

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Arkansas Activities Association Board of Directors Thursday, October 22, 2009

The Board of Directors of the Arkansas Activities Association met on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at the AAA Building at 10:00 a.m. with President George Foshee, Jessieville, presiding. Other board members present were:

Bobby Acklin, North Little Rock	Carl Easley, Wynne	Howard Morris, Riverview
Max Adcock, Mineral Springs	Dr. Delena Gammill, Ozark Mtn.	Micky Pierce, East Poinsett County
Wesley Berry, West Memphis	Nathan Gills, Glen Rose	Andrew Tolbert, Warren
Joe Couch, Bergman	Alfred Hogan, Turrell	Fred Walker, IZard Co. Consolidated
Lewis Diggs, Centerpoint	Jim Loyd, Paris	Wesley White, Russellville

Absent: Doug Graham, Nashville; Frank Holman, Lincoln; Rick McLaughlin, HS Lakeside

Present from the AAA staff were Lance Taylor, Kathy Tadlock, Don Brodell, Joey Walters, Wadie Moore, Belle Summers, Annette Savage and Amber Balboa. Also present was Johnny Johnson, LRSD, representing the Arkansas High School Athletic Administrators Association, Joe Mallett, St. Joseph, Conway, representing ANSAA and Mike Simmons of the Arkansas Department of Education.

MINUTES - The minutes of the meeting of August 3, 2009, were unanimously approved as presented. (Motion: Couch/Adcock, 16-0)

CONFERENCING APPEAL: AUGUSTA – The board approved Augusta’s request to amend the 2A basketball conference assignments by reassigning England from 2A 6 to 2A 5, thereby eliminating the only 10-team 2A conference. (Motion: Hogan/Morris, 14-2; against – Couch, Loyd)

REPORT ON 7A-6A BALLOT – The director reported that the conferencing ballot requested by Searcy and voted by mail has passed 23-9 with the required 2/3 majority. 7A-6A conferences will be as follows for the next cycle.

<u>West</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
Bentonville	Bryant	Hall	Benton
Fayetteville	Cabot	Jacksonville	El Dorado
Har-Ber	Catholic	Jonesboro	JA Fair
Heritage	Central	Marion	Lake Hamilton
Northside	Conway	Mtn. Home	McClellan
Rogers	North Little Rock	Parkview	Pine Bluff
Southside	Russellville	Searcy	Sheridan
Springdale	Van Buren	West Memphis	Texarkana

FINANCIAL – Belle Summers presented the September 30, 2009, financial report and the annual report of the auditors. Recommendations of the auditors have now been implemented. The board unanimously approved the financial report. (Motion: Diggs/Loyd, 16-0)

CORPORATE SPONSOR UPDATE – Wadie Moore reported one new sponsorship with Coachesaid.com. This sponsor offers schools the opportunity to have a Game Day Program Page at the push of a button that would include rosters and current standings.

AHSCA UPDATE - Joey Walters gave an update on the Arkansas High School Coaches Association. The new president is Trent Tipton of Morrilton and the new committee member is Scott Waymire of Carlisle. AHSCA will be taking an even more active role in the All-Star week and coaching clinic in the future as ongoing changes are underway. The AHSCA Executive Committee will meet again in January for further planning.

SPORT MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE - Joey Walters reported on the recent meeting of the SMAC and that they will meet again in December. This year's education point of emphasis has been concussions. The committee will determine the emphasis for next year. This year's addition of CPR and AED requirements for Registered Volunteers and Teacher-Coaches has produced several hundred more individuals who are CPR-AED certified who work with our schools. This number will increase as spring sports come into season. There will be a Sports Medicine newsletter article this spring and the committee will develop topics and help identify presenters for coaching clinic sessions in June.

STATE GOLF AND TENNIS UPDATE – Joey Walters reported that the overall tennis tournament will be next week. The golf advisory committee may recommend monitors for each team in the state tournaments to provide consistency in tournament administration. Plans are to add golf and tennis rules meetings to the website next year.

