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Minutes of the
WOA Executive Board Meeting
January 11, 2011
WIAA Office

In Attendance Monday, January 11, 2011
President Cindy C-Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:33am. The following Board Members were present:

Board Member	WOA Region
Cindy C-Wilson (President)	Region 2 Boards
Dean Corcoran (Vice-President)	Region 1 Associations
Steve Colby	Region 1 Boards
Ira Dunbar	Region 2 Associations
Max Howard	Region 3 Boards
Bob Berg	Region 4 Associations
Ed Rhoades	Region 5 Associations
Dick Eglet	Region 5 Boards
Mike Hellman	Region 6 Associations
Debora Brock	Soccer
Cara Graham	Spirit
Terry Beckstead	Wrestling

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

Cindy C-Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by introductions of all present.

Approval of Agenda
Max Howard/Ed Rhoades moved to approve the agenda with additions. **Motion Passed**

Approval of Minutes
Ed Rhoades/Cara Graham moved to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion Passed**

Reports from Regions

Region 1: **Dean Corcoran** reported that things are going fairly well, the wrestling community had some concerns about an email sent out by a coach. WOA and the WIAA have discussed the letter with appropriate school personnel.
Steve Colby reported that their regional meeting went well. It was well attended and is well run by District Director Jim Piccolo.

Region 2: **Cindy C-Wilson** reported that their region meeting is scheduled for Feb. 7.

Region 3: **Max Howard** reported their region meeting will be Jan. 19. Daryl Eygabroad (WWWA) is now the officials' representative for the West Central District Board.

Region 4: **Bob Berg** reported that Bryan Keatley (LCBBA/LCFA) was elected to the District 4 Board to represent officials. Their region meeting will be in March after the basketball tournaments.

Region 5: **Ed Rhoades** reported he sent out an email to AD's regarding safety issues with people on the baseline and sidelines during basketball games. They are discussing these issues with the schools involved.

Dick Eglet reported their region meetings will be March 22 and 23. They have had some issues with game changes - not weather related but other issues and will be addressing those concerns at the region meeting.

Region 6: **Mike Hellman** reported their region meeting will be in March. Officials in the Spokane area are anxious about the new basketball format and how that will work for assigning purposes.

Soccer: **Debora Brock** reported concerns with changes to rules halfway through the season – different rules for boys and girls. Also concern with the new WIAA rule for red cards and how that will be implemented.

Spirit: **Cara Heiner** reported that Dance/Drill had proposed a plan for travel reimbursement and the coaches association approved it. WSSJA will be paid a flat travel and competition fee and they will disperse it to the judges.

Wrestling: **Terry Beckstead** reported they are still receiving concerns regarding the hourly rate. He has done significant research on this and has a written plan and outline of how it can be done correctly to benefit everyone involved.

WIAA Report

Cindy Adsit reported that the fall season went well. WIAA staff has been working diligently on the new basketball tournament format and will be getting information out to all involved. There is a tournament managers meeting this week.

Fall State Tournament Report

Todd Stordahl reported that all the state tournaments went well. There were very few complaints. We need to stress that official's conduct is always on display even when you are in the stands. We need to conduct ourselves professionally and represent our boards/associations well.

WOA Conference Report

Kerri Stordahl reported that planning is going well for this year's conference; we have confirmed Tommy Keith as the keynote speaker as well as some breakout speakers. **Steve Colby** hopes associations/ boards will send some of their members and see the benefits. Executive Board members need to promote locally to their groups.

Fall Membership Breakdown

Todd Stordahl reported that certification numbers were up for football and volleyball.

Pacific Northwest Basketball

Tim Gately introduced himself and proposals that PNBOA presented:

- Log-in for test/clinic changed to exclude use of SSN and DOB
- Merge registration, testing, training and ejection reports to Arbiter

Bob Berg/Ira Dunbar moved that the commissioner talk with Arbiter and do fact finding to see if we could have access through Arbiter for testing and ejections but that WOA would be able to retain our information. **Motion Passed**

Ira Dunbar/Cara Graham moved WOA staff be given authority to explore and include cost analysis for users to be able to log-in then change password as well as the option of Arbiter doing this for us. **Motion Passed**

Pacific Northwest Football

Mike Livingston, Jeff Mattson, and Rick Wells introduced themselves as representing PNFOA. **Cindy C-Wilson** talked through timeline and how events transpired in regards to the situation in October as well as presenting the constitution and by-law articles that were violated and potential penalties.

PNFOA representatives will talk to their executive board and come back to the May meeting with a recommendation for action.

Insurance

WIAA may be doing away with offering additional industrial insurance to associations/boards for recreation programs and non-school games. WOA staff will send out a notice if they choose to discontinue this. They WOA staff will work on finding a solution to cover non-WIAA middle school contests.

Employment Security

John Olson and WOA staff will move forward with formulating the WOA plan of action and bring information and update back to the May meeting.

Requests for Action

Peninsula Baseball/Softball – request to not wear WOA patch during regular season games. **Steve Colby/Cara Graham** moved to deny request. **Motion Passed**

NASO Summit – NASO sent a proposal for a $3000 sponsorship from WOA for the 2011 NASO Summit. **Dick Eglet/Max Howard** moved to sponsor for one year. **Motion Passed**

Lacrosse – add Lacrosse as a WOA sponsored sport.
Dick Eglet/Bob Berg moved to table the motion until the May meeting. **Motion Passed**

Allocation/Assigning Process

Football – Proposal to institute a state rated system based on evaluations of semifinals and finals. **Bob Berg/Steve Colby** moved to table the proposal until after the WOA conference. **Motion Passed**

Soccer – Debora Brock and WOA staff will work with soccer community to restructure the assigning process and do a trial run at the spring state tournament. **Bob Berg/Dick Eglet** moved to approve restructuring of the assigning process. **Motion Passed**

Basketball – There is a need to develop a process to validate assignments with boys and girls associations to make sure they are working both and not misrepresenting allocation numbers. WOA staff will come back in May with numbers and specifics.

Financial Review

Review of Financial report for 2009 – 2010. **Dick Eglet/Steve Colby** moved to accept the financial report for 2009-2010. **Motion Passed**

Steve Colby presented proposal to create an endowment fund. This endowment fund would be established in order to help sustain the WOA Scholarship. **Steve Colby/Mike Hellman** moved to direct WOA staff to move forward with creating fund. **Motion Passed**

Commissioner's Report

Newsletter - Todd Stordahl reported that WOA staff has received a lot of positive feedback in regards to the newsletter. WOA staff is looking for members to contribute ideas and photos to include in future issues.

Property Update – Todd Stordahl reported that the house is being rented out.

Legal Report – no report

Regional Meetings – please set meeting dates and forward those dates to WOA staff.

Sports Specific Exceptions – Todd Stordahl reported on the football exceptions packet and would like to see each sport have one on file. Each sport would then discuss during the sport specific meetings at the WOA Conference.

Multiple Contacts – Todd Stordahl reported that multiple contacts from an association/board call the office and request things of staff instead of going through the WOA contact. Staff will continue to emphasize that it is important that each association/board has one person designated as the WOA contact. This topic will be addressed in an article for the next newsletter.

Todd Stordahl reported that WOA was presented with an award for prostate cancer awareness.

Ira Dunbar/Cara Graham moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Passed**

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Stordahl, WOA Director of Operations

Next Meeting Date – Monday, May 2, 2011, WIAA Office