

**Arkansas Activities Association
Board of Directors Summer Workshop
Tuesday-Thursday, June 5-7, 2012**

The Board of Directors of the Arkansas Activities Association met for the Annual Summer Workshop Tuesday, June 5, through Thursday, June 7, 2012, at the AAA building with President Wesley Berry, West Memphis, presiding. Also present were:

Bobby Acklin, North Little Rock
Max Adcock, Mineral Springs
Joe Couch, Bergman
Nathan Gills, Glen Rose
Alfred Hogan, Marion
Andrew Tolbert, Warren

Carl Easley, Wynne
Rick McLaughlin, HS Lakeside
Howard Morris, Riverview
Micky Pierce, East Poinsett County
Dr. Frank Holman, Lincoln
Jim Loyd, Paris

John Ciesla, Greenwood
Gary Hines, Emerson-Taylor
Albert Murphy, Genoa Central
Suzanne Bailey, Waldron
Fred Walker, IZARD Co. Consolidated
Jerry Newton, Poyen

Present from the AAA staff were Lance Taylor, Don Brodell, Joey Walters, Nick Lasker, Wadie Moore, Annette Savage, and Amber Balboa. Also present were Doug Killgore, Central Arkansas Christian, representing the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association; Robert Yates, Arkansas Democrat; and Joe Mallett, Conway St. Joseph, ANSAA.

MINUTES – Minutes of the March 8, 2012, meeting were unanimously approved as provided. (Motion: Morris/Hogan, 19-0)

FINANCIAL REPORT – Amber Balboa presented the financial report through May 2012. The report was accepted as presented.

AUDIT PROPOSAL – The board unanimously accepted the proposal for auditing the AAA books from Brian Breech, Certified Public Accountant. (Motion: Loyd/McLaughlin, 19-0)

INSURANCE – The board unanimously accepted the bid of Loomis & La Pann, Inc. for General Liability Insurance and also accepted the Option 2 bid for Directors and Officers. (Motion: Murphy/Holman, 19-0).

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS The board unanimously accepted the bid of A and M Products Company to produce awards for AAA championships. (Motion: Tolbert/Hines, 19-0)

EVENT MERCHANDISING – The board accepted the bid of Image One for AAA event merchandising through the 2015-2016 school year. (Motion: Hogan/Aclin, 19-0)

WEBSITE SCOREBOARD – The board approved adding a scoreboard function to the current AAA website. (Motion: Gills/Murphy, 19-0)

MEDIA BROADCAST POLICY – The board approved the television and internet broadcast policies as presented by Wadie Moore. (Motion: Hogan/Gills, 19-0)

ROGERS NEW TECH HIGH SCHOOL – The board voted to allow students at Rogers New Tech High School to participate in extra-curricular school activities in the public school district of their parent's domicile. (Motion: Tolbert/McLaughlin, 19-0)

AHSAAA REPORT – Nick Lasker reported that the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association adopted a new tiered fee schedule based on school classification. The new fees are: 1A - \$10, 2A - \$20, 3A - \$30, 4A - \$40, and 5A, 6A, 7A - \$50.

VOLLEYBALL FINALS SCHEDULE – The board approved the 2012 State Volleyball Championship Finals Schedule. (Motion: Pierce/Ciesla, 19-0)



**ARKANSAS ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
2012 State Volleyball Championship Finals
Schedule of Matches – Saturday, November 3rd
Valley View High School**



Class 3A Finals – 11:00 a.m.	3A State Champion
Class 4A Finals – 1:00 p.m.	4A State Champion
Class 5A Finals – 3:00 p.m.	5A State Champion
Class 6A Finals – 5:00 p.m.	6A State Champion
Class 7A Finals – 7:00 p.m.	7A State Champion

FINALS INFORMATION:

The team on the top line is the home team on the scoreboard

The classification that is last moves to the earliest slot the next year and all others move one slot later.

Opening ceremonies for the day – 10:30 a.m.

There will be a brief awards presentation following each match.

Warm-up format will be the same as for other state tournament matches:

- State Tournament: 20 minutes on the clock
- 20-15 - Prematch conference
- 15-10 - Shared warm-ups, each team half court
- 10-5 - Visitors use full court
- Last 5 - Home team uses full court

NOTE: For all matches the coin toss shall be conducted during the prematch conference and not during either team's warm-up time.

AAA will provide game officials and scorebooks used at the state tournament sites so that complete tournament results will be together.

Two line judges for each finals match will be AOA volleyball officials. AAA will make these assignments.

AAA will provide official game balls.

