

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Arkansas Activities Association Board of Directors Thursday, March 8, 2012

The Board of Directors of the Arkansas Activities Association met on Thursday, March 8, 2012, at the Hot Springs Convention Center at 12:00 p.m. with President Wesley Berry presiding. Other board members present were:

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| Bobby Acklin, North Little Rock | Rick McLaughlin, HS Lakeside | Jim Loyd, Paris |
| Max Adcock, Mineral Springs | Howard Morris, Riverview | Albert Murphy, Genoa Central |
| Joe Couch, Bergman | Micky Pierce, East Poinsett County | Jerry Newton, Poyen |
| Andrew Tolbert, Warren | Fred Walker, IZARD Co. Consolidated | Carl Easley, Wynne |
| Nathan Gills, Glen Rose | John Ciesla, Greenwood | |
| Alfred Hogan, Marion | Gary Hines, Emerson-Taylor | |
| Absent were Suzanne Bailey and Dr. Frank Holman | | |

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

MINUTES – The minutes of the January 12-13, 2012, board meeting were unanimously approved as provided. (Motion: Hogan/Tolbert, 17-0)

FINANCIAL REPORT – The board unanimously approved the February 2012 financial report as presented. (Motion: Adcock/Walker, 17-0)

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 presented a report from the Sports Medicine Committee concerning a Return to Play protocol that will be put in place for the 2012-13 school year. He also reported on the MRSA course and the Heat Illness course.

HOME SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING – The board unanimously voted to place the home school participation guidelines on the Spring Survey. (Motion: Gills/Morris, 17-0)

- A home-schooled student's eligibility (7-12 grades) for interscholastic activities shall only be in the public school district of the parent's domicile.
- A public school district may permit a home-schooled student to participate in interscholastic activities if the parent of the student notifies the superintendent of the school providing the interscholastic activity in writing of the student's request to participate in the interscholastic activity by July 1st.
- The superintendent of the school providing the interscholastic activity in the public school district of the parent's domicile shall approve or deny the written request within thirty (30) days of receiving the request and any information and documentation requested by the superintendent.
- The decision of the superintendent of the school providing the interscholastic activity in the public school district of the parent's domicile is final and may not be appealed to the AAA office.
- If a home-schooled student's written request to participate in the interscholastic activity is approved then the student shall:
 - Be enrolled in and regularly attending at least one course per day.

- Meet the tryout criteria for participation in the interscholastic activity that apply to students enrolled in the public school district of the parent's domicile.
- Meet all AAA rules with the exception of the Bona Fide Student Rule for participation in the interscholastic activity that apply to students enrolled in the public school district of the parent's domicile, including standards of behavior and codes of conduct.
- Demonstrate educational progress by scoring average or better on each area of the appropriate grade level assessment determined by the AAA Board of Directors (mathematics, English, science, and social studies) at the end of each semester to be eligible the next semester.

Note: Approved assessment for 2012-13 is the SAT-10.

- Comply with all practice times.
 - Complete any required permissions slips, waivers, physical exams and drug testing.
 - Pay any participation or activity fee equal to the fee charged to students enrolled in the public school district who participate in the interscholastic activity.
 - Ride to and from interscholastic activity events on a school bus if that is the policy of the public school district.
- A student who has been a bona fide student in an Arkansas Activities Association member school and withdraws from the school to be home-schooled shall not participate in an interscholastic activity in a public school district of the parent's domicile for a minimum of one (1) year after the student withdraws.
 - A home-schooled student is not guaranteed participation in an interscholastic activity, only the opportunity to try out for an interscholastic activity.
 - For non-athletic competitive activities, the home-schooled student must meet all the academic and co-curricular requirements of the class.

SPRING SURVEY – The board reviewed two possible questions for the Spring Survey and approved them to be included. (Motion: Murphy/Gills, 17-0)

A schedule of dates and locations for the April Activity District meetings was provided.

SUMMER WORKSHOP INFORMATION – Board members were provided forms for information regarding summer workshop to be held June 5-7, 2012.

VOLLEYBALL CONFERENCES – The board unanimously approved the amended 2012-2014 volleyball conferences. (Motion: Acklin/Tolbert, 17-0)



2012-2014 VOLLEYBALL CONFERENCES BY CLASSIFICATION

CLASS 7A & 6A VOLLEYBALL

7A/6A WEST

Bentonville
Fayetteville
Har-Ber (Springdale)
Heritage (Rogers)
Rogers
Siloam Springs
Springdale
Van Buren

7A/6A CENTRAL

Conway
Greenwood
Hall (LR)
Mount St. Mary's
Northside (FS)
Parkview (LR)
Russellville
Southside (FS)

CLASS 7A & 6A VOLLEYBALL

7A/6A EAST

Cabot
Central (LR)
Jonesboro
Marion
Mountain Home
North Little Rock
Searcy
West Memphis

7A/6A SOUTH

Benton
Bryant
El Dorado
JA Fair
Lake Hamilton
Sheridan
Texarkana

CLASS 5A VOLLEYBALL

5A WEST

Alma
Clarksville
Greenbrier
Harrison
Huntsville
Morrilton
Shiloh Christian
Vilonia

5A EAST

Batesville
Beebe
Blytheville
Forrest City
Greene Co. Tech
Nettleton
Paragould
Wynne

