

Vermont State Athletic Directors' Association
Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 7th 2018
Chandler Art Center, Randolph

AGENDA:

9:45am **Call to Order**

Attendance, AD Introduction

Ashley Hoyt, Ian Fraunfelder, Geri Witalec, Dan Marlow, Jeanne Hulsen, Dave Miceli, Dan Shepardson, Randy Rathburn, Chris Bringham, Jeff Goodrich, Ali Jones, Chris Langevin, James Ingalls, Chris Wentworth, Paul Wheeler, Sean Farrell, Kim Maniery, John Lumsden, David Marlow, Tim Brown, TJ Powers, Steven Keith, Dave Capman, Jake Eaton, Steve Croucher, Neil Brodeur, Buddy Hayford, Mike Norman, Dave McGinn, Mike Jabour, Kevin Lipple, Chad Copeland, Hank Van Orman, Lindy Stetson, Andrew Tufts, Justin Wardwell, Tom Conte, Blendon Salls, Steve Hunt, Derek Ciprano, Cagney Bringham, Bob Johnson, Bernie Cieplicki, Ian Dinzeo, Tim Messier, Dennis Barcomb, Jeff Moreno

Hope Happens Here- Dave Landers

<http://www.hopehappenshere.co/index.php>

<https://headsugguys.org/22-male-athletes-speaking-depression/>

<https://www.theplayerstribune.com/en-us/articles/kevin-love-everyone-is-going-through-something>

Article by Kevin Love, came out April 4th "Everyone is Going Through Something"

Secretary's Report

Kim Maniery

Meeting Minutes sent out to the Membership. Motion to accept minutes David Marlow, Second TJ Powers. Passed.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Hingston

Please consider going around to local businesses for hole sponsors. DEADLINE: June 1st. Everyone should have received membership application form from Bob. Print out for business office.

Motion to accept treasurer's report Geri Witalec-Krupa, second Tom Conte. Passed

Executive Director's Report

Tom Conte

1. NFHSEducational Services Update from Director - Dan Schuster, CMAA, CIC & staff.

Courses Coming Soon!

- Concussion in Sports (Revision)
- Heat Illness Prevention (Revision)
- Adjudicating Speech and Debate
- Sports Nutrition (Revision)
- Most recent Courses launched.
- Blocking and Defeating Blocks, Shoulder Tackling and Equipment Fitting (Revision)
- Sportsmanship (A great message for all).
- NCAA Eligibility

Please take a few minutes and view the 3 videos below. Once again Videos 2 & 3 will make a great lead-in for your coaches', athletes' and or parents' meetings. They have been included in previous Newsletters. I took the liberty to include them once again just in case you missed them. Video #1 is particularly interesting and I recommend you share it with your Principal - it is outstanding and I am sure he/she would appreciate it. (Once again, simply click on the video below and enjoy).

NFHS Learning Center Promo Videos

1. New Course Style: <https://youtu.be/eX62jNTugF4>

VPA Hall of Fame- Congratulation Geri Witalec-Krupa Dad going being inducted, Tim Brown and Lindy Stetson and her parents and Natalie Soffens Dad for being inducted.

CAA and CMAA if you are done with classes take the test before January 1st. After January 1st more classes will be added to both of these for completion.

NFHS Coaching ED Report: USA Heads Up Football, all schools have to send at least 1 coach to these clinics. There are only 2 clinics in the state of Vermont this year. \$10.00 per Coach. May 19th @ Rutland June 23rd @ Colchester.

Leadership Conference Update **Dan Marlow / Melba Masse**

Contacted One Love about doing presentation and waiting on them to get back to us on information.

Activities Standard Report **Kim Maniery/ Dan Shepardson**

1. The VSADA is in full support of moving forward with the member-to-member recommendations. Crucial all ADs know the new language and information in regards to member-to-member moving forward.
2. Declining enrollment in schools across Vermont has had an increasing effect on participation on athletic teams. It has gotten to the point that some districts are unable to provide opportunities for middle school athletes to play on appropriate girls' teams, forcing girls to play on boys teams or finding outside clubs to participate on. These girls should be given the opportunity to play on teams that follow the appropriate rules meant for these sport, not only for safety but also to allow them to develop the proper skills they need to develop as athletes in these sports. In order for eighth-grade girls to qualify to play on a high school team the following would have to apply:
 - a. The lack of an appropriate program at their grade level either in a local club or middle school program (their only option is to play on a boys' team, with full contact)
 - b. The high school program has a demonstrated need for athletes to maintain their program. Using the member-to-member numbers as a full complement of players for a team.
3. To allow students to participate in 5 quarters of basketball instead of 4 as listed in the limits. The rationale is that at the small school level, more and more schools have to rely on a number of students to play both the varsity and JV level in order to maintain JV teams. The request is supported by VBCA and the VPA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee has no concerns with this issue.
 - a. Overtime not counting as another quarter it is an extension of 4th quarter
 - b. This would be for all divisions
4. VPA Cooperative Team: Start the conversation, any suggestions get to Kim or Sean.

