The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the University Plaza Hotel, Bowling Green, Kentucky, on Friday, March 19, 1999. President Stan Steidel called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. All Board members, with the exception of Bill Beasley and Lois Adams-Rodgers were present in addition to Commissioner Louis Stout, Exec. Comm. Brigid DeVries, Asst. Comm. Larry Boucher and Julian Tackett, Ken Tippett, Anne W. Mays and Kevin Mason, representing the State Dept. of Education.

Gary Kidwell made a motion, seconded by Betsy Glover that the minutes of the January 15, 1999, meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Betsy Glover made a motion, seconded by Wendell Thomas, that the bills of the Association for the period January 1 through February 28, 1998, be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The next items on the Agenda were the Committee Reports:

Audit & Finance Committee - Stan Steidel, Chairperson, recommended that the Board continue consideration of a staff salary schedule by proceeding with the concept. The Board will receive information prior to the special meeting in April. Roland Williams seconded the recommendation, which passed. He advised the Board that the National Federation Staff Salary Schedule will be distributed at the April meeting. Mr. Steidel also recommended on behalf of the Committee that the Board concur with staff recommendation to approve a payment on the building loan in the amount of $529,000.00 rather than invest the money in a low risk fund as is the current Board policy. He also recommended on behalf of the Committee that any surplus be placed in the payment reserve. Bob Rogers seconded the recommendation, which passed.

Executive Committee - Stan Steidel, Chairperson, presented the following items: 1) The Hearing Officer contract and the Dawahare contract is to be presented at the May meeting; 2) The Board requests that a clarification of the 3-person official proposal be made; 3) Requests that a clarification of the Evaluation of Officials be made. No recommendations were made by the Executive Committee.

Title IX Committee - Ken Cox, Chairperson, gave an update on the mailing which was sent to all schools. No recommendations were made by the Title IX Committee.

Spring Sports Committee - Roland Williams recommended the following items for Board approval: 1) add Girls Pole Vault to Track for the 2000 season. Betsy Glover seconded the motion which passed 13-1; 2) add Boys 800 Relay to Track for the 2000 season. Betsy Glover seconded the motion which passed unanimously; 3) require pole vault training for all pole vault coaches as soon as feasible. Betsy Glover seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Football Committee - Eddie Saylor, Chairperson, noted the following items: 1) Passing league and non contact restrictions be reiterated to the schools; 2) The camp regulation during the practice period be clarified for the membership and published again with emphasis on the insurance issue.

Fall & Winter Sports Committee - Kathy Johnston, Chairperson, recommended that 1) Girls Cross Country distance be increased from 4000 to 5000 meters for the 1999 season. James Sexton seconded the motion which passed; 2) Require attendance of coaches and officials every two years at a Cross Country Clinic as with Track. Betsy Glover seconded the motion which passed unanimously; 3) Consider the Volleyball alignment for 1999-2000 at the May meeting due to the fact new schools are constantly be added. It was also recommended that additional training be provided due to an increase in the number of volleyball officials.

Following the second reading of a referendum on Bylaw 8, Transfer Rule and Bylaw 30, Penalty, Betsy Glover made a motion, seconded by Tom Bryant, that the referendum be sent to the schools. The motion passed. In addition, and following the second reading of a referendum on Bylaw 34, Summer Dead Period, Betsy Glover made a motion, seconded by Tom Bryant, that this referendum be sent to the schools. The motion passed.

The following items were distributed for the Board’s information:

1) Eligibility rulings from January 1 to February 28, 1999; 2) Budget report from July 1, 1998 to February 28, 1999; and 3) Montgomery County's response to a letter from the KHSAA of January 25 regarding alleged recruitment. It was noted that these items of information listed on the Agenda—Host USA Contract, Host letter concerning merger and Wolfe County's response requested by the Board—will be submitted at the April or May meeting.

Mr. Rogers introduced representatives of Paducah Tilghman High School who had requested to appear before the Board. Principal Gerald Ellington along with Cynthia Maddox and Juliette Grumley, Spokespersons for Paducah Tilghman High School were present. Ms. Grumley addressed the Board regarding the official's selection process for the Sweet 16 Basketball Tournaments and specific requests regarding one of the officials of the Boys' Tournament. Following her presentation, Eddie Saylor made a motion, seconded by Betsy Glover, to go into Executive Session. The motion passed. A motion was then made and seconded to return to Open Session. The motion passed. No action was taken in Executive Session.

Items of discussion by the Board and Staff included a welcome to Mr. Heath; track officials' fee schedule recommendation to be presented at the May meeting; a request for scholarships and awards to be presented at a time other than after the finals of the basketball games; a request for guests at the tournaments to be seated in a prominent area; whether to allow logos to be worn on athletes' uniforms.

Mr. Stout announced with exuberance that tentative attendance figures at the Boys Basketball Tournament indicate 124,036. Ticket Sales were approximately $1,019,832. He also announced that sponsors made it possible for 2000 middle and junior high students to view the final game in the upper arena and thanked Mr. Tippett for coordinating the prizes which were given away.

Mr. Steidel announced the Board would meet in special session in April. The date was to be set within the next day or two. There being no further business to come before the Board, President Steidel adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.