PROPOSED VOLLEYBALL CONFERENCES FOR 2010-2012 – Kathy Tadlock presented the recommended volleyball assignments for the next cycle. These conferences have been posted on the volleyball page of the AAA website as tentative assignments for approximately a month with a request for schools to respond with any questions or concerns. (Motion: Couch/Tolbert, 16-0)

5A 2010-12 VB CONFERENCES

<u>5A West</u>	<u>5A East</u>	<u>5A South</u>	<u>5A Central</u>
Alma	Blytheville	Arkadelphia	Batesville
Greenbrier	Forrest City	Camden Fairview	Beebe
Greenwood	Greene Co. Tech	Hot Springs	Central Ark. Christian
Harrison	Nettleton	Lakeside, HS	Little Rock Christian
Huntsville	Paragould	Magnolia	North Pulaski
Morrilton	West Helena	Mills Univ. Studies	Sylvan Hills
Siloam Springs	Wynne	White Hall	Vilonia

4A 2010-12 VB CONFERENCES

<u>4A Northwest</u>	<u>4A Northeast</u>	<u>4A West</u>	<u>4A Central</u>
Berryville	Brookland	Ashdown	Clinton
Farmington	Cave City	Booneville	Lonoke
Gentry	Newport	Clarksville	Malvern
Gravette	Pocahontas	Mena	Marianna
Pea Ridge	Southside, Batesville	Waldron	Oak Grove
Prairie Grove	Trumann		Pulaski Academy
Shiloh Christian	Valley View		Robinson
	Westside, Jonesboro		

3A 2010-12 VB CONFERENCES

<u>3A North</u>	<u>3A West</u>	<u>3A Northeast</u>	<u>3A Central</u>	<u>3A South</u>
Alpena	Lavaca	Bay	Atkins	Cutter Morning Star
Bergman	Lincoln	Cedar Ridge	Conway Christian	Episcopal
Cotter	Mansfield	Crowley's Ridge	Harding Academy	Fountain Lake
Eureka Springs	Mulberry	Harrisburg	Mayflower	KIPP Delta Prep
Flippin	Paris	Hoxie	Nemo Vista	Lutheran
Green Forest	Union Christian	Piggott	Perryville	St. Joseph Pine Bluff
Marshall	West Fork	Ridgefield Christian	St. Joseph Conway	
Valley Springs		Walnut Ridge		
Yellville-Summit				

TRACK AND FIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – The board unanimously approved the recommendations of the Track and Field Advisory Committee. (Motion: Berry/Gills, 16-0)

1. **Order of competition - Throwing and Horizontal Jumps:** A note will be added to the T&F handbook permitting directors or games committees of regular season meets, if desired, to list performers in order of best to poorest performance, if desired. Separate into groups of four with the first group being those with the best qualifying performances, etc. This format may be desired when conducting the events as finals only competition. **Rationale:** When a meet begins, the better throwers/horizontal jumpers are almost always the most active in the warm up process and then have to sit for possibly an hour or more before they actually throw/jump. This often impacts performances. Also, if a meet is called early due to weather it's the better throwers who get left out.

2. **Vaulter Weight Verification** – The board approved that vaulters be weighed at the meet site approximately 15 minutes prior to beginning warmups at all certified, conference and state meets. Weighing would be optional at other regular season meets; however, it would continue to be required that, if a vaulter's weight was challenged a means of weighing that vaulter is still required. Weight will be recorded on the events sheet at the weigh-in. The person recording the event will stand near the end of the runway where the plant box is and verify the pole immediately following each vault. In the event that a vaulter warms up or competes with an illegal pole the rules book penalty of disqualification will be applied. **Rationale:** This provides for consistency in state and qualifying meets and adds accountability to the coaches and athletes.

