

Minutes of the Board Meeting

March 18, 1983

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Hyatt Regency, Lexington, on Friday, March 18, 1983. The meeting was called to order by President Fairce Woods at 9:00 A.M. Board members Charles Black, John Brock, Whaylon Coleman, Pat Crawford, Eldon Davidson, Alvis Johnson, Robert L. Rogers, and Ray Story; Commissioner Tom Mills, Executive Assistant Billy V. Wise, Assistant Commissioners Brigid DeVries and Louis Stout were present. Conley Manning was present representing the State Department of Education. Mr. Manning gave the invocation.

Robie Harper moved, seconded by Alvis Johnson, that the minutes of the January meeting of the Board be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

At this point, President Woods asked Mr. Mills to introduce our special guests. Mr. Mills stated that he was both honored and proud to introduce Mr. Brice Durbin, the Executive Secretary of the National Federation of High School Associations and his assistant, Mr. Richard Schindler. Mr. Mills explained that Mr. Durbin and Mr. Schindler had arrived the evening before and had attended the Thursday night session of the Boys' State Tournament.

Mr. Durbin spoke briefly to the Board, expressing his appreciation for the invitation to visit with the K.H.S.A.A. He explained that his greatest thrill was being a part of the over 19,000 fans present to witness the fourth session of the 1983 Boys' State Basketball Tournament and the joy he received in hearing Governor Happy Chandler sing "My Old Kentucky Home". Mr. Durbin stated that he is looking forward to the summer of 1985 when Lexington will serve as the host city for the summer meeting of the National Federation of High School Associations.

Mr. Mills then introduced Mr. Doug Ruedlinger, of Doug Ruedlinger, Inc./Student Insurance. Mr. Mills explained that he had invited Mr. Ruedlinger to appear before the Board to inform them of the new Liability/Unlimited Lifetime Catastrophe Medical Insurance Plan being offered to State Associations for the first time.

Mr. Ruedlinger explained that the new plan was being offered only to affiliated schools and school districts through the National Federation Student Protection Trust and is underwritten through the Ideal Mutual Insurance Company, a company with an "A" rating, assets in excess of \$100 million and admitted to do business in all fifty states.

The medical benefits are much broader and much more extensive than any existing catastrophe program. It provides a catastrophically injured student (one whose medical expenses exceed \$10,000) with lifetime medical benefits as well as unlimited payments for rehabilitation, occupational therapy, etc. Alternative to providing lifetime care for the student and meeting family adjustment expenses, is the \$5,000,000 excess liability coverage for the school, the district, coaches, Athletic Directors and administrators against suit by a catastrophically injured student hurt while practicing for or participating in events under the jurisdiction of the State Association.

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Mr. Ruedlinger pointed out the highlights of the plan as follows: (1) \$5 Million Liability Protection; (2) Unlimited Lifetime Medical Payments including, but not to (a) specially equipped auto or van if necessary, (b) construction cost of remodeling of residence to specially equipped home if necessary, (c) work loss up to \$300.00 per week, (d) up to \$1,000 for attorney's fees, (e) counseling of parents and immediate family, (f) travel expenses of parents or guardian to hospital to visit injured student, (g) rehabilitation expenses.

Mr. Ruedlinger explained that this plan has a \$10,000 deductible clause and is provided at a cost of \$1.00 per individual student athlete. He further explained that the \$10,000 deductible clause could be eliminated from the plan for an additional \$2.00 per individual student athlete as shown on the Annual Participation List. Thus, providing excess coverage from the first dollar to lifetime benefits.

Following Mr. Ruedlinger's presentation and a lengthy discussion on the present catastrophic plan provided by the Association (coverage of up to \$100,000.00 with a \$1,000 deductible clause) as compared to the additional benefits being provided under the proposed plan, Mr. Brock moved that the K.H.S.A.A. accept the Liability/Lifetime Medical Insurance Plan beginning with the 1983-84 school year and pay the \$1.00 annual premium based on each individual athlete as shown on the Annual Participation List as filed with the Association by member schools at the close of each school year. Mr. Bob Rogers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Ruedlinger assured the Board that K.H.S.A.A. member schools would be informed of the provisions of the plan and given an opportunity to eliminate the \$10,000 deductible clause at an additional cost of \$2.00 per individual athlete.

President Woods stated that the next item on the agenda was the appeal of Principal Bill Kelley on the eligibility status of Fred M. Settle, a student at West Hardin High School.

Following Mr. Kelley's presentation, John Brock moved that By-Law 5, Section 4 be waived in this case. Ray Story seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Woods then called on Principal Thomas Holloway who was present to appeal the ruling of the Commissioner on the eligibility status of Brian Kelly Rohan. Brian is ineligible under the provisions of By-Law 6, Transfer Rule. Following Mr. Holloway's presentation and a discussion thereof, Ray Story moved, seconded by Pat Crawford that By-Law 6 not be waived in this case. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mills then presented a letter received from Rev. Thomas Duerr, Principal of Trinity High School, requesting that By-Law 5, Section 4 be waived in favor of Luis Gaye. After considering the facts in the case, Bob Rogers moved that By-Law 5, Section 4 be waived in this case. Pat Crawford seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Mills reported the results of the recent election for new Board members in Sections 2 and 5. He stated that Superintendent David L. Webb, Edmonson County defeated Principal Howard Gorrell of Logan County High School by a vote of 23-14 in Section 2. Principal Chester Turner of Highlands High School was the winner in Section 5 with a total of 19 votes as opposed to 16 votes received by Superintendent Jack Moreland of the Dayton Independent Schools and 7 votes received by Principal Frank Lyons of Walton-Verona High School.

