1.0 **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10. All Board members were present with the exception of Jon DeStefano.

2.0 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved (Kelley Eichman), and seconded (Jim Thyfault) to approved the minutes from the January 25, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

3.0 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no additional items presented.

4.0 **REPORTS**

4.1 President’s Welcome and Update

President Hartnett welcomed the board members, and asked Mr. Wilson for the history of the room and thanked him for the use of the Capitol. Mr. Wilson said the board is meeting in the Old Supreme Court Chambers, which are now across the street. This room is now reserved for meetings such as this. Today is considered CHSAA Day at the State Capitol. He asked the CHSAA Staff to man the tables outside the room to talk to legislators about what CHSAA is all about, and invite to join in the meeting. It is an amazing building, and has been restored to its original state. President Hartnett said how excited he is to be here, and that this room is used for competitions in high schools.

President Hartnett said the board will go into executive session for commissioner review. He thanked Alex for handling the applications, and organizing the process. Mr. Casey asked him why as president when he talks to different committees and staff he is such a happy go lucky guy, but when it comes to commissioner hiring he is very serious. President Hartnett said he does not take this responsibility lightly and neither does the board. We have the honor and responsibility to fill this position. He also said, he takes this job very seriously because that person will affect kids’ lives. This position will have the unique opportunity to influence and affect thousands of kids throughout the state of Colorado for generations.

4.2 School Board Association Update

Mr. DeStefano was not present.

4.3 State Department Update

Mrs. Dunaway had nothing to report other than watching what is happening in the legislature.
4.4 CADA Update

Mr. Thyfault had nothing new to report. The materials have been sent out for the CADA conference. There are two prominent speakers that will rival national level.

4.5 CASE Update

Mr. Lucas had nothing to report. Mr. Mondt said CASE met at the beginning of month. CASSA is continuing to work on a new funding formula. The biggest challenge is the formula is based on new money. Announce that Harry Bull is State Superintendent of the Year. Continuing to get phone calls tied to 6-man football. Mr. Lucas sent out correspondence on leadership conference.

4.6 Legislative Update

Mr. Wilson was not present.

4.7 District Reports

District 1 - San Juan, Southwestern, Western Slope

Mr. Cain had nothing new to report.

District 2 - Centennial, Frontier, Northern, Tri-Valley

Mr. Logan had nothing new to report. RPI questions are still out there.

District 3 - High Plains, Lower Platte, Mile High, North Central, Patriot, Union Pacific, YWKC

Mr. Pfau said there is still chatter on RPI. He thanked Mr. Waterman for running a great wrestling tournament.

District 4 - Colorado 7, East Metro, Jefferson County

Mr. Thyfault appreciated the transparency piece in terms of new commissioner position. An email was sent out to leagues to get involved, and received some good comments.

District 5 - Confluence, Denver, Metropolitan

Mr. Larrabee had nothing new to report.

District 6 - Continental, Front Range, 5280

Mr. Hartnett said he appreciated the mercy rule information. He has received positive feedback, and the basketball committee did what was asked to bring it to be considered. Mr. Borgmann said the basketball committee does not call it a mercy rule, but sportsmanship rule. There is a statement asking schools to address these issues with their coaches before they come out on the court.

District 7 - CS 4A Metro, CS 5A Metro, Pikes’ Peak, Tri-Peaks, West Central

Mr. Baker there were RPI conversations about the 3A district basketball tournament. If a team is eliminated in a pigtail game, they may still qualify.
District 8 - Black Forest, Fisher’s Peak, Intermountain, Southern Peaks

Mr. Garcia thanked Mr. Borgmann and Mr. Robinson on helping with issues with officials.

District 9 - Arkansas Valley, Santa Fe, South Central

Mr. Macias reported that the South Central League has had a leadership change. Cherie Toussaint is now the District Athletic Director for Pueblo County School District #70 schools, and Dennis Downs is now the Pueblo County High School Athletic Director. He has heard good comments on round of 48 in 4A basketball.

At Large – District 2, 3, 4

Mrs. Kathleen Leiding wanted to echo that the State Wrestling Tournament was fantastic. She wanted to make sure everyone new that Commissioner Angelico received a special jersey as a thank you from the Pepsi Center.

At Large – District 7, 8, 9

Mrs. Eichman had nothing new to report.

4.8 Commissioner’s Update

Commissioner Angelico said CHSAA has been at the Pepsi Center for 17 years. He said our staff was never left alone initially, and couldn’t get into a room without Pepsi Center staff. We now go to security to get keys, and have the run of the place. He said they have been great to work with, and are good people who appreciate true sport. Mr. Macias said he arrived sat night to long lines, so he went to the wrestlers’ entrance, and due to the all access pass was approached and let in, and had never experienced that privilege before.

4.8.1 Probation/Restriction Removal

It was moved to remove restrictions as they appear in packet (Jim Lucas), and seconded (Rick Mondt). The motion passed unanimously. It was moved to remove probation as they appear in packet (Kelley Eichman), and seconded (Joe Garcia). The motion passed unanimously.

4.8.2 Commissioner’s Goals Update

Commissioner Angelico began by thanking Ms. Coonts for her work setting up the meeting today. He reviewed his goals for the year. He and Ms. Hewson are working on the budget to be more consistent monthly. Continuing to work closely with the coaches’ association. He is continuing to work on tickler files with the staff. The staff is trying to visit as many schools as possible.

4.8.3 Commissioner’s Evaluation

Commissioner Angelico said the evaluation form is not included as he didn’t feel it was necessary this year unless the board feels it may be of some value for next commissioner.

