

Kentucky High School Athletic Association

1961

The forty-fourth annual meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, on Thursday afternoon, April 6, 1961.

President Louis Litchfield called the meeting to order at 2:30, and asked the Commissioner to call the roll of delegates. Fifty-four regularly elected delegates or alternates answered the roll call. The following delegates were seated in the absence of the delegates or alternates from their respective districts: G. W. Parks, D. 46; Clinton B. Hammons, D. 50; Sam Potter, D. 52; Jim Hutchins, D. 57; Denzil Halbert, D. 58; Paul Trimble, D. 59.

W. K. Niman moved, seconded by Ray Hammers, that the minutes of the 1960 annual meeting of the Association, which had been sent previously to all members 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 1960-61 school year. His report follows:

Four hundred thirty-four schools joined the Association during 1960-61. This is ten less than were enrolled in 1959-60. One hundred forty-eight schools had eleven-man football teams, and thirteen played eight-man football. This is an increase of two eleven-man teams and one eight-man team over 1959-60.

Financial reports filed by the sixteen regional basketball tournament managers show total receipts of \$147,734.93. Receipts from sixty-two of the sixty-four district basketball tournaments amounted to \$229,699.74. Receipts from ticket sales at the State Basketball Tournament, including state tax, will approximate \$140,000.00. Profit to the Association on the tournament will be close to \$100,000.00. This will not be far from the profits realized by the Association in 1957, when the State Tournament was first held in Freedom Hall, Louisville. A complete record of all receipts and disbursements will appear in a subsequent issue of the Association magazine.

One thousand two hundred thirty-five basketball officials and 459 football officials registered with the Association in 1960-61. Nine football rules clinics were held under the direction of Edgar McNabb, and forty-four football officials took the National Federation examination for the higher ratings. Of this number, two were added to the "certified" list, and twenty-five 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. Sixty-eight officials took the National Federation basketball examination, with ten being added to the "certified" list and forty receiving the "approved" rating.

Four schools have been suspended from the Association this year. All suspensions came as a result of the violation of K.H.S.A.A. By-Law 17, Practice of Sportsmanship.

The fall of 1960 saw the second season of the football class championships. The playoffs were very successful, with there now being apparently a revived interest in high school football in Kentucky. Several schools will inaugurate football in September. 203

There is a continuing interest in minor and spring sports. Regional cross country runs were held in Paducah, Bowling Green, Clarkson, Louisville, Bellevue, Lexington and Paintsville on October 29 for the purpose of qualifying teams and individuals for the state event, which was held in Lexington on November 12. Nine schools sent entries to the Class A Section of the State Swimming Meet, held in Lexington on February 25. Twelve schools sent entries to the Class B Section of the State Swimming Meet, held in Lexington on April 1. One hundred ninety K.H.S.A.A. member schools have indicated that they will send teams to the twelve regional track meets. Fifty district tournaments have been set up for baseball, to accommodate the 325 teams which will enter the tournament. Ninety-one schools will have golf teams this spring, and these teams will enter eight regional tournaments to qualify for the State Golf Tournament. Fifty-nine boys' tennis teams will be entered in seven regional tennis tournaments. The Association for the second time will sponsor a State Tennis Tournament for girls. Thirty-four girls' tennis teams will be entered in six regional tournaments.

We believe that the Association is continuing to make progress. It is hoped that enough interest in girls' swimming and golf will be forthcoming in 1961-62 for state championships in these two sports to be determined. Numerous school men in various parts of the state have cooperated to the fullest with the Commissioner, the Assistant Commissioner, and the Board of Control when asked to assist in the expanding program of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. This teamwork is appreciated very much.

President Litchfield introduced to the Delegate Assembly Preston Holland and Don R. Rawlings, recently elected to the Board of Control for a period of four years beginning July 1, 1961, and representing Sections 1 and 6 respectively.

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

Paul Perdue moved, seconded by H. D. Glenn, that Proposal I be amended to provide that the provisions of the proposal, ~~if the proposal~~, if the proposal should carry, should become effective at the beginning of the 1964-65 school year. The amendment failed to carry. Millard Tolliver moved, seconded by Jim Caudill, that Proposal I, providing that "nineteenth" be substituted for "twentieth" in By-Law 4, be tabled. The motion was carried.

Millard Tolliver moved, seconded by L. R. Singleton, that Proposal II, establishing a deadline for the submitting of a Board of Control nomination, be adopted. The motion was carried.

Jim Caudill moved, seconded by James H. Phillips, that Proposal III, providing that the President and Vice-President of the Board of Control shall be elected by members of the Board to serve for one year and that they shall not be eligible to serve for more than two one-year terms in succession, be adopted. The motion was carried.

John Trapp moved, seconded by Clinton B. Hammons, that Proposal IV, calling for repeal of certain irrelevant sections of Association regulations, be adopted. The motion was carried.

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John Heber moved, seconded by Leslie Dyehouse, that Proposal V be amended to read as follows: "To be eligible for membership on the Board of Control, one must be actively engaged in the teaching profession (teacher, administrator or supervisor) in his local section as a regular staff member in some official capacity, and must remain in some such similar capacity in the section from which he is elected during the complete tenure of office." The motion was carried unanimously. Roy Reasor moved, seconded by Paul Perdue, that Proposal V as amended be adopted. The motion was carried.

Millard Tolliver moved, seconded by W. K. Niman, that Proposal VI, clarifying the method used by the Board of Control in filling a vacancy on the Board, be adopted. The motion was carried.

John Trapp moved, seconded by James Baker, that Proposal VII, clarifying the requirements for officials receiving the approved and certified ratings, be adopted. The motion was carried.

John V. Hegenauer moved, seconded by Robert Naber, that Proposal VIII, providing that By-Law 43 be amended to allow girl cheerleaders to represent an all-boys school under certain conditions, be adopted. The motion failed to carry by the necessary two-thirds vote required for amending the By-Law.

H. D. Glenn moved, seconded by John Trapp, that Proposal IX, giving the Board of Control authority to sanction certain games sponsored by a coaches' association, be adopted. The motion was carried.

There being no further business, President Litchfield 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 more than 500 delegates and other school officials present. Recipient of the Game Guy Award was Bill Davis of Harrodsburg High School, a boy who has been crippled since birth, weighing only 115 pounds. Bill had been selected for "honorable mention" on the All-State football eleven. The presentation of the award was made by K.H.S.A.A. Vice-President W. B. Jones.

Professor Morton Walker of the University of Louisville faculty gave the address of the evening. Mr. Walker, discussed the responsibilities and opportunities of the coach and teacher to athletes on their teams. His humorous remarks and sound philosophy of teaching were enjoyed by all those present.