



Western Dakota Association

Nov. 1, 2017, 11 am CT/10 am MT -- Dickinson
Activities Directors Meeting

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

President Zittleman called the meeting to order

Zittleman called for additions to the agenda.

Minutes of the Aug. 8 meeting were reviewed. Moved by S. Martin seconded by B. Lervick to approved the minutes as presented. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report

M. Mullally, executive secretary, presented current finances.

Beginning Balance: \$15,771.78. Ending Balance: \$9,904.90

G. Fridley asked how our current financial standing relates to last year.

Beginning Balance (10/28/2016): \$9,848.58. Ending Balance: \$11,553.98

Moved by M. Lervick seconded by G. Fridley to approve current financial report as presented. All voted yes; **Motion carried.**

Old Business

2017-18 Schedule/Issues/News/Concerns

Fall

Discussion about adjusting starting time for boys' tennis dual matches to account for enough daylight to finish matches on courts that do not have lighting.

Discussion about how awards are administered for WDA girls' swim-dive championships. Do all eight placewinners in relay events take places on awards platform?

Winter

—J. Roaldson asked about the use of a shot clock in subvarsity basketball games. Most will use shot clock if there are workers/volunteers available to do operate it. Used primarily for sophomore and JV games.

—Discussion about staggering middle school-age activity seasons to address issues such as availability of officials, coaching and facilities. Currently those middle school seasons run concurrently with high school seasons. Issue will be reviewed at a future meeting.

—G. Fridley asked about triangular wrestling duals among WDA teams to create more matches, better atmosphere at home events. Some programs prefer to just keep single dual matches in order to have more home dates. D. Zittleman said, if it works for some programs to do triangular they should pursue them. G. Fridley said Dickinson will not host a wrestling tournament this season.

Spring

—The 2018 track season will include a series of "mini-WDA meets" with predetermined teams. This will ensure meets to be conducted in a reasonable time frame. The meets will likely include four or five teams.

—B. Lervick reviewed the planned varsity baseball schedule. The plan is for conference games to primarily be played on Tuesdays. A single round robin doubleheader of two 7-inning games will be implemented. The home team will have last at bats in both contests. Lervick is also setting up non-conference doubleheaders with EDC opponents as well as non-counters with WDA teams to fill out schedules. Teams need to request how many additional non-conf. games they want.

—Minot will be hosting the West Region girls' tennis tournament. It was moved from Bismarck. The event will be held Thursday, May 25 thru Saturday, May 26, 2018

—S. Martin said TMCHS is beginning a girls' soccer program. The team will be scheduling JV matches this spring with intent to go to varsity in a couple years. Bismarck will be hosting the first West Region girls soccer tournament. The event will be held on Tuesday, May 22 and Thursday, May 24.

—J. Roaldson earlier forwarded the 2018 softball schedule. Current pod

set up will remain. Minot Bishop Ryan will remain in the WDA for the upcoming season. Changes to the pod system/ or other scheduling changes will be addressed after 2018 with the addition of Watford City to the conference. It's not known if Minot Bishop Ryan will remain in Class A or move to Class B, following this season.

—The 2018 East-West Classic boys' golf meet will be held in Fargo, April 27-28. Event was traditionally in Jamestown.

Watford City transition to Class A and WDA

Randy Cranston, Watford City activities director, attended to discuss plans for Watford City move to Class A and the Western Dakota Association, beginning in the fall of 2018.

Sports in which WC will sponsor include: (Fall) Football (AA); boys and girls cross country; volleyball; and girls golf (Winter) boys and girls basketball; wrestling; (Spring) boys and girls track, baseball, softball, boys golf.

At this time, no plans for Watford City's Junior Gold (club) hockey to request becoming a school-sponsored activity. Soccer potentially could be a sponsored activity in the future.

Cranston would like to continue and expand scheduling now of sub-varsity and JH activities so his teams/programs can get acclimated to WDA-level competition.

