

Region II

Spring Meeting Minutes for 3-20-06

Hosted at Lumen Christi School

1. Meeting called to order by Dean Overbey, President at 9:05 A.M.
2. Members in Attendance: Rick Musgrove, Steve Klaich, Terry Martin, Jon Buchanan, Daryl Frisbie, Matt Clark, Brad Rud, LaVerne Talerico, Craig Roach, Bruce Gunderson, Curtis Liberty, Reed Carlson, Dean Overbey.
3. Approval of fall 2005 Meeting Minutes
Motion: Matt Clark, 2nd by Terry Martin, Unanimous.
4. Approval of Agenda
Additions: Small school/Large School rotation at State Basketball
Trophy Standardization
Welcome Brad Rud from Birchwood Christian
Notification that Pacific Northern Academy will not have a high school program next year.
Motion: Jon Buchanan, 2nd Daryl Frisbie, Unanimous.
5. ASAA Board Report by Matt Clark

Report from ASAA BOD meeting

12/2/05 & 2/26/06

Action Items The Board of Directors (BOD) took the following action:

Eligibility of Students not Required to Take the HSGQE: Approved proposed revision to Article 12, Section 2, Enrollment Rules, and Section 7, Semester Credit Rule. The revision will go into effect in 30 days.

Basketball Officials: Approved a proposal from Region 5 to reallocate the selection of officials for the 2A state basketball tournament. Under the proposal, Region 5 would be allocated 2 officials and there would be no allocation for a local official.

Mercy Rule: Approved a proposal from Region 6 that mandates that a running clock be used once an established point spread is reached in a football, basketball or hockey game. Details for each sport will developed and adopted by the Board during its May meeting.

Classification Policy Revision: Failed to adopt a revision to the existing classification policy that would have permitted a school to opt up to a higher

classification in one sport, without the entire school opting to the higher classification.

Soccer Conferences: Tabled a proposed revision to the existing soccer conferences.

Birchwood Christian School: Approved the membership of Birchwood Christian School. The school was placed in Region 2, 2A.

Endowment Game Schedule: Approved a revision that removes the Endowment Week from the basketball schedule. Beginning in 2007-07, games may be played at any time during the season and schools must apply for approval before the beginning of the season.

DISCUSSION ITEMS * = need direction on how to vote

Posting Names of Violating Schools: Approved a staff proposal to begin posting the names of schools which fail to submit required reports on time. And, schools who violate the rules will also be posted. The names will be placed on the Association website and will be broadcast faxed to schools, superintendents, and school board presidents.

Outsourcing Policy: Discussed the current policy and agreed to work with schools who outsource sports as if they were sponsoring those sports.

*Volleyball - 1A, 2A, 3A-West - Borealis Conference Proposal: Re tabled a proposal from Region 2 to split the conference into two conferences due to number of participating schools and their locations. The Borealis Conference currently has 3 berths to the state tournament. This was tabled again because there had not been sufficient input from the affected schools.

Officials Issues: Discussed problems that the Anchorage and Mat-Su School Districts have experienced this year in negotiating contracts with officials associations who asked for a significant cost increases. Staff surveyed western state high school associations about officials pay and results were presented to the board. Most states either set a minimum or maximum pay amount per sport or determine the amount of increase each year. ASAA has never ventured into the officials pay arena in the past. The board asked staff to survey pay scales in ASAA's 6 regions and to prepare a report for the May meeting. The report will recommend pay levels per sport, per level, and may recommend statewide maximum rates for officials pay.

Basketball Uniform Rule: Agreed to enforce the upcoming basketball uniform rule change beginning in 2007-08, that will require teams to wear white jerseys when they are the home team.

*Mixed-Six Volleyball: Discussed proposed changes to the supplementary rules to accommodate the “libero” player beginning in 2006-07. The board asked that this be discussed in Regions 1, 2 and 5 before action is taken in May.

*Out-of-Season Contact Between Coaches and Players: Discussed the growing trend in the more populated areas of the state in which coaches coach their intact high school teams in community leagues outside of the high school season during the school year. This is particularly prevalent in Southcentral Alaska at the 4A and 3A schools. By the time the official high school basketball season begins, these “school” teams have played many games in fall leagues while other school teams are just beginning to form. Is this fair to the teams who have not had this opportunity? The board reviewed a policy on out-of-season practice limitation from the Oregon School Activities Association.

