



Western Dakota Association

Aug. 8, 2017, Bismarck Hughes Education Center

Present: Mitch Lunde, Dave Zittleman, Jim Roaldson, Mark Wiest, Guy Fridley, Bruce Schumacher, Paul Jundt, Ben Lervick, Dr. Shane Martin, Dave Mieure, Scott Nustad, Matt Mullally

President Zittleman called the meeting to order

Minutes of the March 1, 2017 and June 5, 2017 meetings were presented. Moved by Fridley, seconded by Lunde to approve the March 1 minutes. All voted yes. **Motion carried.** Moved by Martin, seconded by Wiest to approve the June 5 minutes. All voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report

M. Mullally, executive secretary, presented current finances. Beginning balance of \$8,813.01. Revenues for the reporting period totaled \$8,000 with expenditures of \$541.23, leaving an ending balance of \$15,771.78. Moved by Wiest, seconded by Nustad to approve the current treasurer's report. All voted yes. **Motion carried.**

The 2017-18 WDA proposed budget was reviewed. Projected revenues of \$40,963.01 with projected expenditures of \$36,475. Moved by Fridley, seconded by Lunde to approve the budget. All voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Old Business

2017-18 fall schedules

Schumacher informed ADs that St. Mary's won't field a JV soccer team this fall. The change may affect a few match times.

St. Mary's also won't field a JV volleyball team, due to low numbers.

2017-18 winter schedules

Wiest said Mandan will have a boys' JV hockey team and will schedule games.

2017-18 spring schedules

Baseball

Resumed discussion on a conference baseball schedule. After lengthy debate, it was moved by Lunde, seconded by Lervick to have a single round robin doubleheader, on the same date, with both games 7 innings. The home team will be the home team for both games. All yes. **Motion carried.**

Tuesdays and Fridays (with Saturday as a flex day) will be the schedule template for league games.

In addition to the 16 conference counters, plans are to arrange 2 non-conference doubleheaders with EDC opponents for the nine varsity-fielding members. Remaining non-conference games will be scheduled by each school/team. Schools can arrange non-counter games with fellow WDA teams to fill out schedule. Lervick and Fridley will put together a schedule and forward it to members.

Softball

J. Roaldson said he's working to complete a master softball schedule. Schedule will again feature two pods/divisions.

Track-field

Zittleman said a track-field schedule should be finished later this fall.

Boys' Golf

The proposed schedule had the annual East-West Classic hosted by Fargo instead of Jamestown. This change was news to activities directors. Moving it to Fargo will increase considerable mileage for teams. The question was posed would EDC teams attend the tournament if it was held in Williston/Dickinson? After contacting some WDA coaches and discussing with Jamestown Country Club personnel, the tournament could be continued in Jamestown.

The conference meet schedule will also be tweaked. A meet, initially scheduled for Riverwood G.C. in Bismarck, will be dropped and be combined with one scheduled for Hawktree (north of Bismarck).

Girls' Soccer

The dates for the first West Region Tournament were discussed. Proposal was to have the tournament hosted by Bismarck with the play-in match on Tuesday evening and two state qualifying matches and the

championship to be held on Thursday. Some expressed concerns about moving the match schedule to the middle of the week and the potential to miss school time during final testing for some students. The boys soccer tournament in the fall is set up for Thursday and Saturday. The spring season presents different challenges in scheduling. Several region/state tournaments/events are taking place that week in May, making it challenging for personnel to host events. And with end-of-year testing and other school activities.

Moved by Nustad, seconded by Lunde to set the West Region Girls' Soccer Tournament to Tuesday, May 22 and Thursday, May 24. Yes votes: Lervick, Nustad, Lunde, Jundt, Wiest. No vote: Roaldson. Abstained: Martin, Fridley, Mieure. **Motion carried (5 Yes/1 No/3 Abstaining).**

West Region Tournament Site Changes

The 2017-18 West Region Volleyball Tournament is being moved to Mandan from Williston. Concerns about the floor in the new Williston gymnasium were reasons for the change.

The 2017-18 West Region Girls' Tennis Tournament is being moved to Minot from Bismarck. Bismarck is scheduled to host the girls' soccer regional and the Class A-B track tournament that week. Zittleman will forward the planned changes in the form of a formal letter to Matt Fetsch at NDHSAA.

WDA 2017-18 Membership

Mullally informed the members that Sept. 1, 2017 is the deadline for conference membership fees. \$1,000 for full members. Associate member fees is \$50.

New Business

Coaches Meetings

A preliminary schedule of 2017-18 coaches' meetings was presented. A final schedule/with changes will be forwarded to activities directors.

All-conference/All-academic honors

Mullally will make arrangements for a uniformed all-conference certificate to be created for schools to award to athletes earning the distinction.

Roaldson also brought up academic all-conference honors. Some schools recognize it, while others do not. He was asked about it by parents. Criteria for academic all-conference was approved by past directors. It is as follows:

Must be a member (athlete) of a varsity team in a NDHSAA-sanctioned sport. (This excludes managers, statisticians, trainers and cheerleaders). Need not be a letter winner in that sport.

Must earn a minimum 3.6 GPA as follows:

Fall Sports: 3.6 GPA in 1st nine-week grading period or 1st six-week grading period.

Winter Sports: 3.6 GPA in 3rd nine-week grading period or 4th six-week grading period.

Spring Sports: 3.6 GPA in 4th 9-nine week grading period or 6th six-week grading period.

Roaldson proposed formally adopting it into the by-laws. It was moved by Lunde, seconded by Roaldson to include academic all-conference criteria in the WDA by-laws. Yes vote: Lunde, Fridley, Wiest, Roaldson, Schumacher, Mieure, Nustad. No vote: Jundt, Martin, Lervick. **Motion carried (7 Yes/3 No).**

All-conference selection announcements

ADs are reminded of a change in policy (approved in June) toward announcing all-conference teams. They will now be announced following the final game/match at regional postseason events in that respective sport. Teams are selected by coaches at respective coaches meetings. Additionally, the practice of having all-tournament teams was discontinued.

Rotation of officers

Mullally put together a proposed rotation of WDA officers which include the current full membership. Future changes can be made, if necessary.

Sub-varsity Tournaments

--Mullally is working to create a file for ADs which covers main questions/issues for postseason sub-varsity tournaments. Mullally will work with ADs in developing a future sheet which includes pertinent tournament host information to also be displayed on website.

SID/Executive Secretary

--The 2016-17 WDA yearbook/guide was posted in June. This is the second on-line yearbook project completed.

--ADs are encouraged to look at the website on respective team pages to determine if there are any coaching changes/additions that need to be made for the fall season.

--WDA champion signs were created for each school to have on site for sub-varsity events as well as for photos for varsity champions. These signs will be used for photos and in place of purchasing trophies. The signs will remain with the schools.

--2017-18 WDA administrative passes were handed out as well as WDA lifetime passes. If there are any changes/additions, Mullally will make the arrangements with the printer.

--This fall will meet with Farmers Union Insurance's Kevin Ressler to discuss scholarship match and other possible projects.

NDHSAA

Class A Review items and recommendations.

Nothing to report

Tournament Committee

Nothing to report.

NDIAAA Fall Workshop

Event is scheduled for Sept. 16-18 in Mandan.

President Zittleman adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017 in Dickinson at 11 a.m. CT/10 a.m. CT

Respectfully submitted

Matt Mullally, WDA SID/Executive Secretary