—No board action has yet been taken to formally add Watford City as a full member to the conference, beginning in 2018-19.

New Business

Fall Sports Review

Volleyball: The 2018 schedule will feature 11 teams with the planned addition of Watford City. As a result, a new scheduling format is needed. A schedule proposal was presented by Dickinson. It would feature an unbalanced schedule using "three scheduling groups". The format presents one-point and two-point matches since not every team plays each team twice.

Additionally, there was discussion on which regular season tournaments WDA teams would participate in. Bismarck hosts a tournament in late August (first weekend of play). Dickinson hosts a tournament in later September while Fargo has a tournament the first weekend in October. Under a new scheduling change, teams would have to scale back to two tournaments. Concerns included: If WDA teams opt out of Fargo Tournament then Fargo/EDC schools would opt out of the Bismarck Tournament. If Bismarck decided to discontinue its tournament, would Fargo move its tournament to the opening weekend? Dickinson would like to continue its tournament, but any change of date could jeopardize them getting teams from Billings, MT. And the Billings participation has been a draw to get other Class A programs to compete at their tournament.

It was moved by S. Martin seconded by S Nustad to adopt the Dickinson Schedule Proposal. **Yes:** S. Martin, S. Nustad, B. Lervick, M. Wiest, G. Fridley, P. Jundt, M. Lunde, B. Schumacher, D. Mieure, D. Zittleman. **No:** J. Roaldson. **Motion carried 10-1**

Directors will draft the 2018 WDA schedule. In regard to in-season tournaments, the directors request feedback from coaches following their region meeting. 2018 scheduling will be revisited in January.

Girls' Golf: Dickinson hosted the West Region Tournament. Scheduling for 2018 will feature nine meets plus the West Region Tournament. P. Jundt said having an official present to monitor holes/scoring at future tournaments/at least the state qualifying tournament, should be considered. There has been issues, both in girls and boys competitions, regarding accurate scoring kept by golfers and proper rule interpretations. An idea pitched is that at the first meet teams would play together and coaches closely monitor their rounds to teach/instruct proper playing procedures and application of rules. These items to be revisited again at January meeting.

Boys' Soccer: A majority of coaches at region meeting again want to discontinue the WDA/W Region tournament. They additionally requested an additional week to the season to spread out matches. Discussion about players required to have matching color undershirt/garment. J. Roaldson said the 2018 East-West Crossover again will be a two-day event in Jamestown, Aug. 17-18.

Boys-Girls' Cross Country: Williston hosted the WDA Championships. 2018 scheduling reviewed. D. Mieux said the only issue to come out of the region meeting was a tie for senior athlete. Next year's conference meet will be in Jamestown.

Football: AAA 2018 scheduling in place. Coaches requested facilities be equipped with a data/stat program to provide statistics following games. Directors took no action.

Boys Tennis: Bismarck hosted the West Region Tournament. No issues from coaches at region meeting.

2018-19 Basketball Scheduling

B. Schumacher presented the planned 2018-19 boys and girls basketball scheduling. A double round robin schedule for 11 teams (Watford City added). There may be some tweaks needed due to facility availability issues.

West Region Tournament additions/changes

President Zittleman said the addition of a West Region girls' soccer tournament as well as a site change of girls' tennis from Bismarck to Minot in the spring requires official notification to NDHSAA. Zittleman will draft a letter to NDHSAA informing of the additions/changes.

Changes to future WDA meeting dates

To avoid a conflict with the January NDIAA meeting, President Zittleman set the next WDA regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 in Minot, beginning at 10 a.m. Location will be determined at a later date.

Additionally, Bismarck will host its meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. This was changed to coincide with the West Region Basketball Tournament (March 1-3).

SID/Executive Secretary Report

—Uniformed WDA all-conference certificates were printed this fall and provided to members. M. Mullally will send out a pdf file to ADs so additional certificates can be printed, as needed, in the future.

