

CHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 1, 2012

1.0 ROLL CALL

President Bull convened the meeting promptly at 9:30 a.m. and had Assistant Commissioner Tom Robinson call roll. All members were present except as noted below by the letter A for absent.

	President Harry Bull		Nate Smith
	Wendy Dunaway		Nancy Todd
A	Pat Gilliam		Lance Villers
	Jerry Goings		Curt Wilson
	Alex Halpern		Commissioner Paul Angelico
	Carl Lindauer		Rhonda Blanford-Green
A	Jim Lucas		Bert Borgmann
	Randy Miller		Harry Waterman
	Tom Sifers		Bethany Schott
	Jerry Martin		Bud Ozzello
			Tom Robinson

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 President Bull requested a motion for the approval of the minutes of April 18, 2012 Board of Directors. It was moved (Nate Smith) seconded (Carl Lindauer) and the motion passed unanimously

3.0 PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

3.1 President Bull welcomed the Board of Directors and indicated that he had very little to say. For most it is the end of the year except that Cherry Creek schools are still in session. He thanked the CHSAA staff for a great spring season in spite of some significant delays and postponements due to weather, including a nearly two week postponement of the 1A State Baseball Championship.

President Bull gave kudos to Associate Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green for the way she handled all her business including that of the Board of Directors. He thanked her for service with CHSAA and wished her well as the new Executive Director of the Nebraska School Activities Association.

President Bull outlined the day's agenda and noted that the day may not be a long, but will be a busy one. Commissioner Angelico asked to report, later in the meeting, on Mullen High School as a new agenda item.

4.0 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- 4.1 Commissioner Angelico welcomed the Board of Directors and reviewed the spring season. He started with tennis and commented that Assistant Commissioner Bethany Brookens did exceptional at pre-planning that made for a smooth conclusion to the 5A tournament despite the downpour on Friday. He then praised Associate Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green for the Track Championships that lasted until 9 PM on Saturday because of rain. Associate Commissioner Blanford-Green noted that most all contestants stayed until the end. All the spring sports were drenched at some point or another and all had stories of being in the rain, including soccer, lacrosse, and baseball, whose 1A championship was postponed because of conflicts with both schools and that the schools agreed to the re-scheduled date in La Junta. Assistant Commissioner Bert Borgmann noted that both schools were given the option of a co-championship instead of rescheduling the game as what happened.

Commissioner Angelico told the members that all future Board of Directors meeting agendas will be sent electronically.

- 4.1.1 Probation/Restriction Action List – Commissioner Angelico reviewed the probation list and moved for the removal of all of the probations that were submitted to the CHSAA office. The motion was moved (Jerry Martin) seconded Carl Lindauer) and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no restrictions to review.

- 4.1.2 Staff Retreat – Commissioner Angelico noted that the staff has a retreat scheduled next week to review the year and continue to finalize new assignments for the 2012-2013 year. He announced that in the future, waivers will be handled first by the Commissioner of the sport in question before he makes the final decision.

- 4.1.3 Assistant Commissioner Contracts - President Bull made note of the approval of the Assistant Commissioner contracts for the 2012-2013 year.

The Board of Directors recessed for a few minutes prior to the Valor presentation and appeal at 9:55 am.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 5.1 August 11-14, 2012 Board of Directors Retreat
- 5.1.1 Registration – Associate Commissioner Bethany Brookens reviewed the registration form and asked everyone attending the retreat to submit the form to her at the CHSAA office as soon as possible.
- 5.1.2 Format – Brainstorming – Associate Commissioner Bethany Brookens discussed the format for the upcoming retreat to be hosted in Vail and asked that the Board of Director members send her items to include in the agenda.
- 5.2 State Association Adoptions – Assistant Commissioner Tom Robinson reviewed the process in which we adopt the Colorado State Association playing rules. Tom Robinson moved for the approval of the state association adoptions. It was seconded (Nate Smith) and the motion passed unanimously.

- 5.3 Officials' Year End Report – Assistant Commissioner Tom Robinson reported no survey was submitted to the membership to ascertain their feelings about the quality of officiating in 2011-12. So no scientific data was available except that complaints via email seemed to be down. He looked back at the regular season and commented on each sport and shared with the Board of Directors that he spent time observing the officials and their impact on the game at just about every championship. He planned to share his thoughts, again, with the Presidents of the official's organizations next Tuesday. He is going to emphasize in their future training that a foul is foul and to make calls regardless of the score and time of the game, contest or meet.

The evaluation of officials' process will be upgraded significantly for the 2012-13 season and will include, besides the continuing use of sportsmanship cards, absolutes called by each officiating association.