New Business/ Announcements

David McGinn- Index points conversation (No motion at this time on the floor)

Motion to get a committee of ADs together to discuss and look at the option for a statewide schedule and explore index points. Seconded by Ian Denzo. Motion Passed

This would only be games played.

Rationale - the other three divisions receive points for wins when they play up a division or more, and they now also receive points (.5 or 1) when they lose those games, and in Divisions II and III they can also get points for wins v. teams in a lower division. Division I teams cannot play up, but when playing a schedule predominantly filled

with DI opponents receive no reward in balance against the points awarded for wins by DI schools v. lower division schools (presumed to be easier competition).

By awarding points for every game played In -Division, schools would knowingly forfeit that point by playing down. Given the award to DII-IV for losses against a higher division, this is the basis for awarding .5 for home and 1 away.

Two teams each playing the same number of Divisional opponents has no advantage or disadvantage in the index award. Note: this in no way tries to measure the "quality/strength" of the Divisional games, just a game played within division.

The chart below reflects the change.

New System (approved 5/2/15)				
Win Over	At Home	Away	Ties at Home	Ties Away
Higher Division	5	6	2.5	3
Same Division	4	5	2	2.5
1 Division Lower	3.5	4.5	1.75	2.25
2 Division Lower	2	3	1	1.5
Play Same Division	0.5	1		
Loss Against	at Home	Away		
Higher Division	0.5	1		

Bass Fishing Update- Jeffrey Goodrich

- 11 schools have submitted letters of intent to participate in Bass Fishing in the Fall Season.
- • Short season, Starts August with other fall sports, ends end of September early October.
- • Students would have the opportunity to participate in this sport as well as other fall sports.
- • Attract students who may not be involved in other athletic activities
- • Bass Fishing is a growing sport around the country, especially with our neighbor NH.
- • Athlete/coaches must have a Vermont Fishing License & Schools and Athletes must be B.A.S.S. affiliated member.
- • VPA Bass Fishing will purchase a \$50.00 Series Tournament Permit – this allows us the opportunity to host tournaments for ONLY a one time \$50.00 charge.
- • Two major events Qualifying Event and State Final, Weekend Scrimmages, does not require a boat, practice, scrimmage, prepare, qualify, championship.
- • 2-day official season at the end of September.
- • 4 person team, 2 anglers on boat, 2 people on shore, 6 hour limit
- • Boat is a partnership with the Bass Clubs and get volunteer captains that own their boats, their liability insurance, coach join boat then 2 students athletes and all marine

checks are taken place. Coach in charge of students and captain and captain in charge of the boat.

- · How is competition scored: Based off of 5 fish weight limit.

Alignment Criteria Recommendations- Bob Johnson

Ski schools are placed in Division II on VSADA/ASC Decision.

Soccers concern around D3 schools and feels all 67 schools should be divided.

Paul Wheeler: Open Tournament - How did that become conversation: Many sports there were divisions that had byes. A lot of schools choose not to go to the tournament depending on their record and school policies.

Process for VSADA look over and see what we think before going back to ASC. This is for 2 years out. VSADA will come back to the ASC by Winter Meeting if not before.

Criteria Recommendation:

1. Remain with 4 divisions and try to keep equal numbers
2. Base Alignments on October 15th AOE student count (alignments is any sport could not be done until this date)
3. Use October 15th count for all sport seasons (this takes criteria out of the hands of the sports committees)
4. Continue to allow schools to petition up, but no petitioning down. Keep the procedure where if a school petitions up, the bottom schools of that higher division can move down.
5. Keep specialty schools as a separate item and place them in Division 2 (this means the schools will not count towards equal numbers, so D2 will always have 3 more schools in Fall alignments.)
6. Keep the 16-team tournament bracket or go to an Open Tournament.
7. Look at revising index point system. With fewer teams available, schools do not want to play a division down due to penalty. This is reducing opportunities for D3/D4 schools.

The committee feels this will also have to be revisited in 2 years, as we will lose more schools to consolidation.

Recognition of retiring / departing AD's

- **Departing ADs:**
Justin Wardwell
Ian Denzio
Lindy Stetson
Trevor Wagner
Derek Howard
- **Retiring AD:**
Tim Brown

AD of the Year Awards:

Division 1: David Marlow

Division 2: Kim Maniery

Division 3: Geri Witalec-Krupa

Division 4: Ashley Hoyt

NIAAA/Service Award:

NIAAA Award: Bob Hingston

Distinguished Service Award: Tim Brown

12:16 pm Motion to Adjourn Paul Wheeler, Seconded Tom Conte

Next Year's Meeting Dates: Motion to accept meeting dates for 2018/2019 Bernie Cieplicki. and Jeannie unless it is a conflict and we can't be at this location:

September 10th 2018 @ Chandler Art Center

November 12th 2018 @ Chandler Art Center

January 21st 2019 (MLK Day) @ Chandler Art Center

March 26th 2019 (VSADA Conference) @ DoubleTree Inn, South Burlington

May 13th 2019 @ Chandler Art Center