Host will provide for each match: timer, scorer, libero tracker, and 3-ball system crew.

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FOOTBALL FINALS SCHEDULE 2012 – The board unanimously approved the 2012 State Football Finals schedule as presented by Don Brodell. (Motion: Newton/Loyd, 19-0)

2012 State Football Finals @ War Memorial Stadium

Class 5A	Friday	November 30, 2012 – 7 pm
Class 6A	Saturday	December 1, 2012 – Noon
Class 7A	Saturday	December 1, 2012 – 6:30 pm
Class 2A	Friday	December 7, 2012 – 7 pm
Class 3A	Saturday	December 8, 2012 – Noon
Class 4A	Saturday	December 8, 2012 – 6:30 pm

STATE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012 – The board unanimously accepted the bid from Bryant Middle School to host the 2012 AAA State Dance Championships. (Motion: Gills/Newton, 19-0)

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER – The board approved appointing Thomas Gathen, McGehee, to a new term as an at-large member of the board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL – The board adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Following the return to the open meeting the board unanimously approved the recommendation of the personnel subcommittee to continue the employment of the directors. (Motion: Loyd/Hogan, 19-0) The Board further approved the salary increases for the directors and support staff. (Motion: Morris/Hines, 19-0)

AOA REPORT – Don Brodell reported that the AOA Executive Committee is considering instigating background checks for all officials beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. He also discussed the dates for all clinics and the number of officials who attend the clinics.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP REPORT – Wadie Moore reviewed the status of corporate sponsorship agreements and pointed out changes in some.

AHSCA REPORT – Joey Walters reported that a tentative schedule for the coaching clinic is on the AAA website. This year the AHSCA will have the sports medicine sessions available every day since all coaches are required to complete these courses. Walters reported that the clinic is growing with the addition of new sports sessions every year. He further informed the board that the contract with the University of Arkansas is up and two cities have submitted bids to host the coaching clinic and All-Star camp—Fayetteville / University of Arkansas and Conway/UCA/Conway High School. By a vote of 22-1, the AHSCA voted to recommend accepting the bid from UCA and the city of Conway. The Board approved the recommendation from the AHSCA Executive Committee to accept the bid from UCA/Conway. (Motion: Murphy/Acklin, 19-0)

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK – The board unanimously approved the adoption of the new AAA Employee Handbook. (Motion: Hines/Pierce, 19-0)

REVIEW OF SPRING SURVEY – Joey Walters reported on results of the spring survey items as presented and discussed at the activity district meetings.

STARTING TIME FOR FOOTBALL GAMES – The board unanimously approved changing the starting time for football games to 7 p.m. (Motion: Gills/McLaughlin, 19-0)

STATE BASKETBALL FINALS – The board unanimously accepted the invitation and contract from the North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with The Heart of Arkansas Travel Association to host the 2012-2013 State Basketball Finals at Barton Coliseum. (Motion: Couch/Acklin, 19-0)

BUDGET - Following review and discussion the proposed budget for 2012-13 was unanimously approved. (Motion: Morris/McLaughlin, 19-0)

PROPOSALS FROM THE BOARD, STAFF AND ACTIVITY DISTRICTS - The board reviewed proposals from Activity Districts and potential proposals based on spring survey results or prepared by the staff and made recommendations to the Governing Body based on the projected effect on the association's member schools.

1. **SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE** – (Board of Directors) Would permit schools to select three consecutive weeks for spring football practice for a maximum of ten practices using regulation equipment for full contact drills. **Recommendation:** DO PASS (Motion: Couch/Loyd, 19-0)
2. **STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT DATE** – (Activity District 5) Would require that state volleyball finals be played during week #17. In years when the national ACT date conflicts with the state volleyball finals, member school coaches, counselors, and administrators should schedule volleyball athletes to take the ACT during the earlier or later examination periods to avoid this conflict. The state volleyball tournament and finals would NOT be moved. **Recommendation:** DO PASS (Motion: Tolbert/Hogan, 19-0)
3. **CLASS 7A 9TH GRADE PARTICIPATION** – (Activity Districts 1 & 3) Would remove the exception to Section 7, Rule 1 from the Arkansas Activities Association Handbook, 9th grade participation. **Recommendation:** DO PASS (Motion: Gills/Newton, 19-0)
4. **HOME SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY** – (Board of Directors) Would allow home school students eligibility to participate in interscholastic activities in the public school district of the parent's domicile or school attendance zone under the following conditions. **Recommendation:** DO PASS (Motion: Couch/Newton, 19-0)

Home School Eligibility

- A. 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.
- B. 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 or school attendance zone.
- C. 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.
- D. 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.
 1. Parents and students must provide any information and documentation requested by the superintendent to meet the academic scholarship requirement of the AAA at grade level. (7-12)
 2. Prior to the first day of school, the student must be administered the SAT-10 Assessment at grade level.
 3. The student is required to score average or better on the SAT-10 Assessment in the areas of mathematics, English, science, and social studies.

