
3) Consider the Commissioner’s recommendation for a change to Bylaw 6 at the July meeting.

Mr. Rogers requested staff to secure a letter from Mr. Kevin Noland, KDE, on the procedure to add, delete or change wording in the Due Process Procedure relative to the Hearing Officer’s recommendation.

Football Committee
Tasso Harris, Chairperson, gave the following report:
1) Spring Football Practice may be held 10 days out of a three-week period following the elimination of the boys’ and/or girls’ basketball team from post-season play. Note: Mr. Rogers asked staff to send note to the Superintendents advising them that spring football practice was initiated by the Football Coaches Association and that the KHSAA does not encourage increasing coaches salaries to conduct same.

Basketball Committee
Ken Cox, Chairperson, gave the following report:
1) Committee heard report from Mr. Boucher outlining the 1997-98 rule changes.
2) Discussed a state tournament seeding plan, but took no action.
3) Discussed a site selection plan for hosting regional tournaments, but no action was taken.
4) Committee heard report from Mr. Tackett advising them of future corresponding dates which will affect the 1999-2000 basketball season.
Audit & Finance Committee
Stan Steidel, Chairperson, gave the following report:
1) Heard report from Ms. DeVries and Mr. Tackett regarding sales of officials’ supplies.
2) Requested staff to prepare a radio rights proposal for the boys’ state basketball tournament for future consideration.
3) Recommend for Board approval the awarding of the contract for printing for the next three years with an option for two additional years to Kentucky Printing, Richmond. Bill Beasley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
4) Recommend for Board approval the awarding of the contract for nobilities for the next three years with an option for two additional years to JCS Enterprises, Inc., Lexington. Frank Cardwell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
5) Recommend for Board approval the awarding of the contract for trophies and medals for the next three years with an option for two additional years to Conference Medal & Trophy Co., Pocasset, MA. Tom Bryant seconded the motion which passed.
6) Recommend for Board approval the draft of the 1997-98 Working Budget as presented and the status report for 1998-97. Ken Cox seconded the motion which passed.

Executive Committee
Bob Rogers, Chairperson, gave the following report:
1) Recommend for Board approval actual mileage allowance at $20/mile for football officials’ post season travel up to two (2) vehicles and actual mileage allowance at $20/mile for all other officials’ post season travel up to one (1) vehicle. The mileage figure shall be provided by the staff person keeping the assignments. Betsy Glover seconded the motion which passed 14-1. (Roland Williams abstained from voting due to his being a KHSAA registered official.)
2) Accept the Commissioner’s recommendation that staff receive a 3% increase in salaries plus some adjustments. Bill Beasley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Election of 1997-98 Officers:
Frank Cardwell nominated Ken Cox for President. Eddie Saylor seconded the nomination. Bill Beasley moved nominations cease and Mr. Cox be elected by acclamation. Motion passed. Tom Bryant nominated Stan Steidel for Vice President. Cookie Henson seconded the nomination. Frank Cardwell moved nominations cease and Mr. Steidel be elected by acclamation. Motion passed.

The Board accepted the following schedule of dates for the 1997-98 Board of Control Meetings:
July 17-19, 1997 KHSAA Offices, Lexington
September 25-27, 1997 KHSAA Offices, Lexington
November 18-20, 1997 KHSAA Offices, Lexington
January 21, 1998 Annual Meeting, Lexington
January 22-24, 1998 KHSAA Offices, Lexington
March 12-14, 1998 Best Western Motel, Richmond (Site subject to change)
May 19-21, 1998 KHSAA Offices, Lexington

Spring Sports Committee
1) In response to the recent survey, the committee recommends that the proposal to add an additional qualifier to the State Track Meet be given consideration after the 1997 State Meet where the time standards can be evaluated.
2) Consider the proposed track realignment at the July meeting.
3) Consider Lewis County’s placement in all spring sports at the July meeting.

The following information was sent to the Board for their information: 1) Eligibility Rulings from March 1 to April 30; 2) Response to request for Attorney General’s opinion regarding paraprofessional coaches; 3) Sweet 16 Committee Meeting Minutes; 4) Financial Reports for the Boys’ and Girls’ District, Region and State Basketball Tournaments; 5) KDE Staff Note regarding KHSAA Status; 6) Summary of Officials Registration for 1996-97; 7) Final Report on the Current Issues Survey of State High School Associations; 8) Summary of Title IX Compliance Updated Information.

A discussion then ensued with regard to smoking at KHSAA State Events. The Board went on record to endorse a “No Smoking” policy; however since the events were held on properties which did not belong to the KHSAA, it would have no jurisdiction over the matter. It was agreed that the KHSAA adhere to the state law and policies of the proprietors.

The following miscellaneous items were brought to the attention of all by Board members and staff: 1) The next meeting will be held on July 17-19, 1997, in Lexington; 2) Members thanked Mr. Rogers for the job he did as President and congratulated Mr. Cox and Mr. Steidel as leaders for the 1997-98 year; 3) Mr. Cox and Mr. Steidel thanked the Board for their support; 4) Mr. Bryant expressed his concern about schools which have coaching vacancies but no teaching positions; 5) Mr. Tippett advised that 100 people attended the Wallace’s Bookstores/KHSAA Sportsmanship Banquet which honored 32 boys and girls regional winners. The first state-wide winners of the $2500.00 scholarships were Mary Morgan, Williamsburg High School and Johnston Boyd, Trigg County High School; 5) Mr. Stout reported that Judge Barker will be back on Monday to hear eligibility appeals. He also advised the Board that a special meeting will be called in early June to hear the Warren Central High School appeal.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Frank Cardwell made a motion to adjourn. Bill Beasley seconded the motion which passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.