5A SOUTH

Camden Fairview
Hot Springs
Lakeside (HS)
Magnolia
White Hall

5A CENTRAL

Jacksonville
LR Christian
McClellan
Mills Univ. Studies
North Pulaski
Pulaski Academy
Sylvan Hills
West Helena

CLASS 4A VOLLEYBALL

4A NORTHWEST

Berryville
Farmington
Gentry
Gravette
Lincoln
Pea Ridge
Prairie Grove

4A NORTHEAST

Brookland
Cave City
Highland
Newport
Pocahontas
Trumann
Valley View
Westside, Jonesboro

4A WEST

Arkadelphia
Ashdown
Booneville
Malvern
Mena
Waldron

4A CENTRAL

Central Ark Christian
Clinton
Heber Springs (*Tentative*)
Lee County
Lonoke
Maumelle
Robinson
Southside, Batesville

CLASS 3A VOLLEYBALL

3A WEST

Lavaca
Mansfield
Mulberry
Paris
Union Christian
West Fork

3A NORTHEAST

Bay
Cedar Ridge
Crowley's Ridge
Harrisburg
Hoxie
Piggott
Ridgefield Christian
Walnut Ridge

3A NORTH

Alpena
Bergman
Cotter
Eureka Springs
Flippin
Green Forest
Izard County
Marshall
Valley Springs
Yellville-Summit

3A CENTRAL

Atkins
Conway Christian
Harding Academy
Mayflower
Nemo Vista
Perryville
Riverview
Rose Bud
St. Joseph, Conway

3A SOUTH

Cutter Morning Star
Episcopal Collegiate
Fountain Lake
Jessieville
KIPP Delta Prep
Lisa Academy West

NEW DECATHLON/HEPTATHLON SCORING SYSTEM – The board unanimously approved changing the current state decathlon and heptathlon format to the IAAF format to form unity with other states and allow our athletes to compare their performance on a national and world-wide level. The changes are:

1. Change the running of the 1600 m to the 1500 m.
2. Begin a transition to metric standards in our multi-events using the IAAF tables that are based on metric measurements. This would be used to determine scoring in the vertical and horizontal events.

(Motion: McLaughlin/Murphy, 17-0)

6A/7A CLASSIFICATION CONFERENCES – The board unanimously approved the 2012-2014 7A/6A Classifications/Conferences. (Motion: Couch/Loyd, 17-0)

2012 – 2014 Classifications/Conferences 7A & 6A

South

Benton
Bryant
El Dorado
JA Fair
Lake Hamilton
Pine Bluff
Sheridan
Texarkana

Central

Catholic/Mt. St. Mary's
Conway
Greenwood
Hall
Northside
Parkview
Russellville
Southside

West

Bentonville
Fayetteville
Har-Ber
Heritage
Rogers
Siloam Springs
Springdale
Van Buren

East

Cabot
Central – LR
Jonesboro
Marion
Mountain Home
North Little Rock
Searcy
West Memphis

6A/7A Classification Conferences

7A Central

Cabot
Catholic/Mt. St. Mary's
Central – LR
Conway
North Little Rock
Northside
Southside
West Memphis

7A West

Bentonville
Bryant
Fayetteville
Har-Ber
Heritage
Rogers
Springdale
Van Buren

6A East

Greenwood
Hall
Jonesboro
Marion
Mountain Home
Parkview
Russellville
Searcy

6A South

Benton
El Dorado
JA Fair
Lake Hamilton
Pine Bluff
Sheridan
Siloam Springs
Texarkana

GOLF TOURNAMENT INVITATIONS – The board authorized the AAA staff to secure sites for those events having no bids. (Motion: Loyd/Couch, 17-0) The board unanimously approved accepting all single bids. (Motion: Hogan/Loyd, 17-0)

The state golf tournaments having multiple bids were accepted as follows: **5A BOYS** -- Harrison. (Motion: Couch/Morris, 12-5) Those opposed were McLaughlin, Easley, Loyd, Hogan, Gills.

4A BOYS – Central Arkansas Christian. (Motion: Easley, Acklin, 15-2) Those opposed were Adcock and Gills. **3A BOYS** – Melbourne. (Motion: Couch/Hogan, 15-2) Those opposed were McLaughlin and Newton. **1A BOYS** – Taylor. (Motion: Murphy/Walker, 17-0) **5A GIRLS** – Lakeside (Motion: Newton/Loyd, 17-0) **4A GIRLS** – Nashville (Motion: Couch/Gills, 17-0) **1A GIRLS** – Taylor (Motion: Newton/Hogan, 11-6) Those opposed were Walker, Morris, Gills, Loyd, Couch, Pierce.

CORPORATE SPONSOR UPDATE – Wadie Moore updated the board with information on corporate sponsorships detailing 24/7 Preps which will produce live television, web-streaming, a weekly poll for rankings, and produce a Mr. and Miss Arkansas Players of the Year.

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.

STATE BASKETBALL FINALS – The board was presented with a copy of the contract form to bid on the state basketball finals, and they discussed the future of the state basketball finals since Summit Arena is not available in 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. (Motion: Morris/Tolbert, 17-0)

President/Chair

Secretary

Date