—Beginning this winter season, WDA members will be using the same basketball stat-video program (Hudl). Teams are asked to provide access for M. Mullally to their team sites so stats can be updated on the conference website in a timely matter.

—Farmers Union Insurance has agreed to again match the WDA senior scholar award (\$500).

NDHSAA

Class A Review items and recommendations

—Having penalty kicks/shootout, first, instead of an overtime period to determine outcome of consolation round matches at state soccer tournament.

Tournament Committee

Nothing to report.

President Zittleman adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018 in Minot.
Location to be announced.

Respectfully submitted
Matt Mullally, WDA SID/Executive Secretary



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 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. MT

Respectfully submitted

Matt Mullally, WDA SID/Executive Secretary



Western Dakota Association

June 5, 2017, 10 a.m. -- TMCHS (Belcourt) School

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

President Lunde called the meeting to order

G. Fridley moved, D. Zittleman seconded to approve the agenda.

Minutes of the March 1 meeting were not available, and will be tabled until the Aug. 9 meeting.

Dave Mieure, Williston's new activities director, was attending his first meeting. Formal introductions were conducted.

Treasurer's Report

M. Mullally, executive secretary, presented current finances. Beginning Balance: \$18,263.01.

Moved by G. Fridley seconded by B. Lervick to approve current financial report as presented. All voted yes; **Motion carried.**

Mullally presented the proposed 2017-18 budget, calling for projected revenues of \$40,963.01 and projected expenditures of \$36,475. Beginning cash balance of \$8,313.01. Tabled until Aug. 9 meeting.

Old Business

Boys' Soccer

Discussion regarding whether to discontinue the W. Region Tournament. Moved by M. Lunde seconded by J. Roaldson to discontinue tournament as requested by several coaches. Yes vote to end the tournament were: M. Lunde, J. Roaldson, M. Wiest; No vote to continue the tournament were: B. Lervick, S. Nustad, B. Schumacher, P. Jundt. Abstained from voting: G. Fridley, S. Martin, D. Mieure.

Motion failed by 4-3 vote.

Spring Sports Review

Softball

--Point of clarification is in out-of-pod games the host team will be the "home team" in both games of the doubleheader. Moved by G. Fridley seconded by D. Zittleman. All voted yes. **Motion carried.**

--Changes in the make up of the conference's 2 pods is now under review. Competitive balance and distance/travel are two factors to consider in the formation of future pods. Current Pod A: BHS, Jamestown, Mandan, Minot High and TMCHS/Current Pod B: Century, Dickinson, Legacy, Minot Bishop Ryan, Williston

Baseball

--Plans are for the continuation of the 5 inning and 7 inning doubleheader format. (5 inning is game one). Concerns were addressed regarding length of games this spring.
--One proposal is a single round robin doubleheader WDA schedule. This would allow for more dates for non-conference games, potentially with EDC. It's likely non-counter games between WDA teams will be scheduled in the event EDC teams cannot/will not schedule games.
--In the event a change will not be made by NDHSAA to allow the play-in game to be held the Monday or Tuesday prior to the W. Region Tournament, directors approved changing future W. Region play-in dates to the Thursday before the W. Region Tournament. Moved by P. Jundt seconded by B. Lervik. All voted yes. **Motion carried.**

Track-Field: Directors support moving up the start time of West Region Meet to 2 p.m. Central Time. If not, at least 2 p.m. local time.

Boys Golf:

No major issues. There were eight regular season meets this season. Mullally asked how (when and what course) is the individual state qualifier determined by coaches?

Girls Soccer

Moved by P. Jundt, seconded by B. Schumacher to hold a West Region Tournament, beginning in 2018. Vote: Yes to have tournament: P. Jundt, B. Schumacher, Scott Nustad, B. Lervick; No: M. Wiest, J. Roaldson, M. Lunde.

Abstained from voting: G. Fridley, S. Martin, D. Mieure.

