

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Kentucky High School Athletic Association

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held in the ballroom of the Seelbach Hotel, Louisville, on Thursday afternoon, April 13, 1939.

President W. F. O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 2:15 P.M., with fifty-eight regularly elected delegates or alternates present.

The minutes of the 1938 meeting of the association, which had been previously sent to all member schools, were approved without being read.

The secretary-treasurer gave the following report on the activities of the association during the 1938-39 school year:

The Board of Control has held five meetings during the year, four in Lexington and one in Richmond. Three schools were suspended from the association for the remainder of the school year. They were Rogers of Linton, Breckinridge County of Hardinsburg, and Scottsville.

565 schools joined the association this year, which is seven less than the 1936-37 record membership. The rapid consolidation of schools which is taking place all over the state will probably cause the number of member schools to diminish slightly from year to year. 123 schools are listed as playing football, an increase of four over last year. 550 schools entered district tournaments this year, the same number as last year.

482 basketball officials and 195 football officials registered with the K. H. S. A. A. this year. There were seven football rules interpretation clinics held under the direction of Rumsey Taylor of Princeton. Fifteen basketball rules interpretation clinics were conducted by Prof. T. E. McDonough of Eastern State Teachers College, Richmond. Most of these clinics were reported as being well attended.

Sixty-three district tournament reports have been received, showing total receipts of \$35,415.24, which approximates the figure of last year. Several tournament managers found it impossible to conduct their tournaments without exceeding the \$150.00 allowed by the association for overhead. In some cases, the additional expense was allowed by the participating schools; in other instances, it was paid by the host school out of its profit. Thirty-three districts used the state plan for the distribution of tournament proceeds.

The gross receipts of the sixteen regional tournaments were \$16,591.88, with thirteen regions using the state plan for the distribution of profits. Several regional tournaments exceeded the amount of \$150.00 allowed for overhead expenses.

The gross receipts of the state tournament were \$10,997.54, and total disbursements were \$4,331.10, for a profit of \$6,666.44. This is approximately \$1,100.00 more than last year's profit, and almost exactly twice the profit realized by the association in 1937.

Total funds of the association on June 30th, which ends the fiscal year, will exceed \$14,000.00. The annual audit will show details of receipts and expenditures, including the state tournament report.

The proposals included in the mimeographed list sent to all member schools and also printed in the April issue of the association magazine were then considered.

L. C. Winchester moved, seconded by Brad Jones, that Proposal I, giving the Board of Control authority to publish an association magazine, be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

L. G. Shultz moved, seconded by Brad Jones, that Proposal III, providing that the Board of Control may create a region which shall have fewer than four districts, be accepted. The motion was carried.

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I. C. Winchester moved, seconded by L. G. Shultz that Proposal IV concerning the withholding of a membership certificate from a school until it has filed with the secretary all reports required by the association for the preceding year, be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

L. G. Shultz moved, seconded by Brad Jones, that Proposal V, providing that both football and basketball games played in Kentucky by K. E. S. A. A. members shall be played under the National Federation rules, be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

L. C. Winchester moved, seconded by George Wright, that Proposal VI, providing for an annual fee of \$2 in each sport to be charged officials, be accepted. The motion was carried.

H. B. Gray moved, seconded by H. M. Sparks, that Proposal VII, providing for the amending of the K. E. S. A. A. Official Contract Form to include an agreement between schools to use registered officials, be accepted. The motion was carried.

Brad Jones moved, seconded by L. E. Patterson, that Proposal VIII, providing for the establishing of sixteen employment bureaus for officials be accepted. The motion was carried.

D. C. Burton moved, seconded by William Jones, that Proposal IX, providing for the association furnishing rules books and play situations books to member schools and officials, be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Proposal X was withdrawn due to its similarity to Proposal V, which had already been accepted.

D. C. Burton moved, seconded by Harry M. Sparks, that Proposal XI, providing that the molded ball be adopted as the official basketball for 1940, be accepted. The motion was carried.

L. C. Winchester moved, seconded by William Jones, that Proposal XII, providing for the elimination of the three-second rule in basketball, be tabled. The motion was carried.

George Taylor moved, seconded by L. C. Winchester, that Proposal XIII, providing that the annual meeting of the association be an open session instead of a delegate assembly, be tabled. The motion was carried.

J. W. Bradner moved, seconded by John Heber, that Proposal XIV, providing for the district tournaments to be held on the third Friday and Saturday in March, with the regional and state tournaments on the corresponding following weekends, be tabled. The motion was carried.

John Heber moved, seconded by William Jones, that Proposal XV, providing that only such teams as have played a regular schedule of at least six games with at least three schools of their respective districts may compete in district tournaments, be tabled. The motion was carried.

W. E. Jones moved that Proposal XVI (a), providing for the selection of a tournament manager, be tabled. The motion was carried.

