

## Region II

### Winter Meeting Minutes for 2-15-2010

Hosted via Audio Conference

1. Meeting called to order by Dean Overbey, President at 10:00 A.M.
2. Members in Attendance: Dean Overbey, Steve Klaich, LaVerne Talerico, Susan Moore, Sandy Geagel, Tariq Malik, Isaiah Vreeman, David Bridges, Vicky Charlie, Alex Trout, Scott Handley, Craig Roach, Terry Martin, Gary Matthews.
3. Approval of Agenda
  - Classification
  - Calendar
  - ASAA Board IssuesUnanimous

4. Classification Issues and Proposals  
Dean started by giving a historical perspective of the classification systems used in Alaska for high school athletics. Major reclassification changes have occurred in 1969 and 1981. The current committee looked at problems with the current system, schools “opting up,” and District alignment issues.

Dean started discussing the 5 current proposals the committee is looking over, but it was requested that we be given a “hard copy” to view for the discussion. Dean then emailed the proposals to Steve Klaich who did a broadcast email to all active Region II schools.

Dean is asking for input from Region II member schools as to which proposal will be the most workable for our sites. The issue boiled down to finding the cutoff between 1A and 2A, 2A and 3A as well as the cutoff between 3A and 4A.

Most audio conference participants felt that there was not a serious issue that needed fixing between the current 1A and 2A classifications. We do recognize that the smallest 3A schools do not “fit” with the larger 3A schools. A similar conflict exists (although not affecting Region II) between the small 4A and large 4A schools.

Out of the 5 proposals discussed, Region II prefers the one labeled “option D.” This would keep 1A for schools up to 50 high school students, 2A would increase to 51-125 students, 3A would shift to 126-450 students and 4A would be for schools over 450 students in high school.

Other options that we felt would be workable included 5 levels of classification as well as the idea that 1A and 2A could be combined into a single classification with a 16 team (basketball) state tournament.

Dean stated that he now had enough direction from Region II to represent our interests at the next Reclassification Committee meeting.

5. Calendar Issues and Proposals

Isaiah Vreeman from Heritage Christian was selected to represent Region II on the ASAA Calendar Committee meeting.

Issue #1 proposes to move the start date for 1A 2A and 3A volleyball to September 19<sup>th</sup>. Positives and negatives were discussed (emailed handout). The question was asked if mixed 6 volleyball would be shifted to align with girls volleyball. Region II is in favor of the proposed change.

Issue #2 proposes a later start date for 3A and 4A wrestling (October 31) and an earlier start date for 1A and 2A wrestling (September 19<sup>th</sup>). Positives and negatives were discussed (emailed handout). Gary explained that the heart of the issue is if 3A wrestling should stay with 4A or move to match 1A and 2A. Region II voted to keep wrestling “as is.”

Issue #3 proposes to move the start and end date for 1A and 2A basketball later to January 7<sup>th</sup> start date and April 14<sup>th</sup> State tournament date. Positives and negatives were discussed (emailed handout). Problems were discussed that included conflicts with Easter, HSGQE, track, spring soccer, and a loss of our March Madness event. Kenny Lake was in favor of the change, Fort Yukon could go either way, and all other schools participating did NOT want to see this change implemented.

6. ASAA Board Issues

Terry led a discussion about several issues on the ASAA board agenda that affected Region II and needed input.

Voznesenka School sent an ASAA by-law change proposal to Terry Martin. Copies of the proposal were emailed to all member schools. This proposed change would expand the option for cooperative school programs (two schools combining to field a single team) from 1A and 2A schools to any schools (regardless of classification or size) in the State. The terminology in the proposal was discussed and the terms “viable” and “sufficient” were so vague that an equitable “determined by the executive director” decision could not be reached. We discussed possible alternative wordings, and then the question was asked, “Does Region II support changing the ASAA by-laws, in principle, so that 3A and 4A schools can form cooperative teams?” A vote was conducted and one (1) school was in favor of amending the ASAA by-laws and ten (10) schools voted that they were not in favor of any by-law amendment to the cooperative school provision.

Terry asked if Region II wanted to keep mixed 6 volleyball for schools with an enrollment of 5-50 or increasing the size of schools allowed to participate in

mixed 6 volleyball. Region II is in favor of keeping the size limit to schools with an enrollment of 50 or less.

Terry and Gary reviewed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade participation requirements.

Huslia is the host of the Golden Heart Conference basketball tournament. Concern was expressed over the facilities. The conference was encouraged to bring a proposed handbook change to the Spring Region II meeting.

Region II spring meeting attendance was encouraged.

7. Items for next agenda: (Spring meeting)
  - Calendar and Classification committee reports
  - ASAA board report
  - Audio/video conference for Region II meetings report: Dean Overbey
  - Golden Heart Conference site rotation
8. Spring 2010 meeting will be Monday, March 22, 2010 at Lumen Christi School at 9:00 A.M.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.