Motion carried by 4-3 vote.

--Moved by P. Jundt seconded by D. Zittleman to mirror format of existing boys' tournament. All voted yes. Motion carried.

--Discussion regarding a future site of tournament was held. Bismarck is the likely site, but no formal action was made.

--Request by coaches to add another week to the season. No action taken by directors.

Girls' Tennis

Discussion about future West Region Tournaments be held in Minot given its favorable reviews by coaches. Bismarck is currently in the rotation to host and Jamestown is a potential site once indoor courts become available. Minot is tentatively planned to again host the girls' region tournament next year instead of Bismarck.

WDA Senior Scholar Award

Mullally said scholarship funds were mailed to this year's WDA Senior Scholar Recipients Emily Bichler, Bismarck St. Mary's and Brian Swanberg, Bismarck Legacy. The scholarships were \$500 each and made out to the college.

New Business

Hudl Video Contract Services

P. Jundt visited with HUDL representatives about the company offering a conference rate for services. For football, boys and girls basketball, the annual fee would be \$2,879. For Hudl Assist the would be an additional \$1,300. All WDA schools plan to use Hudl next sports season.

Williston Gymnasium floor

D. Mieure reported cracks forming in the new gymnasium floor in Williston. Administration is making arrangements to repair/replace the floor in time of the new school term. Mieure will keep directors updated as to the court's condition and whether the facility will be able to host the region volleyball tournament there in November.

WDA Lifetime Passes/Administrator Lists

--Mullally said directors wishing to add names to the WDA Lifetime Pass List should contact him. He will make arrangements for the new passes to be made this summer in time of the fall season.

--Mullally will make arrangements for 2017-18 administrative passes to the printed and available at the August meeting. Directors should email the list to Mullally. This year, middle school athletic directors will be added among the administrators for each school/district.

WDA 2017-18 Membership

--The 2017-18 WDA membership fee will be \$1,000 for full members and \$50 for associate members. Mullally provided an invoice for the membership fees. Payment should be made by Sept. 1, 2017.

WDA Postseason Rotation

A listing of future region/WDA postseason championships was reviewed. Some tentative changes may occur.

WDA AD meeting dates

--Dates for the 2017-18 AD meeting schedule has been set.
Tuesday, Aug. 8: Bismarck (Hughes), 1 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2017: Dickinson, 11 a.m. CT/10 a.m. MT
Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018: Minot, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, March 7, 2018: Bismarck, 2 p.m.
Monday, June 4, 2018: Jamestown, 11 a.m.

Sub-varsity Tournaments

--Moving forward, M. Lunde said it would be easier to have a uniformed set of guidelines-notes in hosting sub-varsity tournaments. Items such as fees for officials/admission costs/game formats, etc. This would alleviate questions every year from staff planning the events. Mullally will work with ADs in developing a future sheet which includes pertinent tournament host information to be displayed on website.
--In place of a JV2 postseason baseball/softball tournament, a proposal is for teams to schedule doubleheaders at the end of the year. Given the uncertainty of the number of teams/availability of umpires, it would be easier to schedule two games in place of a tournament. Directors will get feedback from coaches.
--Directors also decided a WDA champion banner/sign will be created for winning teams to use for photos. M. Mullally make arrangements for areusable banner/sign be available for schools. This will take the place of team trophies.

2017-18 Scheduling

B. Lervik said the deadline has been passed for fall 2017 schedules. They will be made available soon on the R School Today site. Mandan is also going to the R School site which the other nine full members are using.

2018-19 Basketball Scheduling

With the addition of Watford City to the conference in 2018-19, directors would like to get a early jump on basketball scheduling with an 11-team schedule. B. Schumacher said he would develop a scheduling format.

