

## Region II

### Spring Meeting Minutes for 3-22-10

Hosted at Lumen Christi School

1. Meeting called to order by Dean Overbey, President at 9:07 A.M.
2. Members in Attendance: Dean Overbey, Steve Klaich, LaVerne Talerico, Vicky Charlie, Susan Moore, Scott Handley, Terry Tutor, Rick Lyon, Terry Martin, Rick Musgrove, Gary Matthews, Byron Charlie, Isaiah Vreeman.
3. Approval of Fall 2009 Meeting Minutes  
Change location of music festival from Su-Valley to Valdez.  
Motion: Terry Tutor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaVerne Talerico, Unanimous.  
Approval of Winter 2010 Meeting Minutes  
Motion: Susan Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Tutor. Unanimous.
4. Approval of Agenda  
Additions: Region II track meet host and location  
3-man officiating at State BB  
Motion to approve agenda: Terry Tutor, 2<sup>nd</sup>, LaVerne Talerico. Unanimous
- 5, 6. ASAA report by Terry Martin & Gary Matthews  
**State Tournament Sites Selected** The Board of Directors voted to accept the following bids to host future state tournaments:
  - **Colony** will host the 4A Wrestling Championships in 2010 at the Curtis Menard Sports Complex. This was a one year bid with the possibility of extending it if the site proves successful and depending on the calendar that is adopted for 2011-12. The Sports Complex has proven to be an outstanding and centrally located site for sporting events. The State Hockey Championships have been held there for the last four years and that bid was extended through 2013.
  - **Nikiski High School** will be the site for the 123A State Wrestling Championships for three years starting in December 2010. Nikiski has had a tradition of good wrestling and was the state champions four times in the mid-90s. Their administration and community is excited about this tournament and will enhance it further.
  - Dimond's Cross-Country Running bid to use the **Bartlett Trails near Bartlett High School** was accepted for 2010-11-12. This is the first time that this state championship has been held in Anchorage since 1993 and will be the first time that timing chips will be used. Thanks to all those who took the time and interest to submit bids to host tournaments. There are still two more sites that will be chosen at the April Meeting: Soccer and Track & Field. Those applications are online on the respective sites with a deadline of April 14 to be completed and submitted.

**Committee Recommendations Shared** The Board of Directors received recommendations from the two committees studying the Season Calendar and the Classification System. They want these proposals to be shared with all regions, schools, school boards, and superintendents before taking action

- Football Reclassification Proposal.
- Basketball Reclassification Proposal.
- Volleyball Reclassification Proposal.
- Overview of changes by sport.

The Classification Committee also came up with the following suggestions:

1. Schools will now be classified by sport and can opt up by sport. No longer are you “locked into” one classification.
2. Schools opting up must do so for two years, and if in basketball, both genders must opt up.
3. Classification will use a common language of letters and numbers (ie. 3A, 4A) instead of “large” and “small”.
4. Allocation of berths to state will be addressed before reclassification occurs.
5. The Classification Committee will remain a standing committee that will meet and make recommendations every 2 years. The Board may decide to adopt all, some, or none of the recommendations. It is important that you give feedback to your region representative so that all issues can be studied. Change is never easy. But ignoring the changing environment of decreasing enrollments is not an option either. The work of the committees this year is to be applauded.

**Other Board Action at this meeting:**

- Recommended to NFHS that the wrestling weight classes remain the same as present.
  - Voted in favor of enforcing the rule that Mixed Six Volleyball is for schools in 1A Classification only.
  - Accepted Heritage Christian Schools request to be reclassified 2A starting next year.
  - Postponed the request from Southeast Football Conference for a berth to state until the April meeting.
  - Developed new language for the Cooperative School Program which will be sent out to member schools for comment before taking action at the April meeting.
- 
- Schools should let Gary Matthews know if the Conferences list is not accurate
  - Nanwalek will play home games at Seldovia School (basketball)
  - Change in 8<sup>th</sup> grade eligibility rule will allow prior year OR current year October count to be used to determine eligibility.
  - April ASAA meeting in Ninilchik April 25-26 at Captain Steve’s Lodge

- State DDF and conference basketball date conflict looked at by calendar committee
  - Fairhill Christian will be a new Region II school for 2010-11
  - Glacier View asked to be placed into mixed 6 volleyball southwest conference for 2010.
7. Treasurers Report by Steve Klaich  
Motion to accept by Terry Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Moore, Unanimous
8. Old Business
- Cooperative School Update: The “Homer hockey” proposal was not possible under current ASAA by-laws due to Homer High being a 4A school. ASAA has looked at their philosophy and has proposed a by-law amendment allowing schools with an enrollment under 451 to co-op with smaller schools if one of the schools does not have enough students to participate. Cooperative schools must be in the same school district. The participating school’s enrollment is added to determine classification for that activity. The request must come from the participating school’s principals and superintendent. The rationale was discussed for the cap of 451 students, requirement to be in the same school district, and that this proposal does not allow for private school participation in a cooperative school situation.
  - Classification Committee Report: ASAA Board may vote on the proposal at the April meeting. Discussed the conference placement of Bristol Bay and found out that Region I had made this request, even though Bristol Bay did not want the change. Discussed berth to State allocation and how that would affect support for this proposal.
  - Calendar Committee Report: Discussed the proposed shift of 1A and 2A basketball start date to January. Region I voted against the proposed change last week. Region II discussed the pros and cons of the proposal including, financial considerations, track overlap, State mandated testing, Easter conflict, loss of “March Madness.” Region II is NOT in support of this proposed change. We also discussed the volleyball scheduling with trying to overlap 1A, 2A, and mixed 6 with 3A and 4A volleyball. Moving volleyball earlier creates a conflict with cross-country and moving volleyball later creates a conflict with basketball. We discussed proposals for changes to 4A wrestling and the impact on small school wrestling.
  - Nenana School paid for the Region II audio conference meeting in February. The general feeling was that holding the Region II winter meeting via audio conference was a positive move and provided valuable feedback for the Region II representative to the ASAA Board.
9. New Business
- Golden Heart Conference proposed changes to the basketball handbook will establish a rotation of host schools (alphabetical) and define the location of the conference tournament as a “central location.” The conference did not want to name Fairbanks by name so that other surrounding sites could be considered (Nenana, North Pole etc.). New



