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Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Held at the Capitol Hotel, Frankfort, Ky., on December 9, 1937.

A meeting of the Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held at the Capitol Hotel, Frankfort, on Dec. 9, 1937 with President W.F. O'Donnell, Secretary-Treasurer T.A. Sanford, Vice-President Russell Bridges, and Director W.B. Owen present.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

W.T. Dickinson and John Dunbar of Jamestown, Supt. Jones of Campbellsville, and Supt. Ishmael Triplett of Prestonsburg spoke in behalf of their schools, in an effort to avert possible suspension for infraction of the association rules. Finney was not represented.

The Jamestown case, on a rehearing, was reaffirmed by the Board of Control, and suspension ordered to become effective January 1, 1938, and to extend to June 30, 1938. The suspension of Finney, previously approved by the Board in the October 29 meeting, was reaffirmed, and was ordered to become effective January 1, 1938, and to extend to June 30, 1938. The motion in both cases was made by Russell Bridges, seconded by T.A. Sanford, and was unanimous. President O'Donnell explained that he had authorized these schools to play during the months of November and December in order to give those schools with which they had contests and opportunity to readjust their schedules.

Russell Bridges made the motion, seconded by T.A. Sanford, that Campbellsville be suspended from the K.H.S.A.A. from January 15, 1938, to June 30, 1938, for playing George H. Gaddie after he became 21 years of age, according to the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, which indicate that Gaddie was born on August 31, 1916; and that Prestonsburg be suspended for the same period for playing Cline Burchert after he became 20 years of age, according to the State Bureau of Vital Statistics. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board stated, in making its decision, that its members believed that the suspension was mandatory under the rules of the association, and that the penalty imposed was the lightest possible penalty permitted by the rules. The schools involved were found guilty of using over-age players unknowingly, but the Board held that since the rules outlined specific directions for determining the age of players, and these directions had not been followed by the suspended schools, the Board had no option other than to impose the suspension directed by Rule 14 of the Association By-Laws. The board expressed its complete confidence in the integrity and good sportsmanship of the school officials of Campbellsville, Prestonsburg, Jamestown, and Finney. The Board also expressed regret and disappointment that the information concerning the ineligibility of Geo. R. Gaddie was withheld by Bardstown officials until after the game in which Campbellsville defeated Bardstown. The Board believes that the reporting of violations should be actuated by a sincere desire on the part of member schools to see that the rules of the Association should be observed generally throughout the state.

A motion was made by W.B. Owen, seconded by Russell Bridges, that bills as recorded and read by the secretary from October 27 through December 9 be allowed. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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