All-Region, All-Tournament team recognition

It was moved by G. Fridley seconded by S. Martin that announcement/release of all-WDA selections will occur at the conclusion of each respective postseason tournament; and the practice of naming all-tournament teams will be discontinued. All voted yes. **Motion carried**

New WDA Officers Terms

Beginning in August, the new term WDA officers will go into effect. D. Zittleman (Bismarck Public Schools) will serve as president with B. Schumacher serving as vice president.

SID/Executive Secretary Report

--Matt Mullally said the 2017-18 WDA on-line yearbook will be released in June. The 80-page issue is thorough review of the 22 WDA sponsored sports as well as other pertinent WDA news and projects.
--WDA website traffic/social media following continues to increase. To date, there are 3,445 followers to the WDA Twitter Account. Between March 4 and June 4, the number of page visits to the WDA website was just under 250,000, according to Google Analytics. The website was launched in 2014.

2017-18 SID/Executive Secretary Contract

--Moved by S. Martin seconded by M. Wiest to enter contract with M. Mullally for 2017-18 year. Contract with cover 12 months at \$30,000. All voted yes. **Motion carried**

NDHSAA

Class A Review items and recommendations

--Eliminate the 0.5 lb round down regulation that is utilized during wrestling regular season. (Yes)
--Add 7th place dual match at state wrestling. (No)
--The touch gymnastics warm-up on vault consists of two vault attempts. (Yes)
--Home hockey team will have choice of shooting first/last during shootouts. (Yes)
--During the state tournament consolation hockey games, a shootout will be held following the first overtime period. (Yes)
--Permit game or replay officials to use a replay monitor during televised state tournament basketball contests if a score goal at the expiration of time during any quarter/half or OT period should be counted. And if so, determine if it is a two or three-point field goal. (Yes)
--Change basketball roster rules for region and state tournaments to "For all NDHSAA Region and State Tournament basketball games, a maximum of 15 players may dress and play in the game." (Yes)
--Add week to girls' soccer season. (No)
--Change region track meet start time to 2 p.m. CT (Yes)
--Require all reg. season track meet hosts to use meet manager.
--Change state qualifying track standards for G TJ, 100H, B-G Discus, 110H, 300H (Yes)
--Announce all-state teams at state softball tournament. (No)
--Combine Class A-B softball tournaments. (No)
--Golf coaches not allowed on greens, tee boxes and bunkers. (Yes)
--Tennis player can request an official/and player or coach may leave court to find one. In the event a coach from both teams are not available to co-officiate a match; a coach or a neutral team may be asked to officiate. (Yes)

Tournament Committee

Nothing to report.

President Lunde adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting is set for Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 1 p.m. CT
Location will be at Hughes Education Center in Bismarck.

Respectfully submitted
Matt Mullally, WDA SID/Executive Secretary



Western Dakota Association

March 1, 2017, 2 p.m. -- Bismarck High School

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

President Lunde called the meeting to order.

D. Zittleman asked for input on whether individuals who have WDA Lifetime Passes should be admitted into the West Region Basketball Tournament/with guest at no charge. It was moved by Shane Martin seconded by Ben Lervick to allow the passes to be used. Motion carried, 10-1.

(**Yes:** S. Martin, B. Lervick, Mitch Lunde, Jim Roaldson, Guy Fridley, Paul Jundt, Scott Nustad, M. Wiest, B. Schumacher, Jenice Schell; **No:** Dave Zittleman) **Motion carried.**

Minutes of the Jan. 18 were reviewed. Moved by B. Lervick seconded by M. Wiest to approve the June 18 minutes as mailed. Moved by B. Lervick seconded by M. Wiest to approve the Nov. 2, 2016 minutes with the noted correction. All voted yes. **Motion carried**

Williston AD search

Jenice Schell, representing Williston Activities, in an interim role, said a new activities director at Williston will be named shortly.