3. **Qualifying to the state meet** – Qualifying to the state track meet shall be limited to three ways. An athlete may qualify by:
 - a. Finishing in a qualifying place in the conference meet
 - b. Meeting a qualifying standard in the conference meet IF IT IS A CERTIFIED MEET.
 - c. Meeting a qualifying standard in a regular season certified meet if the athlete did not qualify by place in the conference meet.**Rationale:** These procedures preserve the original intent of allowing alternate qualifying for a quality athlete who may have been ill, injured, absent or did not compete in that event on the day of the conference meet.

4. **Timers and Pickers** – It is recommended that, in addition to FAT, for conference and state meets we return to the use of timers and pickers for all places. It was further recommended that an official video camera, in addition to the FAT camera be set up in line with the finish line to capture the finish order in the event of FAT failure.
Rationale: Several times in recent years with only FAT there has been a failure to start or a failure of the system during a race. Timers will provide hand-held times and video will assure that the order of finish is correct and that no runner was left out.

5. **State Meet Time Schedule** – Time adjustments were adopted for the state meet schedule that should result in a more efficient use of time and slightly shorten the dead time between prelims and finals. The proposed time adjustments are shown on the meet schedule that follows.

<u>Class 1A</u>	<u>2A-7A</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>Class 1A</u>	<u>2A-7A</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
9:00 9:30	9:00 9:30	Weigh in 1st coaches meeting and Recap Meeting	1:30	2:00 3:00	Weigh in Final coaches Meeting
10:30 11:00	10:30 11:00	Girls Pole Vault Girls Discus Girls Long Jump Boys Shot Boys Triple Jump Boys High Jump	2:30 3:00	2:30 3:30 3:30 4:30	Boys Pole Vault Girls Shot Girls Triple Jump Girls High Jump Boys Discus Boys Long Jump
12:30 1:00	12:30 1:00	Running Prelims Girls 100 m High Hurdles 33" Boys 110 m High Hurdles 39" 100 m Dash 4x800 m Relay Finals 4x100 m Relay Girls 300 m Low Hurdles 30" Boys 300 m Int. Hurdles 36" 200 m Dash	5:00	5:30 6:30	Running Finals 100/110 m Hurdles 100 m Dash 1600 m Run 4x100 m Relay 400 m Dash 300 m Hurdles 800 m Run 200 m Dash 3200 m Run 4x400 m Relay

INVITATION TO HOST STATE SWIMMING AND DIVING –The board unanimously accepted the invitation of Bentonville High School to host the state swimming and diving meet at the UA Natatorium. (Motion: Walker/Tolbert, 16-0)

NEW MEMBER SCHOOL: THE NEW SCHOOL – The board unanimously approved the admission of The New School in Fayetteville as a new member school. At the present time the school only goes through the 7th grade. (Motion: Berry/Morris, 16-0)

PUBLIC/NONPUBLIC COMMITTEE UPDATE:-Joe Mallett, principal of St. Joseph High School in Conway and the ANSAA representative to the AAA board spoke briefly about the meetings and function of the Public-Nonpublic Relations Meeting. The committee meets periodically to try to solve ongoing problems dealing with the interaction of public and non-public schools

SWINE FLU: PLAYOFFS – The director reported that the office would be watching carefully the incidence of H1N1 flu in the member schools and will be sensitive to the recommendations of the Arkansas Department of Health as to preventing the spreading of the flu virus.

SET FINAL CONFERENCES AND CLASSIFICATIONS FOR 2010-2012 – The board approved all final conference assignments, 7A-6A as voted by the schools and 2A Basketball as amended by the earlier action to reassign England. (Motion: Tolbert/Adcock, 16-0)

PERSONNEL – Following an Executive Session the board unanimously accepted the resignation of Belle Summers, the promotion of Amber Balboa to Belle’s position and the transfer of Jennifer Mays to become the administrative assistant to Amber Balboa.

It was further approved that the association would provide schooling for Amber Balboa and Jennifer Mays in computer work and accounting.

The board also authorized the director to continue with property improvements including, but not limited to, landscaping, roof and the parking lot. (Motion: Adcock/Hogan, 16-0)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President/Chair

Secretary

Date