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**Minutes of the WOA Executive Board Meeting**
**January 31, 2021, Zoom**

**In Attendance January 31, 2021**

President Dean Corcoran called the meeting to order at 2:10pm on January 31, 2021. The following Board Members were present:

| Board Member | WOA Region |
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| Dean Corcoran (President) | Region 1 Associations |
| Steve Simonson (Vice President) | Region 5 Associations |
| Todd Weber | Region 1 Boards |
| John Lindsey | Region 2 Associations |
| Cindy C-Wilson | Region 2 Boards |
| Terry Beckstead | Region 3 Associations |
| Robyn Buck | Region 3 Boards |
| Terry Simmonds | Region 4 Associations |
| Tyler Trimble | Region 4 Boards |
| Dave Van Laar | Region 5 Boards |
| Karl Johanson | Region 6 Associations |
| Bob Francis | 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:** Marc Blau (Tacoma Pierce County Volleyball), Ken Koester (NASO), Kenny Davis (Spokane Basketball), Joe McKenna (Peninsula Wrestling)

**Approval of Agenda**

**Bob Francis/Cindy C-Wilson** moved to approve the agenda with additions. **Motion passed.**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Tyler Trimble/Karl Johanson** moved to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion passed.**

**Reports from Regions**

**Region 1:** **Dean Corcoran/Todd Weber** reported that so far, it looks like there will be enough officials to cover games for the fall sports. Officials are asking about the protocols being solidified.

**Region 2:** **John Lindsey/Cindy C-Wilson** reported that their District Director Tom Doyle is retiring at the end of the school year. Some volleyball officials are waiting to hear the COVID protocols before they make their decision about officiating this year.

**Region 3:** **Terry Beckstead/Robyn Buck** reported that there is some concern about WWFA having enough officials to cover their games. Surrounding groups have agreed to help if needed. Associations/Boards are working with AD's to make sure games are being entered into Arbiter correctly. They are waiting on the statement from the DEI committee on national anthem protocol.

**Region 4:** **No report**

**Region 5:** **Steve Simonson/Dave Van Laar** reported they are working with leagues and classifications on scheduling flexibility. Soccer group is working on some travel issues with Todd. Basketball groups report the statewide meetings have been great in connecting officials and keeping them engaged.

**Region 6:** **Karl Johanson/Bob Francis** reported that some leagues/classifications in their area are expanding or combining. They are working with AD's to schedule; keeping in mind there are fewer officials this year due to the pandemic.

**Soccer:** **No report**

**Spirit**: **Dani Yorkston** reported that Spirit sport leaders are progressively working better together to solve for similar issues. They are looking at switching to hourly pay instead of per team as well as considering holding virtual competitions. They will be meeting with WIAA to discuss.

**Gymnastics**: **No report**

**WIAA Report**

**Todd Stordahl reported** that the WIAA Executive Board is meeting every other week. WIAA staff is working long hours as they have a lot on their plates. They are doing a great job including the WOA in decisions/discussions. They are looking at officials traveling across region lines in order to work/help out neighboring associations. ESports has been approved as a WIAA sport.

**WOA Conference Report**

**Todd Stordahl** reported that the Executive Board will have to decide on holding it virtually again this year or in person.

**NASO Update**

**Ken Koester** gave an update on best practices around the country as well as a report from his high school and college association on how things have gone/changed this year in regards to Covid. They are discussing whether or not to have the Summit in person this year, will decide soon and let people know.

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee**

**Steve Simonson** reported that serving on the committee has been eye-opening for him. The training and conversations have been a great experience. We still need liaisons from many groups. Some statewide sport meetings have included some of these topics and had good discussions.

**2020-2021 Membership Breakdown**

**Nothing to report.**

**Executive Board Meeting Follow-up**
**Nothing to report.**

**Requests for Action**
**Financial Report:**

a. **2019-2020 Financial Review** - **Todd Stordahl** answered questions on the review. **Dani Yorkston/Karl Johanson** moved to show receipt of the financial review. **Motion passed.**
b. **2020-2021 Year to Date** - **Todd Stordahl** provided the year to date financials.

**Uniforms (a): Karl Johanson** spoke to the request to allow Idaho officials to wear their uniforms for Season 1 only, while helping out in Washington. The officials will be registered/certified with Washington. **Bob Francis/Terry Simmonds** moved to approve the request. **Motion passed.**

**Uniforms (b):Terry Simmonds** withdrew his request to re-evaluate the state uniforms. He will send his request through the RTO committees for each sport.

**PA Script: Steve Simonson** spoke to the request to approve distribution of PA Script to be read during the 20-21 school year. **John LIndsey/Karl Johanson** moved to approve**. Motion passed.**

**WOA Policy Statement: Dean Corcoran** spoke to the request to publish a WOA policy statement on freedom of expression/national anthem. **John LIndsey/Steve Simonson** moved to approve the statement as presented. **Motion passed.**
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**Board Governances: Dani Yorkston** spoke to the request for the WOA Executive Board to determine a style of governance. **Cindy C-Wilson/Steve Simonson** moved to approve a policy model of governance**. Motion passed.**

**Executive Director's Report**
**Bob Frances/Karl Johanson** moved to go into executive session**. Motion passed.**
**Tyler Trimble/John Lindsey** moved to come out of the executive session**. Motion passed.**

Staff will hold a statewide assigner's call every Wednesday at 12pm to answer questions starting Wednesday, February 3.

**Todd Stordahl** provided an update on ArbiterPay. It can be used by officials to pay their association/board. The account must have funds prior to an official paying the association/board, ArbiterPay does not allow for a negative balance.

**Cindy C-Wilson/John Lindsey** moved to adjourn the meeting**. Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kerri Stordahl, WOA Director of Operations
**Next Meeting Date – May 2, 2021**