Treasurer's Report

M. Mullally, executive secretary, reviewed current finances.

Beginning Balance: \$7,553.98

Total Revenue: \$1,000 (Farmers Union Insurance Scholarship match)

Total Expenditures: \$0.00

Ending Balance: \$8,553.98 (3/3/17)

Moved by S. Martin seconded by D. Zittleman to approved current financial report as presented. All voted yes; **Motion carried.**

Old Business

Spring Schedules (Final Review/Changes/Issues)

Softball: Discussion on whether to leave current softball schedule arrangement or adjust it to "flip-flop" non-conf. games from home to away or vice versa as part of the pod scheduling. Moved by G. Fridley seconded by P. Jundt to leave current schedule in tact. Adjustments for home-away non-conf. games will be made in 2018. All voted yes. **Motion carried.**

JV 1 softball tournament will be played in Dickinson on May 20

JV 2 softball tournament will be played in Minot on May 20

Baseball

Directors affirmed this year's schedule will count both games of varsity doubleheaders in the conference standings. First game/5 innings; Second game/7 innings

In the event games cannot be played due to weather/field conditions, winning percentage will be used to determine region seedings. The region play-in game will be set for the Monday prior to the W. Region Tournament. In the event of inclement weather, it will be held the next day (Tuesday).

All JV baseball tournaments will be played in Minot. It will be a two-day tournament, May 19-20

Girls' Tennis: Varsity and JV schedules set

Girls' Soccer: Varsity and JV schedules set with the exception of finalizing East-West crossover dates. Activities Directors and coaches will continue discussion on establishing a region tournament in the future.

Track and Field: Schedule is in place.

Boys' Golf: B. Lervick said schedule is updated after making changes (Co-hosts for one Bismarck Meet).

Trapshooting

D. Zittleman said Bismarck Public Schools will not be participating/sponsoring trapshooting. Some members do recognize it as a club-status program, but no official sponsorship.

WDA Senior Scholar Award

Seven total applications were received for the annual award given to one boy and girl. Applicants came from Bismarck High, St. Mary's, Legacy, Mandan and Minot. Recipients will receive a \$500 scholarship. Selection committee will review applicants and make selections. Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the West Region Basketball Tournament.

New Business

Winter Sports Coaches Meetings

Gymnastics: No issues to report.

Boys Hockey: Discussion on a two-class hockey system was discussed, but it was evident that it would only affect three schools, since enrollment is the factor in determining classification under NDHSAA by-laws. Also a split would require a NDHSAA member vote.

Girls Hockey: Selection of all-region, all-state players was called into question when senior athlete of the year was not even an all-state selection. Process of selecting players for awards will be revisited.

Wrestling: Planning more triangular meets was discussed.

Girls-Boys Basketball: Scheduling for next year is near complete. Double round robin schedule. Moving forward, using the same statistic gathering program for each school would be a way to provide prompt and consistent team and individual statistics to be shared/uploaded on the conference site. Several schools are using Hudl. On a related matter, the membership fee by Hudl seems to vary for WDA schools. Perhaps a conference rate/fee could be secured in the future. Issue will be looked into.

West Region Athletic Director of the Year

Dave Zittleman was voted for the honor. Award will be announced at the conclusion of the West Region Basketball Tournament.

Fall Girls Soccer

Executive Secretary/SID Report

Farmers Union Insurance provided a match for the WDA Senior Scholar Award (\$250). New Recipients will be updated on the WDA Scholar Page on the website. Mullally will send out award letters and make arrangements for checks to be sent out to recipients this spring. Checks will be made out to the school.

Following the conclusion of the winter sports season, website updates and preparation for spring sports season will be completed.

NDHSAA

Class A Review items

Athletic Review

Tournament Committee

SID Evaluation

The WDA directors will set up an evaluation for the SID/Executive Secretary position.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 5 at TMCHS (Belcourt), 11 a.m. CT

M. Lunde adjourned the meeting

WDA dual tournament to determine the four seeds to move on to the Class A Dual Tournament?

