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Minutes of the
WOA Executive Board Meeting
May 3, 2010
WIAA Office

In Attendance Monday, May 3, 2010
President Cindy C-Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:36am. The following Board Members were present:

Board Member	WOA Region
Cindy C-Wilson (President)	Region 2 Boards
Dick Eglet (Vice-President)	Region 5 Boards
Dean Corcoran	Region 1 Associations
Ira Dunbar	Region 2 Associations
Ken Jones	Region 3 Associations
Bob Berg	Region 4 Associations
Ed Rhoades	Region 5 Associations
Mike Hellman	Region 6 Associations
Steve Colby	Region 1 Boards
Max Howard	Region 3 Boards
John Matteo	Region 4 Boards
George Eastman	Soccer
Cara Heiner	Spirit
Terry Beckstead	Wrestling
Dean Ratliff	Gymnastics

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

Dick Eglet led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by introductions of all present.

Approval of Agenda
George Eastman/Cara Heiner moved to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion Passed**

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

Reports from Regions

Region 1: **Steve Colby**/**Dean Corcoran** reported things are going smoothly in Region 1.

Region 2: **Cindy C-Wilson** reported that they had six people attend the regional meeting; there was some good discussion amongst the attendees.

Region 3: **Ken Jones** reported that things are going smoothly and the only issue that has been brought to his attention is the lack of crowd control at baseball games as there doesn't seem to be many school supervisors present.

Region 4: **Bob Berg** reported their regional meeting went well and most things have been resolved in regard to the statewide agreement and ArbiterSports. There was good interaction and feedback from their area.

Region 5: **Ed Rhoades** reported that WOA Staff met with several groups in their area over some local issues and that was appreciated**. Dick Eglet** reported their regional meetings went well. There was a lot of great information shared amongst the attendees including the AD's and district director. They were able to clear up some confusion regarding the difference between certified and registered officials.

Region 6: **Mike Hellman** reported some discussion at the regional meeting about the statewide agreement and access to locker room facilities for baseball umpires. There was also some discussion regarding going back to two-person mechanics for basketball from some schools. The WIAA Executive Board asked for data in regard to three-person basketball. The issue of three-person versus two-person was discussed at their April meeting and it was determined that three-person is working for the majority of the schools and will continue to be required at the varsity level.

Soccer: **George Eastman** reported there are some travel issues in regards to soccer that still need to be addressed.

Gymnastics: **Dean Ratliff** reported that things are going smoothly.

Spirit: **Cara Heiner** reported that the state tournament went well; she did not have any complaints, but did have several emails from people interested in becoming judges. There has been some networking with the Oregon judges and they will be sharing some educational opportunities between the two associations.

Wrestling: **Terry Beckstead** reported he sent out a survey to the wrestling contacts and had 15 responses. They are continuing to discuss some issues in regards to the hourly rate, evaluations at Mat Classic, and travel reimbursement.

WIAA Report

Mike Colbrese reported that he has been working with WOA staff to monitor issues and continue to work on the statewide agreement. The new state basketball tournament format was discussed, tournaments will look much the same, just a day shorter, and the regional format is still being finalized. The WIAA Executive Board will be looking at re-formatting the volleyball tournaments next. Boys' soccer is still an issue; ejections have not gone down this year even with the probationary status. Mike shared his appreciation for the involvement of WOA board members at district meetings.

Winter State Tournament Report

Todd Stordahl reported the winter state tournaments went smoothly. Overall, it seems as though the officiating is improving each year. There were some situations where it became apparent that some areas of the state were ignoring certain rules or creating their own interpretation. The WOA staff will address these concerns with the local association/board, as well as include some verbiage in the online clinics to help reduce this from occurring.

WOA Conference Report

Todd Stordahl reported that the conference flyer went out to all officials by email on Friday, April 30. WOA staff is looking to reformat the sport specific meeting sessions so they are more productive. The WOA Scholarship is predicated on the golf tournament and silent auction so we need assistance in procuring the items for the silent auction as well as golf sponsorships. Board members were encouraged to talk to groups in their area.

