

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Arkansas Activities Association Board of Directors Thursday, March 7, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Arkansas Activities Association met on Thursday, March 7, 2013, at the North Little Rock Wyndham Hotel at 12:00 p.m. with President Joe Couch presiding. Other board members present were:

Bobby Acklin, North Little Rock	Nathan Gills, Glen Rose	Suzanne Bailey, Lonoke
Howard Morris, Riverview	Gary Hines, Emerson-Taylor	Bryan Law, Farmington
Rick McLaughlin, HS Lakeside	Jim Loyd, Two Rivers	Kelvin Gragg, Dermott
Max Adcock, Mineral Springs	Albert Murphy, Genoa Central	Thomas Gathen, McGehee
John Ciesla, Greenwood	Jerry Newton, Poyen	Steve Green, Cave City
Carl Easley, Wynne	Micky Pierce, East Poinsett Co.	
Absent: Wesley Berry, West Memphis		

Present from the AAA staff were Lance Taylor, Don Brodell, Joey Walters, Nick Lasker, Wadie Moore, Amber Balboa, and Annette Savage. Also present was Joe Mallett, the ANSAA representative to the board.

MINUTES – The minutes of the January 10-11, 2013, board meeting were unanimously approved as provided. (Motion: Loyd/Pierce, 18-0)

FINANCIAL REPORT – The board unanimously approved the February 2013 financial report as presented. (Motion: Murphy/Acklin, 18-0)

BASKETBALL REVIEW – Joey Walters presented an overview of the regional and state basketball tournaments and provided information regarding the upcoming finals for all classifications.

SPORTS MEDICINE – Joey Walters updated the board on the work of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. The focus across the country now is preventing concussion in athletes including a push to enact legislation concerning concussions.

ACTIVITY DISTRICT MEETINGS – A schedule of dates and locations for the April Activity District meetings was provided.

SPRING SURVEY – The board reviewed three issues for the Spring Survey and approved them to be included. (Motion: Murphy/Gills, 18-0)

SUMMER WORKSHOP INFORMATION – Board members were provided forms for information regarding Summer Workshop to be held June 4-6, 2013.

7A/6A CONFERENCE ASSIGNMENT 2014-16 BALLOT – Lance Taylor reported that the 7A/6A Conference Assignments proposed by the 7A/6A Reclassification Committee and voted on by the 7A/6A principals in a special ballot passed 26-7.

ALL STAR UPDATE – Joey Walters reported that All-Star Week is June 17-21, 2013. All activities have been moved back a day so that athletes do not report to camp until Monday of All-Star Week.

STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS – The board authorized the AAA staff to secure sites for those events having no bids. (Motion: Gragg/Murphy, 18-0) The board unanimously approved accepting all single bids. (Motion: Loyd/Morris, 18-0)

The state golf tournaments having multiple bids were accepted as follows: **5A BOYS** – White Hall. (Motion: Easley/Gragg, 18-0) **3A BOYS** – Danville. (Motion: Loyd/Morris, 17-1) Opposed Joe Couch **1A BOYS** – IZARD County. (Motion: Pierce/Gragg, 18-0)) **5A GIRLS** – Lakeside (Motion: Gragg/Acklin, 18-0) **1A GIRLS** – IZARD County (Motion: Green/Gills, 18-0)

CORPORATE SPONSOR UPDATE – Wadie Moore updated the board with information on corporate sponsorships including the United States Marine Corps which co-sponsors state wrestling and TIPS/TAPS that is sponsoring the administrators golf tournament.

PUBLIC/NON-PUBLIC COMMITTEE REPORT – Lance Taylor reported that the Public/Non-Public School Committee has had a positive effect on the relationship between public and non-public schools. The main concern of that committee now is athlete safety in football.

AAA HANDBOOK COMMITTEE – The board unanimously approved the formation of a committee to review the current AAA Handbook. (Motion: Acklin/Gathen, 18-0)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President/Chair

Secretary

Date