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Minutes of the
WOA Executive Board Meeting
January 8-9, 2023
WIAA Office

In Attendance Sunday/Monday, January 8/9, 2023
President Dean Corcoran called the meeting to order at 9:08pm. 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
Terry Beckstead	Region 3 Associations
Dave Paul	Region 3 Boards
Bryan Keatley	Region 4 Associations
Tyler Trimble	Region 4 Boards
Steve Simonson (Vice President)	Region 5 Associations
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
Dani Yorkston/Steve Simonson moved to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion Passed.**

Approval of Minutes
Karl Johanson/Steve Simonson moved to approve the minutes. **Motion Passed.**

Reports from Regions

Region 1: **Dean Corcoran/Jeff Mattson** reported that the Say Yes to Officiating business cards have been a big success. Region 1 is now tracking technical fouls to try and help with sportsmanship issues. The Snohomish County Council approved a proclamation for sportsmanship in September. Region 1 is also working with a legislator in their area to put forward a bill for assault protection for officials.

Region 2: **John Lindsey** reported they have a large turnover in AD's this year. They are still looking to recruit more officials. They are hearing positive feedback on the pay increase for officials.

Region 3: **Terry Beckstead/Dave Paul** reported concerns from their region over coach/fan sportsmanship and game manager's dealing with issues.

Region 4: **Bryan Keatley/Tyler Trimble** reported the official's committee in their region will be meeting to layout football schedules and rotation on game nights. Montesano city council also passed a resolution recognizing the need for officials and good sportsmanship.

Region 5: **Steve Simonson**/**Dave Van Laar** reported that they had feedback that WIAA needs to address a couple of issues at the state football sites. Travel issues were addressed at the recent District 6 meeting and staying within the guidelines of the statewide agreement.

Region 6: **Karl Johanson**/**Heide Wehr** reported they are involved with providing input to the Committee that is drafting the new By-Laws that WIAA District 6 will use to begin operations in 2024. They have also had input that their region would like the WOA DEI efforts renewed.

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 cheer that they are limited with number of officials and are struggling with full state coverage. Some events are extremely long days for the judges, they are working to get them compensated for longer hours and more work.

Gymnastics: **Dean Ratliff** reported they have had a rough time getting officials back or interested in joining after covid. They have a critical shortage of officials in Tri-Cities with only one. A big campaign is now underfoot (through social media and asking Spokane judges if they will come down) and is looking promising to bring in a few folks so they can get through the season.

WIAA Report

Mick Hoffman reported they can help with making officials feel safe at the venues. They will take a look at the penalty matrix and tie specific rules to this issue as recommended by their attorney. Turnover rate is especially high with AD's/game management. WIAA is working on a game management best practices document and will take to AD conference for point of discussion. High school sports will suffer from fall out if these issues aren't addressed. Staff is doing an exhaustive review of every state tournament venue/format and also reviewing the classification system. WIAA is working on a forward facing website that will look better and be more accessible from mobile devices.

Western Washington Football – Audience/fact finding
Ken Wood
Jeff Harlowe
Jeff Ausman – white hat
Kyle Prosser

Recap of situation by Dean Corcoran. White Hat gave his account of what happened.

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.**

Tyler Trimble/Jeff Mattson move that the white hat is suspended from post season assignments from week 11 forward. Association on one year probation, must supply policies/procedures on discriminatory procedure training to members. **Motion Passed**.

RTO Program Update

Todd Stordahl reported that football has a couple of questions. Dean will take back to discuss with the committee. (Combine linesman/line judge, look at going to more crew based assignments for post

season.) Volleyball has been progressing, will work on doing observations during regular season as a qualifier to go to state. Tim Lewis is now the coordinator for Basketball and Dave Paul for Softball.

Fall Tournament Report
Todd Stordahl reported that everything went smoothly.

NASO Update
Ken Koester reported they are excited to continue the partnership. Members have been using MICP line as a resource. With renewal, they are delivering more things digitally. Members are not using as much as we would like. Recruiting materials will continue to be made available. The NASO Summit will be in Riverside, CA this year and will be a unique event.

WOA Conference Report
Kerri Stordahl reported that we had good feedback and will continue with the schedule going forward.

2022 – 23 Fall Membership Breakdown
Todd Stordahl reported on the membership breakdown and answered questions. Jeff Mattson will be tracking how numbers look coming out of the pandemic.

Executive Board Meeting Follow-up
Todd Stordahl provided some follow up on DEI training. We are still looking for funding to help finance.

Requests for Action
Financial Report –

A. 2021-2022 Financial Review – **Todd Stordahl** answered questions on handout. **Steve Simonson/Dani Yorkston** moved to reflect that report was received. **Motion Passed**.
B. 2022-23 Year to Date – **Todd Stordahl** reported on enclosure. **Tyler Trimble/Heide Wehr** moved to reflect that report was received. **Motion Passed**.

Executive Director's Report
Legal Report – No Report

Central Hub/Property Update/Regional Meetings – Please confirm with staff for regional meeting dates. (Zoom)

Brian Armes/Terry Beckstead moved to adjourn the meeting**. Motion Passed.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kerri Stordahl, WOA Director of Operations
Next Meeting Date – May 7-8, 2023, WIAA Office