C. W. Mathis moved, seconded by L. T. Taylor, that Proposal XVI (b), directing the district tournament manager to engage two officials to call all of the games of the district tournament, be adopted. The motion was lost.

D. C. Burton moved, seconded by William Jones, that Proposal XVII, directing the Board of Control to lay down certain requirements for schools holding regional tournaments and to award the tournament each year to a different school in a different district, be tabled. The motion was carried.

E. E. Wolford moved, seconded by Harry M. Sparks, that Proposal XVIII (a), providing that all contestants become ineligible on their eighteenth birthday, be tabled. The motion was carried unanimously.

D. C. Burton moved, seconded by L. G. Shultz, that Proposal XVIII (b), providing that no district or regional tournaments start

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before Friday, be tabled. The motion was carried unanimously.

E. E. Wolfford moved, seconded by W. F. McGary, that Proposal XVIII (c), providing that the runners up in district tournaments shall not be eligible to participate in regional tournaments, be tabled. The motion was carried.

William Messer moved, seconded by D. C. Burton, that Proposal XVIII (d), setting the number of semester hours of college credit in the field of health and education, for coaches, be accepted. The motion was lost.

Brad Jones moved, seconded by J. K. Powell, that Proposal XVIII (e), providing that no member school shall give any athletic award exceeding one dollar in value, be tabled. The motion was carried unanimously.

C. H. Arnett moved, seconded by W. F. McGary, that Proposal XVIII (f), providing for the distribution of 40 % of the net profit from the state tournament among the sixteen teams playing, be tabled. The motion was carried.

W. B. Jones moved, seconded by L. T. Taylor, that Proposal XIX (a), providing that the site of the regional tournament shall be selected by the winners and runners up in each district, be tabled. The motion was carried.

W. B. Jones moved, seconded by L. G. Shultz, that Proposal XIX (b), providing for the maximum overhead expenses of district and regional tournaments to be changed to \$175, be amended to include the following: "Provided that \$200 or less shall be allowed in any ^{DISTRICT} tournament where ten or more teams participate. ^{and in any regional tournament.}" The amendment failed to carry. W. B. Jones then moved, seconded by L. C. Winchester, that Proposal XIX (b), as originally submitted, be accepted. The motion was carried.

L. G. Shultz moved, seconded by George Taylor, that Proposal XX (a), providing for the distribution of state tournament proceeds, be tabled. The motion was carried unanimously.

John Heber moved, seconded by George Wright, that Proposal XX (b), providing for the transfer of a student from a private school to a public school in his home district without loss of eligibility, be tabled. The motion was carried unanimously.

L. T. Taylor moved, seconded by Brad Jones, that Proposal XXI (a), providing for the ten-semester rule be tabled. The motion was carried.

W. B. Jones withdrew Proposal XXI (b), which had already lost as an amendment to Proposal XIX (b).

D. C. Burton moved, seconded by C. B. Ellison, that Proposal XXII, providing that all contestants shall be ineligible on their nineteenth birthday, be tabled. The motion was carried unanimously.

O. L. McElroy moved, seconded by C. W. Mathis, that Proposal XXIII, setting the maximum size for playing space for all basketball tournaments be accepted. The motion was lost.

E. E. Wolfford moved, seconded by C. A. Rose, that Proposal XXIV, modifying the twenty year rule to allow a contestant to complete his season in which he was eligible at the beginning of said season, be accepted. The vote was 31 "aye", and 28 "no," but the motion failed to carry since it fell short of the necessary two-thirds majority required to amend the constitution and by-laws.

John Heber moved, seconded by Brad Jones, that Proposal XXV (a), providing that no member school shall play more than twenty-two games of basketball during the regular season, be accepted. The motion was lost.

J. Edgar Pride moved, seconded by L. T. Taylor, that Proposal XXV (b) providing that a suitable medal be annually awarded to the player in the state basketball tournament showing the best mental attitude, be tabled. The motion was carried.

A. L. Lassiter moved, seconded by C. A. Rose, that Proposal XXVI, providing that member schools must have played at least six games with

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three different schools before January 25 in order to be eligible to vote for the location of tournaments, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Ralph Mills moved, seconded by C. B. Ellison, that Proposal XXVII, providing for annual dues of \$5.00 and \$10.00, according to the number of sports engaged in by member schools, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Proposal II was next considered. Brad Jones moved, seconded by George Wright, that Proposal II be amended to provide for a flat fee of \$5.00 each for all member schools. The amendment was lost. The Board of Control, by agreement of all its members present, then amended its own Proposal II to provide for an annual fee of \$3.00 for each member school. C. A. Rose then moved that Proposal II, as amended and presented by the Board of Control, be accepted. The motion was seconded by William Jones, and was carried by a vote of 44 to 1.