Mr. Wise gave a brief report on the progress of the Boys' State Basketball Tournament stating that the attendance at this point was close to being even with that of 1982. He stated that he would provide a more detailed report on both boys' and girls' tournaments during the April meeting of the Board. A financial audit of both tournaments will appear in the August issue of the "Athlete".

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Mr. Mills reported that as requested by President Woods he had contacted representatives of the Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors and Coaches Association for representatives to serve on the Football Committee. They are as follows: Superintendents: Don Sparks, Mayfield City Schools, William Birdwell, Bourbon County Schools; Waymond Morris, Daviess County High School, Jack Portwood, Lincoln County High School; Athletic Directors: Don Webb, Bowling Green High School, Joe Judy, Harrison County High School; Coaches Association: Jake Bell, Henry Clay High School, Mike Murphy, Newport High School. Eldon Davidson moved that the members of the Football Committee be approved as recommended. Robie Harper seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bob Rogers made the motion that Ray Story, Alvis Johnson and Billy Wise be assigned to the Football Committee. Whaylon Coleman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Following a discussion on the proposed sites for the first Girls' Softball Tournament, Bob Rogers moved, seconded by John Brock that Woodford County High School be the designated site for the 1983 tournament. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mills presented correspondence received from the Ninth Region Policy Committee requesting waiver of certain rules and regulations for girls' softball. The Board took the following action.:

1. The use of one or two umpires is optional.
2. The use of shin guards is optional.
3. The use of the face mask, chest protector, batting and base running helmets is required.
4. All bases shall be tied down.

Mr. Mills was advised to advertise the fact that the Board will consider sites for the 1985 Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tournaments during its July meeting. All parties interested in submitting a bid to host the tournament should have their bid on the Commissioner's desk on or before July 15, 1983.

Mr. Mills presented a request received from Principal Robert Abell, Simon Kenton High School, that schools in the Ninth Region be re-aligned in basketball. Following a discussion on the request, it was the decision of the Board that the request be referred to the Basketball Committee for further study, with instructions to submit any recommendations for change to the full Board during their January, 1984 meeting.

Mr. Mills explained that a few member schools were encountering difficulty in adjusting their schedules and contracts to meet the limitation of season requirements on starting dates in basketball and requested that the Board give him the authority to waive the rule for one year only for those schools faced with this problem. Pat Crawford moved, seconded by Charles Black that the Commissioner be given the authority to waive the rule for one year only to permit schools to honor existing contracts. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mills presented correspondence received from Mr. Carson Jones requesting the Board to waive By-Law 32, Post Season and All-Star Games, thereby permitting Kentucky students to participate in the Tir-State Independent Basketball Tournament held in Evansville, Indiana, without loss of eligibility. Following a brief discussion on the request Bob Rogers moved that the request be denied. Ray Story seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Mills presented correspondence received from Assistant Coach Chuck Childress, requesting that the Madisonville-North Hopkins High School basketball team be permitted to travel to Ireland to participate in a tournament. Ray Story moved, seconded by Bob Rogers that if the trip is scheduled prior to the end of the 1982-83 academic school year, the request be denied. The motion passed unanimously.

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Bob Rogers made the motion that the last sentence under Section VI, 3 of Rules and Regulations governing basketball tournaments be deleted. This sentence now provides that "In no case shall this amount exceed seventy-five dollars". Alvis Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bob Rogers then moved that Section IX-C, Seeding, be changed to read as follows: Teams may be seeded in the district tournaments, if there are at least four teams in the district, by a 2/3 vote of the schools. If schools vote to seed it shall be done on a five year basis. Following a lengthy discussion Ray Story moved that the motion be tabled until the April meeting of the Board. Charles Black seconded the motion and it passed by a majority of 7-2.

Following a discussion on the present format used during the State Basketball Tournaments, Pat Crawford requested that the Basketball Committee give study to changing the plan to eliminate Saturday morning contests.

Mr. Wise discussed with members of the Board problems he has encountered with the managers of several motels where teams have been assigned to stay during the tournament but chose to stay elsewhere. Mr. Wise explained that the K.H.S.A.A. had signed contracts with each motel and was obligated to pay the agreed room rate even though the teams did not stay there. Following a brief discussion, Pat Crawford moved, seconded by Whaylon Coleman that teams be required to stay at assigned motels or forfeit their room allowance. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mills was asked to try to schedule a meeting of the newly formed Football Committee on April 14, 1983, at 10:00 A.M.

Mr. Woods called a meeting of the Staff Committee for April 13, 1983, at 8:00 P.M.

John Brock moved, seconded by Charles Black, that all bills of the Association for the period beginning January 1, 1983, and ending February 28, 1983, be allowed. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board of Control was scheduled for April 14, 1983, at 2:00 P.M., at the K.H.S.A.A. Office Building, Lexington.

There being no further business, Bob Rogers moved, seconded by Ray Story, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously.

Janice O. Spinks 4/24
President

Tom Mills
Secretary