Often matches take very little time to complete. Some of the reasons for that is due to open weight divisions due to low numbers or injuries. And some due to coaches electing to hold out kids to avoid a match with another wrestler. Does it warrant the expense in traveling/facility costs? Some programs like duals as an opportunity to get home matches draw support/awareness to the program. Hosting a triangular is possibility to remedy some of those problems. It adds the possibility of another match. J. Roaldson said one option is invite a strong Class B program from the area to take part. S. Martin said last year TMCHS had Class B Rugby participate in a triangular with BHS.

D. Zittleman said some coaches like duals, especially those early in the week (Tuesdays) because it provides early weigh before weekend tournaments. D. Zittleman added that from his experiences that wrestling people seem to put up with the issues that affect their sport; i.e., having these duals that don't take long or have limited matches. Also, having to travel distances to one match.

Some pointed to other sports like golf and gymnastics where there are low participation numbers, but we still travel regularly to events.

Spring Sports Review

Girls' Soccer: B. Lervick will draft a schedule framework for 2017. The earliest a regional tournament would be added is 2018.

Softball: J. Roaldson will draft a schedule framework for 2017. This year's W. Region Tournament will be conducted over three days and is hosted by Jamestown.

Baseball: M. Wiest will draft a schedule framework for 2017.

It was decided at the June 6 meeting to again count both games of the varsity doubleheader in the 2017 season. The first game is five innings and the second is seven.

J. Roaldson said given the decision to go back to metal bats should revisit this issue of counting both games. There is concerns that metal bats will create longer games and tax pitching staffs. Should we go back to the first one counting and the second a non-counter in the WDA standings? Perhaps one option to consider is going to 1 varsity counter. National Federation only allows a seven inning game.

Some ADs have indicated we simply have too many games in such as small window of time. Perhaps the one game will alleviate many issues relating to pitching and overuse of players. ADs will gather feedback with coaches about future scheduling options.

Sixth Grade Track/Travel

G. Fridley asked how other members set up events/meets for sixth grade track. Do they take them to out-of-town meets. M. Lunde said in Minot they only have in-house competitions. This common practice at others in the conference. Fridley said they are in the process of setting up schedules and he wanted to check on what other programs are doing.

All-Region, All-Tournament, All-State recognition

D. Zittleman said we seem to have this discussion regularly on when/where and what postseason awards should be announced at events.

In recent years, our conference has made it commonplace to announce all-conference honors at the conclusion of the region tournament. This has been the case in volleyball/hockey. Outside of boys and girls' regional basketball, an all-tournament team is usually not put together by tournament management. In the case of football, all-conference awards are not released to media outlets/public until the season is complete.

All-state awards are usually released after state tournaments. Do we need a standard policy/agreement as to what our conference will announce and recognize at postseason events to create uniformity among activities? This could be a discussion topic at future tournament committee meetings.

NDHSAA

Class A Review items

--Look at boys' soccer starting date of Aug. 1 (of the proceeding Monday, if the calendar falls on a weekend).

--Revisit the 18-3 volleyball schedule possibility.

Tournament Committee

Discuss all-state award recognition and effectively providing that information to public/media.

NDIAAA

Event held this past September in Mandan. Some workshop/sessions were good. Some wondered if some changes are needed in future to provide more interesting/meaningful items.

SID Report

M. Mullally said Farmers Union Insurance has agreed to again match our \$500 in scholarships for our WDA Senior Scholar Award. They will also contribute in new outdoor WDA banners.

After contacting BEK Broadcasting/BEK Communications, they agreed to a \$1,000 sponsorship for the 2016-17 season. Mullally will send out an invoice. In return, BEK Broadcasting logo/brand will be placed on WDA web pages as well as upcoming broadcast schedules with WDA events. Work with BEK technical staff on featuring WDA clips from BEK events on the WDA site.

Other

P. Jundt wondered why our fall meeting has taken place in early November prior to the conclusion of fall sports activities.

President Lunde adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting is set for Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2017

Meeting location will be in Minot, 10 a.m. CT

Respectfully submitted

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