J. K. Powell moved, seconded by Dave Lawrence, that Proposal XXVIII (as printed in magazine), providing that the Board of Control be authorized to set up the necessary machinery for financing and putting into operation a plan for state-wide athletic insurance, be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

E. E. Wolford moved, seconded by C. B. Ellison, that Proposal XXIX (as printed in magazine), providing for the rotation of regional tournament sites, be tabled. The motion was carried.

By consent of the delegate assembly, Harlan Kriener moved, seconded by Ralph Mills, that Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution be amended to include the following: "Each district shall be represented by two delegates to the general meeting, one of whom shall be chosen from a school maintaining a football team, provided that there is a football team in the district." The motion was lost.

The election of officers was next in order of business.

O. L. McElroy, seconded by L. C. Winchester, placed in nomination for reelection to the presidency the name of W. F. O'Donnell, moving that Mr. O'Donnell be elected by acclamation and that the secretary be instructed to cast one vote for W. F. O'Donnell as president of the K. H. S. A. A. The motion was carried unanimously.

By a similar procedure, Russell E. Bridges was reelected vice-president, upon motion of C. W. Mathis, seconded by George Wright, the motion being carried unanimously.

By a similar procedure, John A. Dotson, W. E. Owen, and J. Matt Sparkman, were reelected to membership on the Board of Control, upon motion by J. S. Brown, seconded by W. F. McGary, the motion being carried unanimously.

The business meeting was then adjourned shortly after five o'clock, reconvening in a social meeting at the Seelbach Hotel at six-thirty P. M. Speakers at the dinner meeting were Adolph Rupp and Ab Kirwan, of the University of Kentucky.

Of the proposals sent out by the secretary in his April letter, and printed in the April issue of the association magazine, "The Kentucky High School Athlete," the following were passed by the delegates to the annual meeting as previously indicated in the minutes:

PROPOSALS

- I. The Board of Control proposes the following addition to Section 4, Article V, of the Constitution: "The Board of Control shall have authority to publish an association magazine, and shall designate one of its members as editor."

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 II. The Board of Control proposes that Article VII, Section 3, of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: "Each member school shall pay to the Secretary-Treasurer on or before October 1 an annual fee of ~~two~~ ^{three} dollars (\$3.00) ~~provided the school maintains a football team, for the year ending on the following June 30. The annual fee for all other schools shall be three dollars (\$3.00).~~ If schools fail to pay by October 1, they shall be automatically dropped and shall not be allowed to participate in games with K. H. S. A. A. member schools until they are reinstated by the Secretary. There shall be no fine for reinstatement.

III. The Board of Control proposes that Tournament Rule 2 shall be amended by adding the following provision: "The Board of Control may, when it deems such action advisable, create a region which shall have fewer than four districts."

IV. The Board of Control proposes that Section 2, By-Law XIV, be amended by the addition of the following: "A membership certificate shall not be issued to any school until it has filed with the secretary all reports required by the association for the preceding year."

V. The Board of Control proposes that By-Law XXIV be stricken out, and that By-Law XXV, which shall then become By-Law XXIV, be amended to read as follows: "All football and basketball games played in Kentucky by member schools of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall be played under the National High School Federation Rules."

VI. The Board of Control proposes that paragraph (B), Section 1, By-Law XXVIII, be amended to provide for an annual fee of two dollars (\$2.00) in each sport, with no extra charge for late registration.

VII. The Board of Control proposes that the K. H. S. A. A. Official Contract form be amended to include the following: "Officials to be used in this contest shall be members of the Officials' Division of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association."

VIII. The Kentucky High School Coaches Association proposes the following: That sixteen employment bureaus for officials be established (one in each region); and that the officials living within a region will be registered at the bureau as well as at the state central office. (Note: This does not mean that all officials will necessarily have to be employed through the bureau.)

IX. The Kentucky High School Coaches Association proposes the following: When an official registers with the secretary of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, the secretary will furnish the official an interscholastic rule book and play situation book for each sport he registers in. Also, each school, upon payment of dues to the secretary of the Ken-

tucky High School Athletic Association, shall be furnished rule books and play situation books for the sports in which they participate.

XI. The Kentucky High School Coaches Association proposes the following: That the Kentucky High School Athletic Association adopt the molded ball as the official basketball for 1940, (permitting schools which have new sewed balls on hand at the end of the present season to use them until they are exhausted); and that the molded ball shall be used in all tournaments in 1940.

~~XX~~ ^b Change Tournament Rule 4, Section (A), which reads "One hundred and fifty dollars" to read "one hundred and seventy-five dollars."

XXVIII. Superintendent J. S. Brown makes the following proposal: That the Board of Control of the K. H. S. A. A. be authorized at the annual meeting to set up the necessary machinery for financing and putting into operation a plan for a state-wide Athletic Insurance to become effective with the beginning of the 1939 football season.

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