

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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The forty-second annual meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, on Thursday afternoon, April 16, 1959.

President Russell Williamson called the meeting to order at 2:30, and asked Commissioner Theo. A. Sanford to call the roll of delegates. Fifty-eight regularly elected delegates or alternates answered the roll call. The following delegates were seated in the absence of the delegates or alternate from their respective districts: Harold Hunter, D.18; Delbert Walden, D.32; Zeb Blankenship, D.44; Roy Allison, D.45; Oran Teater, D.59; and Tom Evans, D.62.

Woodrow Crum moved, seconded by Oran Teater, that the minutes of the 1958 annual meeting of the Association, which had been sent previously to all member schools, be approved without being read. The motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sanford then gave a report on the activities of the Association during the 1958-59 school year. His report follows:

"Four hundred fifty-three schools joined the Association during 1958-59. This is nine less than were enrolled in 1957-58. One hundred forty-four schools had eleven-man football teams, and thirteen played eight-man football. This is an increase of five eleven-man teams over 1957-58. The eight man teams took the place of the former six-man teams.

"Financial reports filed by the sixteen regional basketball tournament managers show total receipts of \$116,980.05, an increase of some \$7,000 over comparable figures for the preceding season. Receipts from the sixty-four district basketball tournaments amounted to \$201,418.91, a decrease of approximately \$8,000 from the 1957-58 receipts. Receipts from ticket sales at the State Basketball Tournament will exceed \$108,000.00, and additional receipts from the tournament program will bring total tournament receipts to approximately \$111,000.00. Profit to the Association on the tournament should approximate \$82,000.00. A few tournament bills are still being received by the State Office, with the result that it is necessary to give an estimate of tournament profits at this time. A complete record of all receipts and disbursements will appear in a subsequent issue of the Association magazine.

"One thousand one hundred ninety-seven basketball officials and 373 football officials registered with the Association in 1958-59. Nine football rules clinics were held under the direction of Edgar McNabb, and twenty-five football officials took the National Federation examination for the higher rating. Of this number, four were added to the "certified" list, and eleven to the "approved" list. Charlie Vettiner, veteran trainer of officials, conducted fifteen basketball clinics, and held the School for Basketball Officials. Additional meetings and clinics were held by the regional representatives who continue to render a fine service to the officials and schools in their respective areas. Ninety-four officials took the National Federation basketball examination, with sixteen being added to the "certified" list and thirty eight receiving the "approved" rating.

"Three hundred twenty-six schools insured their athletes under the K.H.S.A.A. Protection Fund this year. Four thousand six hundred seventy-two boys were insured in football; 6,597 in physical education and all sports except football. One thousand eighteen claims, amounting to \$25,723.52, have been paid to date. The Board of Control for 1958-59 gave each member school insuring its athletes in the Protection Fund a credit of \$30.00. To date this free insurance has cost the Association \$13,000, this amount having been transferred from the General Fund to the Protection Fund.

"Three schools have been suspended from the Association this year, and two have been placed on probation. One of the suspensions and both probations came as a result of the violation of K.H.S.A.A. By-Law 17, Practice of Sportsmanship. One school was suspended for violation of By-Law 1, Section 7-a and 7-b, Certification of Ineligible Player. One school was suspended for violation of By-Law 5, Section 3, Deadline for Enrollment.

"Interest in minor and spring sports continues high. Regional cross country runs were held in Paducah, Bowling Green, Louisville, Bellevue, Berea and Morehead on November 1 for the purpose of qualifying teams and individuals for the state event, which was held in Lexington on November 15. Eight schools sent entries to the Class A Section of the State Swimming Meet, held in Lexington on February 28. Eleven schools sent entries to the Class B Section and three to the Class C Section of the State Swimming Meet, both of which were held in Lexington on April 4. One hundred seventy-seven member schools have indicated that they will send teams to the twelve regional track meets. This is a new high. Fifty-one district tournaments have been set up for baseball, to accommodate the 309 teams which will enter these tournaments. Seventy schools will have golf teams this spring, and these teams will enter eight regional tournaments to qualify for the State Golf Tournament. Fifty tennis teams will be entered in five regional tennis tournaments.

"1958-59 has been another good year for the Association. Although the receipts and attendance at the State Basketball Tournament were down slightly from 1958, the finances of the Association continue to remain in excellent condition because of the Tournament profits. The Board of Control and the Commissioner appreciate very much the cooperation of school representatives who have assisted with the program of the Association."

President Williamson announced that Robert P. Forsythe and Kenneth G. Gillaspie had been re-elected without opposition to membership on the Board of Control for a four-year period, beginning July 1, 1959, to represent Sections 2 and 5 respectively.

President Williamson stated that consideration of the proposals was the next order of business.

