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Minutes of the
WOA Executive Board Meeting
April 30 - May 1, 2017
WIAA Office

In Attendance Sunday, April 30th and Monday, May 1, 2017
President Dean Corcoran called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. The following Board Members were present:

Board Member	WOA Region
Dean Corcoran (President)	Region 1 Associations
Steve Simonson (Vice-President)	Region 5 Associations
Kevin Erickson	Region 1 Boards
John Lindsey	Region 2 Associations
Cindy C-Wilson	Region 2 Boards
Terry Beckstead	Region 3 Associations
Robyn Buck	Region 3 Boards
Bob Berg	Region 4 Associations
Tyler Trimble	Region 4 Boards
Dick Eglet	Region 5 Boards
Karl Johanson	Region 6 Associations
Bob Francis	Region 6 Boards
Brian Armes	Soccer
Steve Colby	Awards Chair

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

Guests Present: Dani Yorkston (WSCJA)

Dean Corcoran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda
Bob Francis/Steve Simonson moved to approve the agenda with additions. **Motion Passed**

Approval of Minutes
Bob Francis/Robyn Buck moved to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion Passed**

Reports from Regions

Region 1: **Kevin Erickson/Dean Corcoran** reported that things are going smoothly.

Region 2: **Cindy C-Wilson/John Lindsey** reported that their regional meeting went well. Volleyball reported 28 new officials. Basketball has met with some leagues and are working to spread out the games for better coverage.

Region 3: **Robyn Buck** reported some teams aren't getting to games on time due to shortage of bus drivers in their area. Terry Beckstead reported that WIAA updated Mat Classic schedule this year, need to streamline process as it is taking more time to complete medal rounds.

Region 4: **Tyler Trimble** reported that he attended a recruiting meeting for District 4. It was well attended and productive, they will continue to meet. **Bob Berg** reported that the regional meeting went well. They discussed retention of officials and introduced the WOA Integrity program.

Region 5: **Dick Eglet** reported that their regional meeting went well and was well attended. **Steve Simonson** pointed out the recent article in NFHS magazine about officials and also that there is a big turnover of AD's in their area.

Region 6: **Bob Francis** reported that due to weather concerns, their area has had a difficult time covering games this spring. A large number of schools are trying to reschedule games on the same day. **Karl Johanson** introduced himself as the new board representative for Region 6 Associations.

Soccer: **Brian Armes** reported that spring soccer is going well. He has attended some league meetings in his area to connect with the coaches and AD's.

Gymnastics: **Dean Ratliff** reported that the number of gymnastics officials is remaining stable. The league realignments have created an issue in that all the schools have meets on same night. There is a large number of coaches that are also officials which can lead to some issues in postseason. There are renovations scheduled to take place to the Tacoma Dome, they will be taking out the bleachers, WIAA will look for a new venue in the next couple of years.

Spirit: **Todd Stordahl** reported that Natalia Jhavari will no longer be a judge and the board will need to find a replacement to represent Spirit.

WIAA Report

Brian Smith reported that spring is going well. As we get closer to postseason the numbers of ejections go up. There is a WIAA soccer amendment being voted on about yellow cards. The player would have to leave the game after receiving a yellow card. Some AD's feel it would bring down the number of ejections in soccer. WIAA Executive Board unanimously approved the fee increase for officials. WIAA is encouraging schools to adjust schedules to accommodate number of officials on particular night. There is positive feedback on the joint WIAA/WOA RTO Advisory Committee.

Winter State Tournament Report

Todd Stordahl reported that all the state tournaments went well. WIAA made a change to the Gymnastics format – now the tournament is three days. No negative reports from Dance/Drill. Basketball coordinators will be meeting this year to go over format and make any improvements. Terry Beckstead reported on Mat Classic and the issues that were created due to the change in format.

Cindy C-Wilson/Karl Johanson moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues**. Motion Passed**
Steve Simonson/Dick Eglet moved to go out of executive session**. Motion Passed**

WOA Conference Report

Kerri Stordahl reported that this year's flyer is updated and ready to go out. Staff is working with board members and sport committees to formulate the agendas for the sports specific breakouts. **Steve Colby** reported that the golf tournament costs are the same this year. There is no fee increase. Registration is through June 30th, golf committee will email returning golfers for size of shirt, as they need to get the order in for the sublimated shirts. Cindy C-Wilson is looking into another activity for non-golfers, which would include donation to the scholarship fund.

Awards:
Hall of Fame **–**Rich Tshirgi/Tom Freal
Scholarship **–** Luke Simonson/Eva Knowles

Dick Eglet/Bob Francis moved to accept nominations for the WOA Hall of Fame. **Motion Passed**
Bob Berg/Cindy C-Wilson moved to accept nominations for the WOA Scholarship. **Motion Passed**

Bob Francis will set up PayPal account to donate to scholarship and will report back at August meeting.

2016 – 2017 Membership Breakdown
Todd Stordahl provided numbers for the fall and winter seasons. The end-of-year breakdown will include officials that completed the RTO Endorsements, as well as first-year officials.

RTO Program
The RTO Program continues to evolve, as the committees become more involved in charting the course of the program. The addition of the RTO Endorsement seemed to be beneficial for all sports. The committees will look at ways of expanding this program. The committees are also looking at ways to tackle the "T" in RTO. Each sport poses a different path, but the committees have been discussing the approaches that could lead to the most exposure to the membership. The main goal of the RTO Program is to develop a statewide structure, so that all officials have access to the same information and opportunities.

Requests for Action
2016-2017 Financial Report – Todd Stordahl answered questions from the board on the financial handout.

Personnel - Dick Eglet/Bob Francis moved to extend Todd Stordahl's contract for an additional year**. Motion Passed**

NASO Summit – Tyler Trimble, Bob Berg, Cindy C-Wilson and Dean Corcoran are interested in attending the NASO Summit this year in Louisville, KY.

Cliff Keen Agreement – Dick Eglet/Steve Simonson moved to approve a new five-year agreement. **Motion Passed**

WOA Certification/By-Laws – Bob Berg/Bob Francis moved to approve the By-Laws with corrections. **Motion Passed**

Official's Fees –**Dick Eglet/Bob Berg** moved to accept the two-year proposal submitted by the committee. The proposed fee increase is $2 for varsity / $1 for sub-varsity / $1 for MS/Jr High in 2017-18. There will be no increase for 2018-19. **Motion Passed**. The board thanked the committee for the time spent in negotiations.

Integrity Program – **Bob Francis/Dick Eglet** moved to adopt 3 documents with changes. The documents will be posted on the WOA Central Hub prior to the August conference. **Motion Passed**

Nomination for Executive Board Spirit Representative – **Dani Yorkston** has been nominated from the Cheer Judges Association to represent Spirit on the Executive Board. **Bob Francis/Steve Simonson** moved to accept the nomination. **Motion Passed**

Executive Director's Report
Todd Stordahl reported that staff is looking at ways to make the WOA Central Hub more interactive. There are more officials viewing it now that the RTO program is posting weekly quizzes. Staff is also looking at becoming statewide NASO members to add more value to membership dues. A meeting has been scheduled with NASO/Referee to discuss the potential of a partnership.

Dick Eglet/Brian Armes moved to adjourn meeting**. Motion Passed**

Respectfully submitted,
Kerri Stordahl, WOA Director of Operations
Next Meeting Date – August 3-5, 2017, Yakima, WA