Dick Eglet/Max Howard moved to approve Virginia Wilson as the 2010 WOA Scholarship award recipient based on the recommendation of the WOA Scholarship Committee. **Motion Passed**

2009-2010 Membership Breakdown

Todd Stordahl reported on the membership breakdown handout. Registrations are up in every sport this year. Testing for next year will be a different process. WOA will be writing the rules test, rather than using the NFHS test. Tests will be comprised of fifty questions, with a variety of multiple choice and true/false. Throughout 2009-10, the WOA Staff has been collecting information from associations/boards, including an accurate list of middle schools serviced. Some middle schools are not WIAA members and therefore the officials do not automatically have L&I coverage. The WOA staff will inform local associations/boards of those schools they service that are not members of the WIAA. The last item discussed was that of compliance with setting up an account with ArbiterSports. There was one association that refused to set-up an ArbiterSports account. **Max Howard/Bob Berg** moved that the association lose their 2009-10 state tournament allocations and be decertified for next season if they do not work positively with WOA staff to set-up an account with ArbiterSports. **Motion Passed**

WIAA/WOA Statewide Agreement

Todd Stordahl provided an update on the WIAA/WOA Statewide Agreement. Feedback has been requested from all associations/boards as to how the agreement has worked in their area. Very little feedback has been received, but so far the responses have been positive. There are a few issues that need to be clarified going into next year. The WIAA/WOA Agreement Review Committee will meet in June to discuss some of the issues that were addressed during the year and to provide clarification on those issues.

Requests for Action

By-Laws Change Proposals – Todd Stordahl presented a proposal to delete article XV.
Dick Eglet/Max Howard moved to approve proposal to delete article XV.
Bob Berg/George Eastman moved to table the motion. **Motion Passed**

Todd Stordahl presented a proposal to change Article I to reflect requirement for all officials working a high school contest to be certified.
Dick Eglet/Ira Dunbar moved to accept changes to Article I. **Motion Passed**

Todd Stordahl presented a proposal to change the window for taking the test/clinic to a three week period. (2 weeks before season, 1 week into season.) New officials would have a three week window from the date they are registered. Assignors would also have a three week window to delete officials that were registered after the established deletion deadline. **Bob Berg/George Eastman** moved to create a three week window to take the test/clinic or delete officials. **Motion Passed**

Constitution Change – Todd Stordahl presented a proposal to change the term of office for Executive Board members to create a rotation. Only one board member would be up for election from a region at a time. **George Eastman/Ed Rhoades** move to recommend to membership the changes discussed by the Executive Board (six board positions would extend by one year). **Motion Passed**

Year-Round Officiating Committee Report – Bob Berg and **Ken Jones** reported that the consensus of the committee was that officiating during non-WIAA seasons is not the responsibility of the WOA to monitor and is under the jurisdiction of the local association. Any disputes regarding this should be handled at the local level. It is important that officials are made aware of local policies that govern this issue, as well as local associations/boards making sure their constitution/by-law and board policies address this issue. The Executive Board expects professionalism from the local association/board leadership, as well as the individual officials. The expectation is that service boundaries will be honored year-round by the local associations/boards when servicing WIAA member school sponsored tournaments. WOA By-Laws Article IV Sections 2,5,6,7 and the "Assigning Secretaries Guidelines" located in the WOA Handbook address this issue.

Financials – Todd Stordahl presented the year-to-date financial statement and presented the 2010-11 proposed budget. **George Eastman/Max Howard** moved to adopt the 2010-11 budget as amended. **Motion Passed**

Ira Dunbar/Dean Corcoran moved to go into executive session. **Motion Passed**
Ed Rhoades/Ira Dunbar moved to come out of executive session. **Motion Passed**

Personnel – Bob Berg/Max Howard moved to extend the commissioner's contract with proposed changes. **Motion Passed**

Todd Stordahl and Kerri Sanders announced they will be getting married this summer and the Executive Board offered their congratulations.

Rental Property – The WOA rental house was discussed and what the future plans will entail. WOA staff will bring back options to the August meeting for board review.

NASO Conference – Todd Stordahl presented information related to the 2010 NASO Conference in Minneapolis**.** Steve Colby, Max Howard, Bob Berg, Ed Rhoades and Cindy C-Wilson are interested in attending the conference.

Privacy Policy – Todd Stordahl presented a WOA privacy policy that has been developed. If approved, the privacy policy will be posted on the web site as a hyperlink for officials to view**. Dick Eglet/John Matteo** moved to approve the policy. **Motion Passed**

<u>Commissioner's Report</u>
Regional Meetings – Todd Stordahl reported that region representatives need to plan their meetings for next year and inform the WOA staff of the dates.

Dick Eglet/John Matteo moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Passed**

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Sanders, WOA Director of Operations

Next Meeting Date – August 5, 2010, Yakima Convention Center, 4pm