Board authorized that by April 1, each region submit names of 2 individuals from that region who express an interest in discussing this issue by teleconference in April. A report will be made to the board in May.

*ASAA Dues Surcharge: Discussed the current \$1.00 per student dues surcharge which is scheduled to expire at the end of the current school year. This was imposed by the board for three years to build a cash reserve for the Association to be used in lean years. This cash reserve cannot be tapped without direct board action. The board’s goal of a 25% cash and real property reserve will have been met at the end of the current year.

The board discussed the need to maintain the dues at the current level of \$5.00 per student in order to maintain good service to member schools. The total collected in school dues has increased very little over the past 20+ years while the services provided and the variety of state championships has expanded greatly. Discussion included the need to pay off the mortgage on the new office which is currently around \$114,000, to fund the Endowment, and to provide for benefits for employees in the future.

A letter will be sent to superintendents supporting dues at the current level. The board asked that this also be discussed at the regional level.

*Wrestling: Discussed a proposal from Region 6 that would extend the scoring at state tournaments to 5th and 6th place wrestlers, with no medals being awarded. This will be discussed at the regional level with action at the May board meeting.

*Discussed a request from Region 5 that would change the allocation of berths in the 1A, 2A, 3A state tournament. This will be discussed at the regional level with further discussion at the May board meeting.

*Discussed a proposal from Region 5 that would combine all wrestling into a common season beginning on October 1 and ending on the third weekend in December. The proposal also asks that the two state tournaments be run concurrently at a single site. This will be discussed at the regional level with further discussion at the May board meeting.

Bylaw Revisions: the board intends to revise the bylaws in the following areas:

- student transfer with a corresponding move of residence of parents
- student transfer during a respective sport season
- eligibility of F-1 “direct placement” foreign students
- student use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs

Action

1. Borealis Volleyball Conference (from Table)
2. Bylaw Revisions
3. Tournament Site Selection
4. Mixed-Six Volleyball Rule Revision
5. Video Taping Policy
6. 2006-07 ASAA and AASG Budget Adoption
7. Points for 5th and 6th Place Wrestlers
8. Gold Lifetime Pass Selections
9. School Dues
10. Mercy Rule Specifics

Discussion

1. Out-of-Season Contact

2. Officials Pay
3. Football Season
4. Soccer Conferences (from Table)
5. Tennis Supplementary Rules
6. Non-Traditional Schools

Next Scheduled Meeting:

April 30 and May 1, 2006 in Unalakleet

6. ASAA report by Gary Matthews and John Andrews

Not in attendance

7. Treasures Report by Steve Klaich
Motion to accept by Matt Clark, 2nd by Curtis Liberty, Unanimous

8. Old Business

A. Borealis Conference Split

Discussed the merits and problems of splitting the Borealis Conference into North and South conferences. Also discussed seeding criteria and the difficulty of scheduling due to tournaments requiring varied number of games. We were informed that ASAA would allow teams to play matches that are “best 2 out of 3 games” and count these “mini-pool play” matches for seeding the conference tournament. Teams playing these “pool play” matches are allowed to count one entire day of pool play as ONE match toward the seasonal match limit of 22 matches.

Motion by Curtis Liberty: Teams may play matches for seeding in the Borealis Conference Tournament that consist of best 3 out of 5 games, or, if at an invitational tournament, may play matches that are best 2 out of 3 games. The matches to be used for seeding should be mutually agreed upon by the coaches (written contract) and consistent with the tournament handbook prior to match play.

2nd by Daryl Frisbie. Unanimous.

Decision to table the conference split until such time as 4 berths to the State Tournament are available made by consensus.

B. Galena classification was discussed. Current enrollment is a combined 108 students. This number comes from 38 students at the city school and 70 at the boarding school.

No action was taken.

C. Motion was made to reimburse ASAA for Matt Clark’s travel expenses when he travels to Unalakleet in May. Motion was made by Jon Buchanan

2nd by Reed Carlson. Unanimous.

