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Minutes of the
WOA Executive Board Meeting
May 7-8, 2023
WIAA Office

In Attendance Sunday/Monday, May 7-8, 2023
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 Associations
Jeff Mattson	Region 1 Boards
John Lindsey	Region 2 Association
Salima Kanji	Region 2 Boards
Terry Beckstead	Region 3 Associations
Dave Paul	Region 3 Boards
Bryan Keatley	Region 4 Associations
Tyler Trimble	Region 4 Boards
Dave Van Laar	Region 5 Boards
Karl Johanson	Region 6 Associations
Heide Wehr	Region 6 Boards
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 Director of Business Development.

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

Approval of Minutes
Dani Yorkston/Heide Wehr moved to approve the minutes. **Motion Passed.**

Reports from Regions

Region 1: **Dean Corcoran/Jeff Mattson** reported that there will be some new assigners for next year. WIAA District 1 Board continues to discuss officiating and looking for ways to help recruit, recognize and celebrate officials. Will be discussing possible options in their area for ways to incentivize officials to work at the island schools.

Region 2: **John Lindsey/Salima Kanji** reported that fall and winter AD's are working on schedules for the upcoming season to stagger play dates. They continue to have issues assigning officials to Snoqualmie School District in multiple sports due to lack of officials in the area.

Region 3: **Terry Beckstead/Dave Paul** reported Bremerton HS, along with the Bremerton Police Dept, will sponsor an official Appreciation BBQ and Recruiting event. Some assigners are experiencing some frustration at collecting extra fees from officials.

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

Region 5: **Steve Simonson**/**Dave Van Laar** reported that Steve Simonson spoke at the statewide AD conference in the Tri-Cities. Ken Koester and Todd Stordahl helped prepare a great PowerPoint presentation. It was very well received. After the presentation he was asked to contribute to another presentation on having High schools offer officiating classes through CTE programs.

Region 6: **Karl Johanson**/**Heide Wehr** reported that Karl Johanson has been assisting in the formation of WIAA new District 6. Also have had to clarify to regional baseball assigners that the reason why League and District allocations are not made by the WOA is that the WIAA is League and District controlled.

Soccer: **Brian Armes** reported they appreciated the new venue for state finals. The stadium and staff were great to work with.

Spirit: **Dani Yorkston** reported for dance/drill that they are focused on retention/recruitment and building up their numbers after covid. Cheer is working together with coaches in a collaborative process for a change in rules that happens every three years.

Gymnastics: **Dean Ratliff** No report

WIAA Report

Mick Hoffman reported finishing up a review of all state tournaments. Volleyball is changing a couple of dates. The goal is to look at sustainability and fan/student experience. The cost of large buildings is a deterrent. Spokane and Yakima are willing to work with offsetting some costs, but Tacoma is not. Tournament revenue is 55% of WIAA's total revenue. They do not want to raise ticket prices every year. They are adding language in the WIAA handbook for game management and supervision. He will be meeting with Chris Reykdal next week about CTE officiating classes.

Dani Yorkston/Heide Wehr moved to go into executive session. **Motion passed.**
Brian Armes/Dani Yorkston moved to go out of executive session**. Motion passed.**

RTO Program Update

Todd Stordahl reported that he submitted an RFA regarding the program.

Winter Tournament Report

Todd Stordahl reported that Cindy C-Wilson announced at gymnastics this year and it went great. Cheer judges stayed in an Airbnb this year and enjoyed it. Wrestling regionals continues to be chaotic as so many officials are needed. Mat Class went smoothly with the new process. Basketball tournaments went well, still need to see some new faces. There was an issues with a Dance/Drill judge and their association will be implementing discipline and enhancing training.

NASO Update

Ken Koester reported that the focus will be on sportsmanship at the upcoming NASO Summit in Riverside, CA. Vendors will be showing body cameras as well as stats from soccer in Europe and how they have worked there. The opening session will be a release of the national survey that was sent out. Almost 36,000 completed the survey, and over 800 in WA. NAOS has a new agreement with NFHS – resources and tools for negative sporting behavior. They are trying to find new ways to reach the digital market as officials are not using those options as much as expected.

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.

2022 – 23 Membership Breakdown
Todd Stordahl reported on the membership breakdown and answered questions.

Executive Board Meeting Follow-up
No update.

Requests for Action
2022-2023 Financial Report – Todd Stordahl answered questions on handout. **Karl Johanson/Heide Wehr** moved to reflect that report was received. **Motion Passed**.

RTO Program – Todd Stordahl spoke to the proposal and the group discussed**. Jeff Mattson/Bryan Keatley** made a motion to disband the RTO program**. Motion Passed.**

Sports Committees – Todd Stordahl spoke to the proposal to rebrand and re-organize the sports committees. Committees will be responsible for: Interpreting rules, coordinating statewide training, editing mechanics, coordinating observation programs etc. **Heide Wehr/ Salima Kanji** moved to approve. **Motion Passed**.

Allocations – Todd Stordahl spoke to proposal to change the allocation formula to include Postseason Endorsed count instead of Certified. **Jeff Mattson/Karl Johanson** moved to approve as presented. **Motion Fails**.

Local Membership Fee – Todd Stordahl spoke to proposal to clarify school count. **Salima Kanji/Terry Beckstead** moved to approve**. Motion Passed.**

Constitution – **Dani Yorkston** presented an updated copy and discussed advantages/disadvantages of the proposal. **Brian Armes/Terry Beckstead** moved to approve the proposal to submit new documents to associations/boards for a vote. **Motion Passed**.

Volleyball – Salima Kanji spoke to proposal to allow line judges, scorekeepers, and libero trackers to wear the sublimated white or blue shirt or plain white polo for varsity matches for the 2023-24 season. **Salima Kanji/John Lindsey** moved to approve**. Motion Passed.**

Awards –

WOA Scholarship:
Karl Johanson/Heide Wehr moved to approve the nominations of Jack Schneider and Samiya Kanji for the WOA Scholarship. **Motion Passed.**

WOA Hall of Fame:
Terry Beckstead/Jeff Mattson moved to approve nominations of John Lindsey and Victor Walker for the WOA Hall of Fame. **Motion Passed**.
Tom Cross Award:
Salima Kanji/Heide Wehr moved to approve the nomination of Rich Austin for the Tom Cross award. **Motion Passed**.

Personnel – Brian Armes led a discussion on succession planning for the executive director position, as well as the future structure of the WOA.

Tyler Trimble/Dave Paul moved to go into executive session. **Motion Passed.**
Dave Van Laar/Karl Johanson moved to go out of executive session. **Motion Passed**.

Jeff Mattson/Karl Johanson moved to extend the Executive Director's contract one year with 5% cost of living raise. An additional stipend was approved based on the development of additional revenue streams. **Motion Passed.**

Salima Kanji/Jeff Mattson 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 – No Report

Central Hub/Property Update/Regional Meetings –
House is still being rented.
Will be going back to in person regional meetings.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kerri Stordahl, WOA Director of Operations
Next Meeting Date – August 3, 2023, Yakima