Commissioner Sanford stated that the Board of Control, which was presenting Proposal I, providing that no member school shall take part in any tournament or game from which any outside organization derives a financial profit, wished to add the following sentence to the proposal: "Should a game or tournament be played in a gymnasium or other location where a catering company or similar organization holds a contract for concessions and/or advertising, this provision as it relates to concessions and/or advertising shall not apply." Cecil Reid moved, seconded by Oran Teater, that Proposal I as amended be adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

Homer Bickers moved, seconded by Zeb Blankenship, that Proposal II, dealing with the certification and duties of coaches, be amended by adding the following: "In the event a school does not employ male teachers, such school may make application to the commissioner for a temporary waiver of this rule. If in the opinion of the commissioner the request is justified, he may waive this rule, but in no case shall such waiver extend beyond the school year for which such request was made." The amendment carried by a vote of 41-17. Andrew Renick moved, seconded by Homer Bickers, that Proposal II as amended be adopted. The motion was carried.

Kenneth Kuhnert moved, seconded by O. J. Mitchell, that Proposal III, giving the Commissioner authority to permit the correction of certification errors in tournament lists, be adopted. The motion was carried.

Earl Duncan moved, seconded by Willis G. Wells, that Proposal IV, giving the Commissioner authority to assign State Basketball Tournament officials, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Harold Storm moved, seconded by A. R. Rochelle, that Proposal V, authorizing the Commissioner to assign regional basketball officials, be adopted. The motion failed to carry.

Arthur Mullins moved, seconded by Pete Grigsby, that Proposal VI, providing that a contestant shall become ineligible on his nineteenth birthday, with certain exceptions, be tabled. The motion was carried.

John Heber moved, seconded by Andrew Renick, that Proposal VII, providing that a player becoming twenty years of age during a tournament be permitted to complete that tournament, be tabled. The motion was carried.

O. J. Mitchell moved, seconded by Herbert Hatfield, that Proposal VIII, providing that a senior contestant becoming twenty years of age on the opening day or during a district, regional, or state tournament in any sport shall be eligible as long as his team is in tournament competition, be tabled. The motion was carried.

John Heber moved, seconded by Oran Teater, that Proposal IX, providing that district basketball tournaments may be played only in gymnasiums having a playing court 50 by 84 feet, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Joe Ohr moved, seconded by H. O. Hale, that Proposal X, providing that the Board of Control be increased in number from eight to sixteen members, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Thomas Brantley moved, seconded by Clovis W. Wallis, that Proposal XI, providing that 75 per cent of the over-all profits of the K.H.S.A.A. for any fiscal year should be divided equally among the member schools, be adopted. Raymond Combs moved, seconded by Fred Reece, that the motion be tabled. The motion was carried.

James A. Pursifull moved, seconded by Herbert Hatfield, that Proposal XII, providing that the Commissioner shall be elected by the vote of K.H.S.A.A. member school principals, be tabled. The motion was carried.

O. J. Mitchell moved, seconded by Andrew Renick, that Proposal XIII, providing for a new article in the Constitution, Responsibility of the Principal, be adopted. Pete Grigsby moved, seconded by Amos Black, that the motion be tabled. The tabling motion failed to carry. A vote was then taken on the original motion, and this carried by more than the necessary two-thirds majority.

Brother Kirby moved, seconded by Andrew Renick, that Proposal XIV, providing for semi-final track meets to be held between the regional meets and the state meet, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Joe Ohr asked the permission of the Delegate Assembly to submit a proposal concerning a change in Tournament Rule VI. Kenneth Kuhnert moved, seconded by Pete Grigsby, that Mr. Ohr be allowed to submit his proposal. This motion was carried by more than the necessary two-thirds vote. Joe Ohr proposed that \$500.00 be substituted for \$300.00 in Tournament Rule VI-B-2. Herbert Hatfield moved, seconded by Jack Miller, that the proposal be tabled. The tabling motion failed to carry. Oran Teater moved, seconded by Jack Miller, that the proposal be adopted. The motion was carried.

Joe Gilly asked the permission of the Delegate Assembly to submit a proposal concerning an amendment to By-Law 21, Number of Basketball Games. James A. Pursifull moved, seconded by L. L. McGinnis, that Mr. Gilly be allowed to submit his proposal. This motion was carried by more than the necessary two-thirds vote. Joe Gilly proposed that the final sentence of By-Law 21 be changed to read as follows: "In two county, conference, or invitational tournaments, the games played may be counted as two games." James A. Pursifull moved, seconded by Jack Miller, that the proposal be adopted. Kenneth Kuhnert moved, seconded by A. R. Rochelle, that the motion be tabled. The tabling motion failed to carry. The vote was then taken on the original motion. The vote in favor of the motion was 35-22, but this was not the necessary two-thirds, and President Williamson declared that the proposal had not been adopted.

There being no further business, President Williamson declared the meeting adjourned.

The dinner meeting of the Association was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Brown Hotel at 6:00 P.M., with approximately 500 delegates and other school officials present. Charlie Vettiner, the Flying Dutchman, announced that there would be two recipients of the Game Guy Award this year, Fred Radar of the Hazel Green High School and Sara Marcum of the Elizabethtown High School. Director W. B. Jones presented the award to Fred Radar with appropriate remarks. Miss Marcum had found it impossible to attend the meeting, and Director W. H. Crowds presented her award to Principal Paul E. Kerrick of Elizabethtown. He mentioned the handicaps which Miss Marcum had overcome and her efforts to take part in sports.

Dr. Philip Davidson, President of the University of Louisville, gave the address of the evening. The subject of his talk was "Academics and Athletics." His message was well received by all who attended the meeting.