D. Spring 2006 Region II track site was moved from Skyview (Ninilchik host) to Su-Valley with Su-Valley hosting the meet. The dates will be May 12-13, 2006.

9. New Business

A. Home Uniforms

Starting with the 2007-08 basketball season, home teams will be required to wear white uniforms on their home court.

B. Peninsula Conference handbook changes were presented as follows:

- Section I F. When the Peninsula Conference Tournament is hosted at a site not on the “road system,” the host school will provide each team (boys and girls) with 10 round trip airplane tickets from the closest airport to the tournament site.

- Brackets have been modified. See attached pages.

- Section IV D 4 g. In the event of a three-way tie, the above seeding criteria will be used to determine the highest seed among the three tied teams. At this point the two remaining tied teams will go back to the beginning of the tiebreakers (head to head) and use the established procedure to break the two-way tie.
- Section IV D 4 e 3. When a team plays a “double jeopardy” game, the point spread from that game will be doubled when calculating the point differential.
- Illustration of “Point Spread”:
Team A defeats team B by a score of 42-40
Team B defeats team C by a score of 45-40
Team C defeats team A by a score of 50-40

Team A is +2
Team B is +5
Team C is +10

Team C is highest seed based upon point differential between tied teams.
Team B is second highest seed based upon head-head with Team A.
Team A is lowest seed of the three tied teams.

- Section IV E 3. Championship games will be held on Friday night and Second Place games will be held on Saturday.
- Section IV G 3 b. Five weeks will be changed to six weeks.
Insert the words “available and willing”
- Section IV G 3 c. Three weeks will be changed to four weeks.

Motion to accept changes was made by LaVerne Talerico.
2nd by Matt Clark. Unanimous.

- C. 2006-2007 Tournament Sites
- Cross Country Running @ Su-Valley, September 23
 - Coed Soccer @ Tri-Valley, October 6-7
 - Borealis Conference Volleyball @ Nenana, November 30, December 1-2
 - Wrestling-North @ Cordova, December 1-2
 - Wrestling-South @ ?, December 1-2
 - Golden Heart A basketball @ Fairbanks hosted by Fort Yukon, March 8-10
 - Central Interior AA basketball @ Tri-Valley, March 8-10
 - Peninsula AA basketball @ Homer hosted by Seldovia, March 7-10

- Hockey @ Fairbanks, February 7-10
 - Music – To be determined
 - Track @ Fairbanks hosted by Nenana, May 18-19
- D. Standardization of Trophies:
Revised document was presented and will be published on the Region II website. Motion to accept was made by Matt Clark. 2nd by Curtis Liberty. Unanimous.
- E. Tournament Financial Reports were submitted by the following:
Susitna Valley-Cross Country Running
Lumen Christi- Coed Soccer
Cook Inlet Academy-Borealis Conference Volleyball
Bristol Bay-Peninsula Conference Basketball
Motion to accept made by Terry Martin
2nd by Curtis Liberty. Unanimous.
- F. Region II Coach of the Year
Male athlete coach-Karen Mannix, Su-Valley cross country skiing
Female athlete coach-LaVerne Talerico, Tri-Valley basketball
- G. Region II would like to make a formal recommendation that the ASAA State basketball tournament will rotate the early week start between 1A/2A and 3A/4A. This would allow parents and fans of the small schools to travel to Anchorage for the weekend tournament on alternate years. It would also limit missed classes at school.
- H. Region II placed Birchwood Christian into the Kachemak Conference for wrestling, and into the Central Interior Conference for basketball. Motion to approve was made by Darly Frisbie. 2nd by Jon Buchanan. Unanimous.
- I. Election of Officers-President
Steve Klaich nominated Dean Overbey. 2nd by Daryl Frisbie. Unanimous.
10. Items for next agenda:
- Election of Officers-Secretary/Treasurer & ASAA representative
 - Confirmation tournament sites for 2006-07
 - Purchase of laptop computer for Region II, with software
 - Region II scholarships
 - Selection of Seeding Committee
 - Lumen Christi request regarding scheduling over Easter weekend in 2008
11. Next meeting will be held on September 29, 2006 at Lumen Christi School at 9:00 A.M.
12. Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.