

CHSAA Board of Directors Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 – 9:00 am

Virtual

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Not in attendance Tony Exum. All other Board members were present.
- III. President's Welcome & Report

President DeWolfe thanked the staff for a successful wrestling championship as well as all winter championships. Looking forward to basketball.
- IV. Approval of Minutes & Probation/Restriction Review
 - a. The motion to approve the January Board of Director meeting minutes was made by Ryan West and seconded by Joe Brown. Motion carries.
 - b. The motion to approve the Probation Removal List was made by Jim Flanigan and seconded by Alfie Lotrich. Motion carries.
- V. Finance Update
 - a. Finance Director, Sarah Vernon-Brunner, reviewed the year-to-date budget and shared that the CHSAA is on track and in a good place. The motion to approve the budget report was made by Wendy Dunaway and seconded by Emma Martinez. Motion carries.
 - b. The preparation of the preliminary 2023-2024 budget has begun. The initial presentation will be at the April Board meeting, with final review/approval at the August meeting.
- VI. Legal Update
 - a. Legal Counsel, Alex Halpern, shared the ADA resolution made with the Department of Justice. The language in the current bylaw book will need to be amended, but still allows adequate protection for our referees.
- VII. Director Reports
 - a. Voluntary individual updates from respective Districts and Organizations.
 - i. Joe Brown shared concerns regarding RPI. Mixed classification leagues have an effect and asked if there was a way to discuss a multiplier adjustment. Concerns he heard from his communities were the cost of parking at state wrestling. Asked about the status of girls' flag football and next steps. Commissioner Krueger shared that the Flag Football Committee met in February and began laying out timelines and expectations for the new pilot program.
 - ii. Shawn Terry had asked about bylaws if passed in April would supersede the bylaws passed in January. Commissioner Krueger reviewed the process and timelines of passed bylaws.
 - iii. Alfie Lotrich shared community conversations about wrestling and basketball seeding. John Sullivan, Assistant Commissioner shared that the Wrestling meeting has moved forward to allow for changes prior to review by the Legislative Council in April.
 - iv. Emma Martinez discussed the costs of paying for the shot clock. Staff thanked Dr. Martinez for the feedback and noted that the Basketball Committee is in the process of gathering data, information and feedback relative to the possible implementation of a shot clock in the future.
 - v. Ryan West shared that Peyton Manning was their keynote speaker at the CASE winter meeting held earlier in the month. Esports was a discussion point at the meeting as administrators were concerned about the possibility of a single-shooter format could come into play at the high school level. Assistant Commissioner Rashaan Davis shared that CHSAA will not participate in those formats, even though collegiate esports does participate in that format. Commissioner Krueger commended Rashaan for his due diligence to uphold the standards set for Colorado esport athletes.

