

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Arkansas Activities Association Board of Directors Friday, March 10, 2006

The Board of Directors of the Arkansas Activities Association met on Friday, March 10, 2006, at the Holiday Inn Presidential, Little Rock, at 12:00 p.m. with President Dr. Mike McSpadden, Alma, presiding. Also present were:

Bobby Acklin, North Little Rock	George Foshee, Jessieville	Danny Sample, Harrisburg
Max Adcock, Mineral Springs	Dr. Delena Gammill, Clinton	Don Smith, Cross County
Wesley Berry, West Memphis	Doug Graham, Nashville	Don Swiney, Bradford
Dr. James Bridges, Mountainburg	Alfred Hogan, Turrell	Andrew Tolbert, Warren
Joe Couch, Bergman	Carl Hughes, Cutter Morning Star	Johnny Tyler, Conway
Lewis Diggs, Centerpoint	Dr. Bobby New, Fayetteville	Fred Walker, Izard Co. Consolidated

Present from the AAA staff were Jimmy Coats, Lance Taylor, Kathy Tadlock, Don Brodell, Wadie Moore and Belle Summers. Also in attendance were Buzz Bolding, AHSAAA liaison; Ed McCorkle, AAA attorney; and Joey Walters, who will join the AAA staff in July.

**MINUTES** – The minutes of January 11-12, 2006, and February 15, 2006, were unanimously approved as presented. (Motion: Hughes/Hogan, 19-0)

**FINANCIAL** – Belle Summers presented the financial report. Most regional basketball receipts have been received and one state site. A full report will be available at the summer workshop. The financial report was unanimously approved. (Motion: Smith/Acklin, 19-0)

**REVIEW OF TOURNAMENTS** - Don Brodell reviewed the recent region and state basketball tournaments as well as plans and procedures for conducting the finals at Alltel Arena. The financial reports were incomplete at this time.

**SPRING SPORTS UPDATE** – Don Brodell reported that baseball and softball non-attendance fines were currently out to the schools that had declared but did not attend a rules meeting. Through these responses he has learned that some smaller schools that had declared have found that they will not be able to field a team; therefore, some of the lower classification conferences may have to be realigned for these sports.

**WAIVER OF SCHEDULE DEADLINE FINES** – Due to potential consolidations and annexations not known at this time, the board unanimously approved waiving the basketball schedule deadline fines for Class A schools for which conferencing is still uncertain and may not be resolved until the board's summer workshop. (Motion: Diggs/Smith, 19-0)

**ACTIVITY DISTRICT INFORMATION AND SPRING SURVEY** – Lance Taylor reviewed some items for this year's spring survey, to be discussed at the Activity district meetings in April. It was noted that the Warren meeting will be held at the Lumberjack Café, the same location as last year with a new name. Survey items can still be added and will be accepted through Taylor.

The board unanimously authorized a survey item on a suggested time limit for starting a new inning in baseball and softball games on a school night. (Motion: Tolbert/Sample, 19-0)

**CLASS AAAAA 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE RULE** – Ed McCorkle reviewed for the board the history and background of the Class AAAAA rule that prohibits 9<sup>th</sup> graders from participating on senior high teams, if the feeder junior high(s) participate in that sport. McCorkle had met earlier that day with the Class AAAAA principals and both requested and received input and information on the preferences, the effectiveness and the desirability of the rule.

**SUMMER WORKSHOP INFORMATION** – Summer workshop will be June 6-8. Board members were provided forms to complete information needed to make reservations. The AAA Administrators golf tournament will be Monday, June 5. Board members were asked to complete their reservation information and golf tournament registration forms.

**GYMNASTICS** – Due to the sport of gymnastics being designated a probationary sport by the board at the June 2005 summer workshop, information was provided as an update on the number of schools and teams declared for and participating interscholastically. There are 14 declared high schools with 10 of them having the possibility of competing as a team. Due to the declining numbers, the board unanimously accepted the staff's recommendation that an open state meet be held this year in which each declared sr. high could enter up to six gymnasts on each event, with an entry deadline of Monday, April 10. Further information will be provided at this year's summer workshop. (Motion: Bridges/Smith, 19-0)

**AAA BASKET TOSS RULE** – In response to an ongoing concern for minimizing risk to stunting spirit team members, it was recommended that the rule, newly adopted for inclusion in the 2006-07 NFHS Spirit rules book become effective immediately for AAA member schools, in order to be effective for the basketball finals games beginning later the same day. The AAA spirit liaison will meet with each spirit team prior to the warm-ups for their game and explain the rule and its rationale. Following discussion and questions, the board unanimously approved the recommendation as follows. (Motion: Hughes/Tolbert, 19-0)

“Basket tosses and similar multi-base tosses are permitted only if the performing surface is an appropriate mat, grass, or surface that is rubberized or soft-yielding.”

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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President/Chair

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Secretary

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Date