- 5.4 Building Maintenance – Assistant Commissioner Bud Ozzello reported that the parking lot was re-paved. He indicated that in the future the acoustics in the Ray Ball room will be addressed and upgraded. There are no large building expenditures.
- 5.5 Approval of Appeals Committees – Commissioner Angelico explained the three step appeal process and provided the list of appeals committee members. It was moved (Commissioner Angelico) and seconded (Wendy Dunaway) to approve the appeals committee list. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5.6 Valor Christian Probationary Removal Appeal began at 10:00 am.

President Bull asked Associate Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green to introduce the Valor Administrative staff: Rod Sherman, Athletic Director; Kurt Unruh, Head of School; Tim Hascall, Chairman of the Board of Education; and Abbie Davis, Director of Development.

Commissioner Angelico provided a summary of the events preceding this presentation by giving a timeline. He explained to the Board of Directors the role in settling the issue of Valor's membership in the CHSAA.

President Bull asked the Valor team to present their arguments relating to their membership in the CHSAA. Valor Comments: Tim Hascall is a co-founder that began in 2005. Rod Sherman started in January 2007 after moving from California. Valor also has a Board of Trustees that is not in line with the governance structure of the school. They meet quarterly and simply advise.

Valor is eager to be a member of the CHSAA. Valor has made mistakes and is now making a sincere intent to adhere to the letter and the spirit of the by-law. Valor has broken some rules and is assuring the CHSAA Board of Directors that checks are in place to monitor any future occurrences.

Tim Hascall went through each violation/sanction and appeared to have a valid reason for each. He implied no intent in each case. He then summarized the reason for the binder presented to the CHSAA Board of Directors and its content.

Jerry Goings expressed the need to have a positive competitive environment for all members. At the root of it is trust. He felt the presentation is the start of trust and reserves the right to see what happens going forward.

Jerry Martin expressed that Valor's binder is model for both public and private schools. He asked the Valor team to explain their financial aid process. It was explained that if a student receives \$3000 in financial aid and the tuition is \$14,000 then a contract created with the family for \$11,000.

Valor responded that no student receives a scholarship, but can receive financial aid through an income based valuation conducted annually.

Randy Miller asked what the percentage of athletes receiving financial aid was.

Nancy Todd asked about tuition cost and how it compares to other private schools. She asked about Valor's enrollment.

The Valor team gave no statistics on the financial process but Commissioner Angelico noted that via a new by-law, private schools will have to provide that information during the 2012-2013.

President Bull asked Kurt Unruh if there is an issue with being in a school where you can set your own rules, but then seek admission to an organization where you have to abide by its rules. Commissioner Angelico summarized the meeting by stating that the CHSAA rules become Valor rules. The Valor community can only be held accountable by that standard.

The Valor portion of the appeal adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

It was moved (Tom Sifers) that Valor Christian be admitted as full member of CHSAA. It was seconded (Jerry Martin) the motion passed unanimously.

A discussion ensued. In order to mend fences and begin an era of good neighbors, the sooner Valor becomes a member the better. The Board of Directors agreed to put language in the letter that states membership is not guaranteed and can be revoked for actions detrimental to the CHSAA.

- 5.7 The Board of Directors took a group photograph. President Bull thanked Tom Sifers personally with a gift. Tom could not attend the dinner scheduled tonight. Tom conveyed that CHSAA is most democratically operating organization that he has ever been a part of.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 2012-13 State Tournament Sites (additions to April) – Assistant Commissioner Harry Waterman presented the fall and winter state sites for approval. It was moved (Harry Waterman) and it seconded (Curt Wilson) to approve all sites listed and the motion passed unanimously.

- 6.2 Treasurer's Update – Commissioner Angelico feels that income will be down but in the final analysis there will be a net income.

4-Year Comparisons – Commissioner Angelico presented a thorough report on the 2010-2011 budget. In his report he made comparisons over the last 4-years. The major income drivers are basketball and football, and their budget continues to decrease, while soccer and other sports are increasing.

- 6.2.2 Audit – to be completed in July 2012. Commissioner Angelico will announce to the Board of Directors at a later date, who will audit the CHSAA books this July.

- 6.3 Legal Update – Alex Halpern, the CHSAA legal counsel, reported that CHSAA will hold a Legal Meeting next week to explain the Fair Labor Act to District Athletic Directors.

- 6.4 Legislative Update – Nancy Todd noted that a literacy bill was passed to deal with retention. A school discipline bill, which died as a stand-alone, was rolled under the school finance bill designed to give more authority at the local level as opposed to a blanket zero tolerance approach. A number of good bills died because of the legislative process and could not be rolled under other bills.

