

WADA/WIAA DISTRICT 1

November 6, 2107

Caucus Minutes

Meeting started at 3pm

Approve agenda - MSC – Jon Griffith and Adam Miller

Approve spring minutes – MSC Pam Huston and Jason Sell

Informational items communicated and explained.

Fall Elections:

District 1 rep nomination of Mary Schradle-Mau by Brian Miller 2nd Chuck Holicky
MSC to close nomination Pam Huston and Nathan Alhberg
Mary Schradle-Mau unanimous to continue as District 1 rep.

District 1 gender rep nomination of Brian Miller by Jim Campbell 2nd John Griffith
MSC to close nomination Brian Smith and Don Moreland
Brian Miller unanimous to continue as District 1 gender rep.

Scholarship committee rep Sheila Matmiller by Jim Campbell 2nd Brian Smith
MSC to close nomination Jon Griffith and Doug Schmidt

Tournament seeding issue

The Trackwrestling idea is a good idea but our history of tournament procedures has always had complaints. First was a complaint against the random draw. So seeding was instituted and the complaints against seeding are leading to a software platform to seed teams without face to face meetings.

It would avoid “conference gang-ups ” at seeding meetings.

What would the platform be, who would monitor and update the information. The objective approach to seeding could be good.

Reminder that even though wrestling uses Trackwrestling a face to face meeting allows for appeals.

One concern was how or who determines the strength of someone’s schedule.

Bigger question is the determination of a sectional or half bracket selection – this more important than a seeding software.

There is a problem because the seeding format for the various sectionals and sports is not consistent. Maybe coaches should give their recommendations to AD’s and the AD’s go and present the seeding case.

Minnesota uses a computerized seeding system for baseball we should look at that system.

Can a uniform manner of electronic seeding meetings be agreed upon? Video meeting preferred to simple email and the distances to attend seeding meetings is unrealistic.

Co-op issues in hockey and gymnastics not much of an issue in District 1. One comment that girls hockey co-ops continue to look at total enrollment of schools in a co-op be considered.

Football –

66% prefer football only conference

33% prefer the district plan

Should this be a varsity only schedule – unanimous Yes. Lower levels can be worked out by individual schools

Groupings should be redone every 2 years.

8 player - concerns were on the loss of 11 man teams and some communities refusing to go to 8 man. However the inclusion of 8 man in the tournament series and the chance for a gold ball would help incentive those schools to participate at the 8 man level.

All the 8 man decision and football only groupings be ready for the 2019 season and the majority refers a 10 team group if Enrollment is the primary criteria.

AD's were in favor of an 8 game schedule and later start date in August.

Stay with the 200 student max for 8 player participation – unanimous.

Local issues.

Shot clock process is still unclear for many AD's. Fear it will pass and small schools in the district fear they cannot absorb the expense. The coaches at split about 50/50 on this and AD's are confused as to why this issue is being considered when no majority of coaches seem to want it.

It would help to have more transparency by coaches associations as to representation and minutes. Example of a conference volleyball meeting and none of the coaches knew who the association rep was.

AD's prefer the earlier week for WADA conference so as not to interfere with start of winter practices.

AD's would like a summary statement as to the rural/urban issue. Something to tell/show their constituents and community members. Which proposals were voted on and voted down. Which proposals were never voted on and why? Some document short and concise so that a reasonable explanation could be given by AD's.

Adjourn – MSC Jim Campbell and Nathan Ahlberg

Brian Miller, Ashland