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Minutes of the
WOA Executive Board Meeting
May 4-5, 2025
WIAA Office

In Attendance Sunday/Monday, May 4-5, 2025
President Dean Corcoran called the meeting to order at 9:04am. The following Board Members were present:

Board Member	WOA Region
Dean Corcoran (President)	Region 1
Steve Simonson (Vice President)	Region 5
Jeff Mattson	Region 1
John Lindsey	Region 2
Salima Kanji	Region 2
Terry Beckstead	Region 3
Dave Paul	Region 3
Bryan Keatley	Region 4
Tyler Trimble	Region 4
Dave Van Laar	Region 5
Karl Johanson	Region 6
Heide Wehr	Region 6
Brian Armes	Soccer
Dani Yorkston	Spirit

WOA Staff Present: Todd Stordahl, WOA Executive Director and Kerri Stordahl, WOA Director of Operations.

Guests Present: Ken Koester, NASO

Approval of Agenda
Karl Johanson/Dani Yorkston moved to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion Passed.**

Approval of Minutes
Heide Wehr/Dave Paul moved to approve as corrected. **Motion Passed.**

Reports from Regions

Region 1: **Dean Corcoran/Jeff Mattson** reported Snohomish County Basketball Officials (SCBBO) is actively working to determine who will serve as assigner(s) moving forward. Snohomish County Baseball has a new assigner, Tim Stevens. The Officials Protection Legislative bill, proposed for the third consecutive year, passed through committee but stalled before reaching either chamber for a vote and ultimately died when the session ended.

Region 2: **John Lindsey/Salima Kanji** No report

Region 3: **Terry Beckstead/Dave Paul** reported Tacoma area softball has a change in assigner. Greg Farias resigned during this mid-season. He is replaced by Regi Johnson. Bremerton High School is once again hosting an Officials Appreciation BBQ on June 7. All are welcome to attend.

Region 4: **Bryan Keatley/Tyler Trimble** No report

Region 5: **Steve Simonson**/**Dave Van Laar** No report

Region 6: **Karl Johanson**/**Heide Wehr** reported that despite steady attendance in new WIAA District 6 board meetings the Board has not formed a Committee on Officiating as required by the WIAA. There have been assurances this will change this fall.

Soccer: **Brian Armes** No report

Spirit: **Dani Yorkston** reported the Cheer judges association met with coaches association and strongly recommended adding 3 Wednesday events (instead of the only-Saturday model) so more schools can attempt to qualify for state. We are currently working on updates to our scoring rules. At the state event one our officials who is a therapist in her day-job, assisted a cheerleader having a mental health crisis. The cheerleader was then able to take the floor and finish the routine. It was a cool moment.

Gymnastics: **Dean Ratliff** No report

WIAA Report

Justin Kestersen reported on amendments that passed. Flag football was a big one - exciting for WIAA staff to add a new sport. NFHS is working on the rule book, will be ready in June. Changes will be coming to member schools as the membership fee increase did not pass. There will be scaling back – no league/district insurance or legal fees, coaches pass, revenue sharing are just a few that are being discussed.

Sports Committee Report

Todd Stordahl reported that they are reorganizing and revitalizing. Basketball is using the new format and is going well.

Winter Tournament Report

Todd Stordahl reported that tournaments went well. Cheer judge will be awarded a great call award from NASO. New format for wrestling – went smoothly for the most part. Will adjust schedule a little bit for next year. Head officials selected who worked the finals and was well received. Basketball did not have observers, Basketball staff determined who worked the finals. Added a coach input component that was well received. The coaches felt they had some buy-in.

NASO Update

Ken Koester reported that they have heard from state tournament officials that the Referee covers are appreciated at the state tournaments. Summit is the focus now and getting ready for Montgomery. Looking forward to partnership with Shirts Across America. There will be an event (Legacy Museum) with them as well as a presentation at the Summit from them. Also helping with legislation across the country. Working on manuals for some sports that have not had them before. Summit for 2026 is in Grand Rapids. 50th Anniversary for Referee Magazine.

WOA Conference Report

Kerri Stordahl reported that we are confirmed for Yakima. The Executive board meeting will be on Thursday, golf tournament on Friday and conference and awards luncheon on Saturday.

2024 – 25 Membership Breakdown

Todd Stordahl reported on the membership breakdown and answered questions.

Requests for Action

2024-2025 Financial Report – Todd Stordahl answered questions on handout. **Karl Johanson/Salima Kanji** moved to reflect that report was received. **Motion Passed**.

Rules Books – Todd Stordahl spoke to the proposal and the group discussed**. Brian Armes/Dani Yorkston** made a motion to move to online rule books**. Motion Passed.**

Opening Round Basketball – Bryan Keatley spoke to the proposal that MOGS may not send the same official for a boy's game and a girl's games in the same season for regionals. **Tyler Trimble/ Brian Armes** moved to approve. **Motion Passed**.

Dani Yorkston/Steve Simonson made a motion to go into Executive session. **Motion Passed.** Jeff Mattson/Heide Wehr moved to go out of Executive session. Motion Passed.

Flag Football – Todd Stordahl, Dean Corcoran, and Dave Paul will meet with current officials and look at what that landscape looks like moving forward.

Ejection Reports – Todd Stordahl spoke to proposal to change ejection report timelines to match game report timelines. **Steve Simonson/Dave Van Laar** moved to approve**. Motion Passed.**

Governance – By Laws – Karl Johanson spoke to proposal to amend By laws, Article V, Member Officiating Group responsibilities, Section 3. **Request Denied.**

Awards –
WOA Scholarship:
Steve Simonson/Brian Armes moved to approve the nominations of Erika Morford, Garrett Kock, and Biyanca Parker Henson for the WOA Scholarship. **Motion Passed.**

WOA Hall of Fame:
Tyler Trimble/Steve Simonson moved to approve nomination of Dean Ratliff for the WOA Hall of Fame. **Motion Passed**.

Tom Cross Award:
Tyler Trimble/Bryan Keatley moved to approve the nomination of Steve Jensen for the Tom Cross Award. **Motion Passed**.

Personnel –
Steve Simoson/Terry Beckstead moved to extend the Executive Director's contract one year with 5% cost of living raise. **Motion Passed.**

Brian Armes/Dave Van Laar moved to extend the Director of Operations contract for an additional year with a 5% cost of living raise. **Motion Passed**.

Executive Director's Report
Legal Report/Central Hub/Property Update/Regional Meetings – Jeff finished master courses. Region meetings will be on zoom over summer/conference.

Brian Armes/Dave Van Laar moved to adjourn the meeting**. Motion Passed.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kerri Stordahl, WOA Director of Operations
Next Meeting Date – July 31, 2025, Yakima