There will be twenty-five new members out of sixty-five members in the next house session. The learning curve is straight up. It will be interesting.

Assistant Commissioner Bert Borgmann and Steve Durham spent a lot of time dealing with Senator King on the topic of schools without a program. A new bill was thwarted for good reason.

- 6.5 National Federation Summer Meeting – Commissioner Paul Angelico discussed the following topics with regard to the summer meeting:

6.5.1 Expenses – Everyone attending the summer meeting should have received their reimbursement check issued from the CHSAA office.

6.5.2 Meeting/Social Schedule – The CHSAA will provide a hospitality room this year. A schedule was provided within an e-mail sent to the Board of Directors.

6.5.3 Hall of Fame – Assistant Commissioner Bert Borgmann will collect everyone's Hall of Fame tickets and reserve tables for the banquet.

- 6.6 Board of Directors Appointments

District 2 – Mike Schmidt, Principal of Platte Canyon High School, was nominated to replace Harry Bull as the District 2 representative on the Board of Directors. Harry Bull will finish his term as Board of Directors President ending in 2013.

District 5 – Karen Higel, District Athletic Director of Denver Public Schools was nominated to replace Union Colony's Pat Gilliam as the District 5 representative on the Board of Directors for the remaining term to end in 2014. Pat was replaced due to the disbandment of the Northern Front Range League.

District 6 – Ed Hartnett, District Athletic Director of Adams Five Star School District, was nominated to replace Jerry Goings as the District 6 representative on the Board of Directors.

District 7 – John McCleary, Superintendent of Cotopaxi School was nominated to replace Lance Villers as the District 7 representative on the Board of Directors for the remaining term to end in 2015. Lance Villers was as a superintendent in Oregon.

Colorado Association of School Boards has nominated Jim Engelker, Platte Valley Re-3 Revere High School, to replace Tom Sifers as representative on the Board of Directors.

Angela Giron, Colorado State Legislature will replace Nancy Todd as the legislative representative on the Board of Directors.

- 6.7 Commissioner Angelico commented on Mullen’s self-report of violations. Paul will not meet with them until he has written documentation in hand.

7.0 REPORTS/MONTHLY ITEMS

- 7.1 Legislative Update – Nancy Todd – see above in 6.4.
- 7.2 School Board Association Update – Tom Sifers had not report
- 7.3 State Department Update – Wendy Dunaway reported that CDE is moving forward with its goals and initiatives. She is monitoring budgets both at the state level for schools and CDE’s.
- 7.4 CADA Update – Nate Smith – no report
- 7.5 CASE Update – Randy Miller – no report. Jim Lucas was absent.
- 7.5 District Reports

District 1 - Southwestern, Western Slope –no report.

District 2 - Centennial, Frontier, Northern, Tri-Valley – Harry Bull reported that there is still some concern about how we use the Max Prep Ranking to decide seeding for tournaments. No one is clear about the exact formula this system uses, but it does seem to weigh early season games the same as late season game and highly values the strength of schedule. If you are in a weak league it can be difficult to get a good strength of schedule. Middle Park’s soccer team jumped 9 spots after losing to Holy Family in the playoffs this spring. That seems extreme that a team could move that far after a loss in the playoffs.

District 3 - High Plains, Lower Platte, Mile High, North Central, Patriot, Union Pacific, YWKC - Jerry Martin asked about coach conduct and a mandatory coach/officials meeting being placed online. Do away with having a shoot-out for tie-breakers.

District 4 - Jefferson County, East Metro – Nate Smith had no report

District 5 - Denver, Metropolitan, Northern Front Range – No report.

District 6 - Continental, Front Range, 5280 – Jerry Goings had no report.

- District 7 - Black Forest, Colorado Springs Metro, Tri-Peaks, West Central – Lance Villers had no report.
- District 8 - Fisher’s Peak, Intermountain, San Juan, Southern Peaks – Curt Wilson Reported that he felt that the clarification by CHSAA on contact with 8th graders was appreciated by his area.
- District 9 - Arkansas Vy, Santa Fe, South Central, Southeastern – Carl Lindauer reported that he e-mailed everyone in his league regarding the new position that Associate Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green was taking and the response from e-mails was to thank her for her service and contribution to CHSAA.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Bull asked the Board of Directors to pause and reflect on all the things they did this year. He noted that the Board did good work and personally thanked them. He moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded (Randy Miller) and the motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

Tom Robinson
Assistant Commissioner

Paul Angelico
Commissioner