E. If a home-schooled student's written request to participate in the interscholastic activity is approved then the student shall:

1. Be enrolled in and regularly attending at least one course per day.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. At the end of each semester to be eligible the next semester, a student must demonstrate educational progress by scoring average or better on each area of the appropriate grade level assessment. (mathematics, English, science, and social studies) The assessments are determined by the AAA Board of Directors

Note: Approved assessment for 2013-14 is the SAT-10.

5. Comply with all practice times.
6. Complete any required permissions slips, waivers, physical exams and drug testing.
7. 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.
8. Ride to and from interscholastic activity events on a school bus if that is the policy of the public school district.

F. A home-schooled student is not guaranteed participation in an interscholastic activity, only the opportunity to try out for an interscholastic activity.

G. For non-athletic competitive activities, the home-schooled student must meet all the academic and co-curricular requirements of the class.

5. CONFERENCE ASSIGNMENTS – (Activity District 1) Would give the Executive Board the power to assign 7, 8, or 9 teams to a conference in all classifications in all sports.

RECOMMENDATION: DO NOT PASS (Motion: Murphy/Tolbert, 19-0)

6. CLASSIFICATION: COMPETITION BY NUMBERS – (Activity District 1) Would base classification on enrollment as follows. **RECOMMENDATION:** DO NOT PASS (Motion: Tolbert/Morris, 19-0)

Set the classifications based on enrollment so that no one school must play anyone more than twice their size. In other words, start with the school that has the highest enrollment and divide by 2. These would be in the top classification - Class 6A. Divide the remaining schools by 2 to determine the bottom of the next classification. Proceed on down. We are proposing that we have 6 classifications instead of 7.

1. Class 6A - All schools in top 50% enrollment. In other words, if one school has an enrollment of 2600 - the school in the bottom of that classification would be 1300.
 2. Class 5A - All schools starting with 50% enrollment of top division and dividing that number by 2. In other words, if the top enrollment in class 5A was 1300, the bottom enrollment would be 650.
 3. Class 4A - All schools starting with 50% of previous split and dividing by 2. In other words, if the top enrollment was 650, the bottom of class 4A would be 325.
 4. Class 3A - All schools starting with 50% of previous split and dividing by 2. Example, if the top enrollment was 325, the bottom of class 3A would be 162.5.
 5. Class 2A - All schools starting with 50% of previous split and dividing by 2. Example, if the top enrollment was 162.5, the bottom of class 2A would be 81.25
- Class 1A - the remaining schools

7. FAILURE TO COMPETE – (Board of Directors) Would require that any school failing to schedule a conference opponent or refusing to play a conference opponent during the regular season or in district tournament play without just cause forfeit the contest and shall not be eligible to compete for a championship in the sport. Any school refusing to play in a regional tournament without just cause shall forfeit the contest and will not be allowed to advance to the next round of championship play.
RECOMMENDATION: DO PASS (Motion: Couch/Loyd, 19-0)

SPORTS MEDICINE RECOMMENDATIONS – The board commended the Sports Medicine Committee for their excellent work in training the entire state in heat illness, concussion, and communicable disease. The board unanimously voted to adopt the Preseason Heat Acclimatization Guidelines. (Motion: Holman/Loyd, 19-0) The board unanimously voted to adopt the Concussion Guidelines. (Motion: Hines/Newton, 19-0)

CALENDAR – The board unanimously approved the calendar as presented. (Motion: Tolbert/Hines, 19-0)

REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS/LICENSED TEACHER COACH REQUIREMENTS – Nick Lasker reviewed the requirements and forms that are required for registered volunteer coaches and licensed teacher coaches.

2012-2013 APPEALS SUBCOMMITTEES and MEETING CALENDAR – Assignments to the Appeals Subcommittee were presented. The president serves as chairman for all appeals.

<u>JULY-OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER-FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH-JUNE</u>
Couch, Chair	Couch, Chair	Couch, Chair
Acklin	Berry	Adcock
Bailey	Law	Ciesla
Gills	Morris	Easley
Green	Murphy	Gragg
Hines	Newton	McLaughlin
Loyd	Gathen	Pierce

QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULE – The quarterly meeting schedule was presented.

QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULE

July 31, 2012	4:00 p.m.	Prior to the Governing Body Meeting
August 1, 2012	10:30 a.m.	AAA Governing Body Meeting
October 18, 2012	10:00 a.m.	Fall Meeting
January 10, 2013	4:00 p.m.	Tournament Site Selection
January 11, 2013	9:00 a.m.	Winter Meeting
March 7 2013	12:00 noon	Spring Meeting
June 4-6, 2013		Summer Workshop

HOLIDAY STAFF SCHEDULE – The holiday schedule for the AAA staff was presented.

SCHEDULE FOR AAA STAFF, INCLUDING HOLIDAYS

July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013	<u>Office hours:</u> Monday – Thursday ... 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
July 4, 2012	Independence Day
September 3, 2012	Labor Day
November 21-23, 2012	Thanksgiving
December 21, 2012 – January 2, 2013	Christmas / New Years
January 21, 2013	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
March 18-22, 2013	Spring Break
May 27, 2013	Memorial Day

GOLF– The board unanimously agreed to accept all conference assignments for golf. (Motion: Loyd/Aclin, 19-0)

2012 Golf Conferences

7A BOYS AND GIRLS GOLF

Cabot	Bentonville
Catholic/Mount St. Mary	Bryant
Conway	Fayetteville
North Little Rock	Har-Ber – not declared
FS Northside	Heritage
FS Southside	Rogers
LR Central	Springdale
West Memphis – not declared	Van Buren

(B) Boys only (G) Girls only * Conference Chair

6A BOYS and GIRLS GOLF

Greenwood	Benton
Hall – not declared	El Dorado
Jonesboro	JA Fair – not declared
Marion	Lake Hamilton
Mountain Home	Pine Bluff – not declared
Parkview – not declared	Sheridan – not declared
Russellville	Siloam Springs
Searcy	Texarkana

(B) Boys only (G) Girls only * Conference Chair

5A BOYS and GIRLS GOLF

<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>West</u>
Batesville *	Camden Fairview	Jacksonville – not declared	Alma
Beebe	De Queen – not declared	Little Christian Academy	Clarksville
Blytheville	Hope	McClellan – not declared	Greenbrier
Forrest City	Hot Springs – not declared	Mills – not declared	Harrison –
Greene County Tech	Lakeside	North Pulaski	Huntsville – not declared
Nettleton	Magnolia	Pulaski Academy	Morrilton – not declared
Paragould – not declared	Watson Chapel	Sylvan Hills	Shiloh Christian
Wynne	White Hall	West Helena – not declared	Vilonia

(B) Boys only (G) Girls only * Conference Chair

4A BOYS and GIRLS GOLF

1	2	3
Berryville	Clinton	Brookland
Farmington - not declared	Dollarway – not declared	Cave City
Gentry	Heber Springs	Gosnell
Gravette	Lonoke	Highland
Lincoln	Marianna – not declared	Pocahontas
Ozark	Newport	Trumann
Pea Ridge – not declared	Southside Batesville	Valley View *
Prairie Grove	Stuttgart	Westside, Jonesboro

4	7	8
Booneville	Arkadelphia – not declared	Crossett – not declared
Dardanelle	Arkansas Baptist	De Witt
Dover	Ashdown – not declared	Dumas
Maumelle	Bauxite	Hamburg
Mena – not declared	CAC – not declared	Lake Village – not declared
Pottsville*	Malvern	Monticello
Subiaco (B)	Nashville	Star City
Waldron	Pulaski Robinson – not declared	Warren (B)

(B) Boys only (G) Girls only * Conference Chair

Top two (2) teams and four (4) highest individuals advance on to state tournament.

3A BOYS & GIRLS GOLF

1	2	3
Cedarville (B)	Bergman*	Bald Knob
Charleston	Flippin	Episcopal Collegiate
Elkins*	Green Forest	Harding Academy
Lamar	Marshall (not declared)	Mayflower
Lavaca	Melbourne	McGehee
Lincoln – not declared	Mountain View	Riverview – not declared
Mansfield	Valley Springs	Rose Bud
Paris	Yellville-Summit	
West Fork (B)		

4	5	6
Corning	Bismarck	Atkins
Harrisburg*	Centerpoint	Danville
Hoxie	Fordyce	Fountain Lake
Manila	Fouke (not declared)	Glen Rose
Osceola	Harmony Grove, Camden	Harmony Grove, Benton – not declared
Piggott – not declared	Horatio	Jessieville – not declared
Rivercrest	Prescott	Perryville
	Smackover*	

(B)

Boys only

(G) Girls only

* Conference Chair

Top two (2) teams and four (4) highest individuals advance on to state tournament.