- vi. At this time, Commissioner Krueger gave an update on football and the location of 4A/5A championship games. He thanked Sarah Vernon-Brunner, John Sullivan and Jenn Roberts-Uhlig for their work in investigating options for football championship venues moving forward. He shared the RFP process and the history of how our association with Empower Field as a venue site began 18 years ago.
 - vii. Jim Flanigan questioned why MaxPreps and RPI numbers are so far apart. Discussion continued regarding RPI and that future review and adjustments which may need to be made. President DeWolfe agreed that no decisions would be made at Board meetings and that the membership should be polled and asked for their input. Discussion that a committee should be formed to start an in-depth dive into possible improvements which then could be presented to the membership. The Board's role in the process is tournament capture while each committee needs to oversee the seeding criteria. Commissioner Krueger shared that this topic will be included in the strategic planning for 2023-2024.
- VIII. Bylaw Proposal(s) Review for April Legislative Council
Associate Commissioner Bethany Brookens reviewed the two bylaws to be presented to the Legislative Council under the Board of Directors. After the review, President DeWolfe asked for Board approval to move the proposals forward. All in agreement.
 - a. Basketball – number of quarters allowed for 1A/3A vs. 4A-6A.
 - b. Baseball – roster numbers to be adjusted to align with softball.
- IX. Board of Directors President Nominations
Ryan West has submitted his name to be considered for the President of the Board. Other current board members were ineligible as they were interim/replacement board members and did not meet bylaw requirements. Official vote will be taken at the April Board of Directors meeting, then announced the following day at the Legislative Council meeting.
- X. Commissioner's Update
 - Commissioner Krueger reviewed the CLOC Appeals meeting held the previous week. The process for CLOC appeals will be reviewed and adjusted. The current process classifies programs not schools, using current enrollment numbers in an attempt to predict enrollments for the next cycle. This will also be a priority item for the 2023-2024 year.
 - The CHSAA staff is putting together the strategic plans for the 2023-2024 year. Some items on this list include rankings, CLOC appeals, sportsmanship, game management and equity.
 - A formal announcement will be made about the contract with CSU for 4A/5A football beginning fall of 2024. Information will be sent to the Board prior to the public announcement.
 - Commissioner Krueger welcomed Ryan Casey back to the CHSAA staff. Shared that Ryan, in the two weeks he has been back, developed an information dashboard needed by the CLOC Appeals committee to make informed decisions during the process. Grateful to have him back as he is a difference maker.
 - The new position of Director of Communication will be hired by the end of the month. Thanked the CHSAA team for their time and efforts in the hiring process.
- XI. Associate Commissioner Bethany Brookens gave an update on the following:
 - a. New school membership update from CLOC committee.
 - i. Four schools were presented at the meeting as preliminary members.
 - ii. The Village expressed interest in joining mid-cycle to include a varsity level girls volleyball team. Miscommunication on the side of both parties (school and staff) relative to the process. The appeal to the CLOC Committee did not pass.

XII. Staff Updates

- a. Assistant Commissioner Sullivan Thanked Sandra for her hard work in preparation for their first wrestling state championship. Thanked the Wrestling Committee Chair (Board member Travis Stinar) for his help and leadership at the tournament. He was very appreciative of the volunteers/workers who gave countless hours making this event a success. 275 teams participated in the tournament with 1100 individual wrestlers. Had a 23% increase in attendance, but also increases in Ball Arena expenses. Will be looking for ways to improve those numbers moving forward.
- b. Assistant Commissioner Davis
 - The 3A Speech and Debate tournament was hosted by Niwot, with 300 students participating. The 4A tournament was held at Discovery Canyon with 400+ students participating. The 5A tournament will be held at Cherokee Trail. Excited that team trophies will be awarded for the first time.
 - Student Leadership Winter Summit conferences were held at Fruita and Liberty High Schools. Already receiving interest from schools wanting to host in the future. Plans are in progress for the summer camp being held at Colorado Mesa University.
 - Esports currently has 1/3 of the CHSAA membership participating. The number of teams participating is up 78% while an increase of 42% in schools joining.
- c. Commissioner Krueger commented and shared highlights from the winter:
 - Speech and Debate was an amazing event.
 - Articles written for the CHSAA website highlighting leaders in CHSAA's membership.
 - Commended Mike Book and Monica Tillman on a well-run state swim championship.
 - Mike and Monica overseeing the implementation of the new *You Look Good in Stripes* campaign with 700+ new officials since its inception in the fall.
 - Congratulations to Bethany Brookens and Laikyn Cooper for a successful ski championship.
 - Good luck to Bethany and Laikyn as they prepare for the upcoming Great 8 basketball tournament.
 - Thanked John Sullivan, Sandra Williamson and Travis Stinar for their hard work for the successful wrestling state championship.
 - Thanked Jenn Roberts Uhlig and Lane Ververs for amazing and very powerful Unified Bowling state championship.
 - Commented on the success of the Mental Health Mondays which Jenn and Lane produce providing important messaging and information to the membership.
 - Thanked Dan Whitaker for stepping up and keeping things going during a very busy time while the Director of Communication position is put in place.

XIII. Meeting Review

- No meeting in March, the next meeting will be April 17th prior to the Legislative Council meeting.
- Congratulations to the CHSAA staff for a successful winter season.

XIV. Adjourn