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Minutes of the
WOA Executive Board Meeting
January 5-6, 2025
WIAA Office

In Attendance Sunday/Monday, January 5/6, 2025
President Dean Corcoran called the meeting to order at 9:06am. The following Board Members were present:

Board Member	WOA Region
Dean Corcoran (President)	Region 1
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
Steve Simonson (Vice President)	Region 5
Dave Van Laar	Region 5
Karl Johanson	Region 6
Heide Wehr	Region 6
Brian Armes	Soccer
Dani Yorkston	Spirit
Dean Ratliff	Gymnastics

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

Guests Present: Ken Koester, NASO

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

Approval of Minutes
Dave Paul/Salima Kanji moved to approve the minutes. **Motion Passed.**

Reports from Regions
Region 1: **Dean Corcoran/Jeff Mattson** reported that House Bill 1085 will be up for vote in the Senate this session.

Region 2: **John Lindsey/Salima Kanji -** no report.

Region 3: **Terry Beckstead/Dave Paul -** no report.

Region 4: **Bryan Keatley/Tyler Trimble** - no report.

Region 5: **Steve Simonson/Dave Van Laar -** no report.

Region 6: **Karl Johanson**/**Heide Wehr** reported on issues that were brought to their attention included reimbursement for long distance travel, changing the processes for registration/certification/observation, reciprocity between WA/OR, and WA/ID and DEI training.

Soccer: **Brian Armes -** no report.

Spirit: **Dani Yorkston -** cheer is growing in the state and creating a challenge with scheduling. Schools prefer to schedule on Saturdays. Would like to meet with coaches association and develop strategies so judges can staff the tournaments.

Gymnastics: **Dean Ratliff** - no report.

WIAA Report

Andy Barnes reported on amendments that will be up for vote this year. WIAA staff will hold a meeting with all delegates to go over the proposed amendments before winter coalition. Staff will be going around at district meetings to answer questions. Voting will be prior to AD Conference. Ejection numbers are still high, working on a process within the office to streamline. WIAA has refined language on whether overturning/upholding and the threshold is high for overturning. Stressing pre-game meetings with admin/officials/coaches. State Events that have officials liaison have been great – go much more smoothly. We are continually working to improve the experience for all involved.

Sport Committees Update

Todd Stordahl reported that he is meeting with Tim Lewis on Thursday. Will be working to upgrade videos/fine tune for this year. More dynamic, less power point.

Fall Tournament Report

Todd Stordahl reported that we had a new UIC for the slowpitch tournament. Volleyball, soccer, football went smoothly. WOA photographer went to most of the fall tournaments this year and provided photos for officials.

NASO Update

Ken Koester reported that membership process is going smoothly. Hearing from MICP that members are calling in, NASO staff are excited to be involved with recognition magazine covers for state tournaments. Ejections up across the country – by product of shortage of officials. Put in situations that are not equipped to handle. Looking at ways to educate on soft skills. Looking forward to this year's Summit in Montgomery.

WOA Conference Report

Kerri Stordahl reported that Tyler Trimble will oversee the golf tournament this year. Conference will be back at Yakima Convention Center. Aug. 1-2.

2024 – 25 Fall Membership Breakdown

Todd Stordahl reported on the membership breakdown and answered questions.

Executive Board Meeting Follow-up

Jeff Mattson gave update on building out the WOA Academy. Secured our own domain website. Reorganized the videos into sections.

Requests for Action

By-Laws/Policy Manual – Karl Johanson spoke to handout and updates. **Dani Yorkston/Brian Armes** moved to change the proposal to just amend the bylaws. **Karl Johanson/Heide Wehr** moved to approve as amended. **Motion Passed.**

Situations – **Todd Stordahl** spoke to handout and answered questions. The board directed action on the four situations.

Financial Report –

A. 2023-2024 Financial Review – **Todd Stordahl** answered questions on handout. **Steve Simonson/Tyler Trimble** moved to reflect that report was received. **Motion Passed**.

B. 2024-25 Year to Date – **Todd Stordahl** reported on enclosure. **Dave Van Laar/Dani Yorkston** moved to reflect that report was received. **Motion Passed**.
C. Update on scholarship fund – **Todd Stordahl** gave updates on golf tournament and scholarship money.

Executive Director's Report

Central Hub/Property Update/Regional Meetings – Please confirm with staff for regional meeting dates, there are some adjustments to dates this year.

Legal Report – No report

Tyler Trimble/Steve Simonson moved to adjourn meeting**. Motion Passed.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kerri Stordahl, WOA Director of Operations
Next Meeting Date – May 4-5, 2025, WIAA Office