TENNIS – The board unanimously agreed to accept all conference assignments for tennis.
(Motion: Gills/Murphy, 19-0)

7A West

Bentonville
Bryant
Fayetteville
Har-Ber (not declared)
Heritage
Rogers
Springdale
Van Buren

6A East

Greenwood
Little Rock Hall
Jonesboro
Marion
Mountain Home
Parkview (not declared)
Russellville
Searcy

5A West

Alma*
Clarksville
Greenbrier
Harrison
Huntsville (not declared)
Morrilton (not declared)
Shiloh
Vilonia

5A East

Batesville
Beebe*
Blytheville
Forrest City
Greene County Tech (not declared)
Nettleton
Paragould (not declared)
Wynne

4A 2

Cave City
Clinton
Heber Springs
Newport
Southside, Batesville*
Stuttgart

4A 3

Highland*
Osceola (not declared)
Pocahontas
Trumann
Valley View
Westside, Jonesboro

4A 8

Crossett (not declared)
Dumas
Hamburg
Lakeside, Lake Village
Monticello
Star City*
Warren

7A Central

Cabot
Catholic/Mount St. Mary's
Conway (not declared)
Little Rock Central
North Little Rock
FS Northside
FS Southside
West Memphis (not declared)

6A South

Benton
El Dorado
JA Fair (not declared)
Lake Hamilton
Pine Bluff
Sheridan
Siloam Springs
Texarkana

5A South

Camden Fairview
De Queen (not declared)
Hope
Hot Springs (not declared)
Lakeside, Hot Springs*
Magnolia
Watson Chapel (not declared)
White Hall

5A Southeast

Jacksonville (not declared)
Little Rock Christian Academy
Little Rock McClellan
Mills University Studies (not declared)
North Pulaski (not declared)
Pulaski Academy
Sylvan Hills (not declared)
West Helena Central (not declared)

4A 4

Booneville
Dardanelle
Farmington (not declared)
Mena (not declared)
Pottsville
Prairie Grove
Subiaco (B)*

4A 7

Arkadelphia
Arkansas Baptist
CAC (not declared)
Malvern
Maumelle
Nashville

3A 1

Bergman*
Mountain View
Valley Springs

3A 2

Corning
Harding Academy*
Harrisburg
Piggott (not declared)
Riverview (not declared)

2A 1

Academics Plus
Conway Christian
Guy-Perkins
Lisa Academy
Poyen (not declared)
Shirley
Western Grove
West Side, Greers-Ferry (not declared)

2A 2

Brinkley
Cedar Ridge*
East Poinsett County
Hughes
Marked Tree
Weiner

3A 5

Atkins
Episcopal Collegiate*
E-Stem
Fountain Lake
Harmony Grove – Benton (not declared)
Jessieville (not declared)
Paris

3A 8

Bismarck
Drew Central
Fordyce
Prescott*
Smackover
McGehee

2A 3

Crowley's Ridge Academy
Ridgefield Christian*
Riverside
Walnut Ridge

2A 4

Acorn*
Haas Hall
Mulberry
Murfreesboro (not declared)
Union Christian
Western Yell County (not declared)
Wickes (not declared)

2A 7

Bearden (not declared)
Emerson
Gurdon (not declared)
Hampton
KIPP Delta (not declared)
Parkers Chapel

TENNIS STATE TOURNAMENT BIDS – The board unanimously approved accepting invitations for all classes with single bids and authorized the AAA staff to secure sites for tournaments for which there were no invitations. (Motion: McLaughlin/Gills, 19-0) The board unanimously approved accepting the bid from USTA to host the overall tennis tournament. (Motion: McLaughlin/Acklin, 19-0)

2012 Tennis State Tournaments

Classification	School	Site	Date
2A	Western Grove	Harrison	October 15 & 16
3A	Episcopal Collegiate	Burns Park	October 15 & 16
4A	Arkadelphia	Henderson State University And Ouachita University	October 15 & 16
5A	Lakeside	Lakeside and Hot Springs CC	October 15 & 16
6A	NO BID	NO BID	October 15 & 16
7A	NO BID	NO BID	October 15 & 16
Overall	USTA	Burns Park	October 24 & 25

CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE – The Board unanimously approved allowing the staff to be proactive in forming a classification committee for the next classification cycle. (Motion: Murphy/Aclin, 19-0)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President/Chair

Secretary

Date