4.8.4 Assistant Commissioner Position

Commissioner Angelico said he doesn’t feel we can wait to hire for this position after they hire the new commissioner. President Hartnett feels the new commissioner should have
latitude in assistant commissioner role, but felt it would be good to post for early candidates. Mr. Cain also feels the process needs to get started, and asked what the process has been in the past for that position. Commissioner Angelico said the position would open in February and named in May for a July start. Commissioner Angelico said the position will be posted next week. Mr. Pfau agreed it would need to be posted soon otherwise good candidates would be missed, as there would be time restraints for school people. Mr. Cain asked about the salary being updated from previous job posting. President Hartnett said it would be discussed in executive session. Commissioner Angelico felt the only limiter would be they couldn't hire above current administrator salaries. Mr. Thyfault said the assistant commissioner position should run until new commissioner is hired. President Hartnett said that would be discussed in executive session, and that the new commissioner will have the latitude to change assignments. Commissioner Angelico said that when Associate Commissioner Robinson was hired, the membership wanted an officials’ administrator.

4.9 Treasurer’s Update

4.9.1 Budget Report through January 31, 2017

Commissioner Angelico reviewed the January 31 budget report. He said he is pleased with the income side, and on the expense side, sports are not in terrible shape. He feels CHSAA is in good shape so far this year.

4.9.2 Preliminary Budget Planning

Commissioner Angelico said the Budget Committee meets March 3. He wanted to let the board know that Ms. Hewson caught him on several things he had budgeted. He feels very good about her knowledge on next year’s budget.

4.10 Legal Update

Mr. Halpern said other than the St. Vrain Valley School District lacrosse matter, there has been no activity.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 State Swim Review

President Hartnett congratulated Assistant Commissioner Bethany Brookens on great meets this year. This was the first year for three classifications. The only drawback was long days, but the facilities were great. Behind the scenes at facilities are so important. An inaugural 3A state champion was crowned. He said a national record was almost set at VMAC. He said he had gotten a lot of questions from the front range on entering state swimmers. Assistant Commissioner Brookens had already talked a to the Swim and Dive Committee, and they will add additional verbiage to make the time deadline more clear.

5.2 State Speech Festival Review

Assistant Commissioner Bud Ozzello said the State Speech Festival was January 26-27. There were 249 participants, 18 schools, and 12 state champions were crowned. It was well attended, and the coaches do a great job.
5.3 State Wrestling Review

Assistant Commissioner Waterman introduced the Student Leadership State Representatives that were present at today’s meeting, Anna Hoodecheck and Anshu Mohan, and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Assistant Commissioner Waterman said that State Wrestling Championships were a great success. The weather and crowds were good, and presale ticket sales were up. The crowds looked great visually, and will hopefully rival the 42,000+ spectators last year. He thanked Mr. Baker, a basketball person, who ran a regional wrestling tournament. Mr. Pfau’s son was a 4th place finisher. Grand Junction was the 5A runner up in team. Pomona was the 5A team champion. He wanted to thank the board members that attended. Mrs. Leiding said Lyons won 1st individual title in 15 years. Commissioner Angelico said the CLOC Committee has tried to balance numbers which has helped wrestling, and Assistant Commissioner Waterman said helpful for wrestling, but hopefully all sports. Commissioner Angelico said this year was the first time CHSAA had three classes in swimming. Individual sports are good for more students. Associate Commissioner Robinson said the quality of swimmers in 3A was definitely there. Mr. Thyfault there was an article posted on CHSAA Now that the Jefferson wrestling program brought five kids to wrestling.

5.4 Colorado Code of Ethics

Commissioner Angelico feels the need for a broader code of ethics be discussed at the August meeting.

5.5 Hall of Fame Review

Assistant Commissioner Borgmann thanked all of the board members who attended the Hall of Fame banquet. It was a very nice event, and was a great class this year. The class represented what Colorado is all about. A number of the coaches inducted used inside out for their coaching philosophy in developing humans rather than athletes.

Assistant Commissioner Borgmann said Leslie Moore was not selected for the National Federation Hall of Fame.

6.0 APRIL 20, 2017 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REVIEW

6.1 New April Bylaw Proposals

Commissioner Angelico said these are not recommendations of the staff but requests from school individuals, and most are from the February meeting.

Approved for April Legislative Council

Cooperative Programs  
Equipment Dates - Football  
Game contracts  
International Students  
Officials’ Conduct

Commissioner Angelico suggested the transfer rule proposals be reviewed again at the August meeting.

Competitive season is editorial and will be revised and added to the bylaws.
3A Basketball districts/regionals/state, and the Sportsmanship Rule Violation will not be presented at the April Legislative Council.

Assistant Commissioner Waterman shared the results of the helmet survey. 203 coaches and administrators responded. 60% were coaches, and 40% were administrators. Allow to wear one time for a contact camp in summer, or allow to issue for 2nd contact camp. 83% yes, 16% no to allow. It was suggested to change in the summer, and present to the January Legislative Council.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 State Basketball Ticket Information

Commissioner Angelico asked the board to fill out if they hadn’t done so.

7.2 2017-2018 Schedule of Board of Directors Meetings

Commissioner Angelico reminded the board that they need to put these dates on their calendars as it is very important to attend every meeting.

7.3 NF Summer Meeting, Providence, June 28 – July 2

Commissioner Angelico asked the board to make hotel reservations as soon as possible.

7.4 NF Hall of Fame Selection

Assistant Commissioner reviewed earlier in the meeting.

7.5 St. Vrain Valley Schools Lacrosse

President Hartnett had the board adjourn to executive session.

It was moved (Mr. Cain), and seconded (Rick Logan) to uphold the Commissioner’s decision regarding the appeal for sophomores to play at Twin Peaks. Seniors to play where they have been. The motion was unanimously approved.

7.7 New Commissioner paper screening - Executive Session

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.