

CHSAA Board of Directors  
November 16, 2022

Minutes

1. Roll Call
  - a. Introduction of new Board member, Ty Gray.
  - b. Introduction of all Board members.
  - c. Dan Burke announced his retirement from the CHSAA Board of Directors.
  - d. Dr. Emma Martinez will be retiring from education at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
2. President's Welcome & Report
  - a. President Luke DeWolfe welcomed the Board and CHSAA staff.
3. Approval of Minutes & Probation/Restriction Review
  - a. Motion to approve Minutes of October 5, 2022 meeting made by Ryan West and seconded by Joe Brown. Motion passed.
  - b. No probations for review for November.
  - c. Motion to approved Restriction list made by Wendy Dunaway, seconded by Robert Framel. Motion passed.
4. Audit Review & Approval
  - a. Finance Director, Sarah Vernon-Brunner, explained that the Audit version reviewed at the October Board meeting was the original draft. Clerical adjustments have been made, none effecting bottom line. Motion to approve the Audit as presented made by Travis Stinar and seconded by Sara Crawford. Motion passed.
  - b. Alfie commended Sarah on her work on the Audit.
5. Finance Update
  - a. Sarah Vernon-Brunner gave the Board an overview of the current budget from July through October. Highlighted items such as courtesy cards, revenue, corporate sponsorship/partners, and membership fees.
  - b. Review and discussion of expenses/line items.
  - c. Sarah shared the "pause" that the Budget Committee reviewed and approved regarding the refund policy allowing to build the Reserve account.
  - d. She recommended a freeze on membership fees to help offset costs related to officials' fees increases.  
the freeze on membership fees to help with recovery as well.
  - e. Established the CHSAA Foundation committee to oversee the fund and determine where funds are spent. Will need a CHSAA Board member to serve on this committee.
6. Legal Update
  - a. Legal counsel, Alex Halpern gave an update on the Department of Justice resolution regarding the swim student athlete. No financial implications for CHSAA.
7. Directors Reports
  - a. Ryan West, CASSP, shared the success of the first principal conference. He thanked the Board members who provided him information to share at the

- conference. He will be presenting at the summer CASE convention a topic on the relationship between principal and athletic director.
- b. Dan Burke, CASB, reminded the Board about the annual convention being held in December in Colorado Springs. CASB has delayed the decision for the new Executive Director until June of 2023.
  - c. Robert Framel, CASE, shared that they were grateful to Mike Krueger for attending their meeting in person. Discussion regarding fees charged for ticket purchases as well as the possibility of establishing a committee to look at championships for small vs. large schools.
  - d. Wendy Dunaway, CDE, shared that they have added two board members, now have nine. Spoke about social study standards, teacher of the year and the possibility of having additional monies being given to school districts.
  - e. Emma Martinez, Districts 7-10, spoke about the conflicting playoff schedules.
  - f. Sybil Booker, Districts 2-4, thanked everyone for a great fall season. Shared excitement about the Officials campaign and pay increase for officials.
  - g. Travis Stinar, District 10, shared that his districts are waiting to see what the CLOC process will look like this year. Thanked the communication from the CHSAA office. Questions concerning the processing fee for tickets, per ticket vs. per transaction.
  - h. Alfie Lotrich, District 9, spoke about the positivity around his districts and CHSAA, the different streaming services and ticketing platforms each school district has.
  - i. Elizabeth Jameson, District 8, spoke about esports and that Aguilar has one team already and other schools are looking to add teams. Shared positive feedback about the *You Look Good In Stripes* campaign.
  - j. Bret McClendon, District 7, spoke about hosting football playoffs and format should be revisited.
  - k. Shawn Terry, District 5, shared that the discussions he has heard have been about the upcoming legislative council meeting, bylaw proposals, CLOC process, 6A basketball and classification of leagues.
  - l. Cameron Wright, District 4, attended the JeffCo league meeting and will be attending the Colorado league next. Shared that the Foothills league is having difficulty fielding teams.
  - m. Sara Crawford, District 3, shared feedback on volleyball championships, 6 classifications of basketball, glitches in the on-line ticketing app, the number of courtesy cards given to smaller schools.
  - n. Joe Brown, District 2, shared from his district that it has been a good, solid start of the school year and they are excited about the future of the association. Questions relative to the girls' flag football pilot and stated that leagues are restructuring to adapt/adjust to the lack of transportation/bus driver shortage.
  - o. Ty Gray, District 1, shared that he is getting to know the leagues in his district. Spoke about transfer concerns with regards to young, inexperienced athletic directors and the issues that trickle down from this inexperience.
8. Break

9. Associate Commissioner, Bethany Brookens, reviewed the proposed bylaw changes, which included clerical and/or clarification of existing bylaws and answered questions from the Board regarding background of each proposal. Discussion of what role the Board plays regarding proposals.
  - a. Update/clarity on winter regain date
  - b. Clerical membership fees vs. dues
  - c. Sport specialized training
  - d. Protection of Game Officials
  - e. Sunday Contact
  - f. Baseball rosters and number of players.
  - g. 6-man football (10 contests)clerical
  - h. Girls soccer, first scrimmage date adjustment
  - i. Wrestling (Patriot league)
  
9. Commissioner's Update
  - a. Associate Commissioner Bethany Brookens presented the Commissioner's report. Reviewed the results from the 11/15/22 CLOC meeting, which determined/approved the number of classifications per sport.
  - b. Explained the process the CHSAA staff will be using to determine initial classifications and placements for the next cycle.
  - c. Building security update. Fence is up and gate will be installed shortly.
  - d. Shared the enhancements made to both conference rooms (paint and technology). These changes will allow us to host more outside meetings.
  - e. Officials update regarding the You Look Good In Stripes campaign. Partners in this campaign are Kroenke and the Denver Broncos. 258 officials have been added throughout the state and in every sport.
  
10. Associate Commissioner's Update
  - a. Bethany Brookens gave an overview of the Volleyball Championship, and grateful to be returning to the Coliseum.
  - b. Boys' Tennis Championship had the first ever team Championship. Congratulations to the winners.
  - c. Dates for the CHSAA/CADA outreach are scheduled for the second week in January to review the bylaw proposals.
  
11. Staff Updates
  - a. Mike Book gave update on the Officials campaign, difficulty finding host sites for golf and preparation for the upcoming swim & dive championships.
  - b. Rashaan Davis spoke about the upcoming Activity Leadership meeting set for January 23<sup>rd</sup>, locations/hosts for upcoming student leadership events. Esport championship update and overview of number of schools/teams participating. Speech and Debate has added a 3A classification. Excited about the upcoming Hall of Fame event and the people selected to be honored. Personal championship trophies available for the community to purchase, creating a new revenue stream.

- c. John Sullivan shared that a focus will be on supporting out-of-building coaches in conjunction with CHSCA. He and Sandra Williamson are preparing for the upcoming football championships. Reviewed the successful softball championships which were held at the Aurora Sports Park, with all classifications present.
  - d. Brad Cochi shared information about live scoring at the volleyball championships. The new seeding index was a success and very transparent to the membership. Currently working with Rashaan and PlayVS to be able to show live results on our website.
12. Meeting Review. Asked Board members to get feedback from their districts once the proposed bylaws have been posted (December 5).
13. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.