



**Washington Officials Association  
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**Minutes of the  
WOA Executive Board Meeting  
August 9, 2007  
Yakima Convention Center**

**In Attendance Thursday, August 9, 2007**

President Steve Colby called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm. The following Board Members were present:

**Board Member**

Steve Colby (President)  
Cindy C-Wilson (Vice President)  
Jim Carter  
Jack Reynolds  
Ken Jones  
Bob Berg  
Ed Rhoades  
Steve Ayres  
Max Howard  
John Matteo  
Dick Eglet  
Brian Myers

**WOA Region**

Region 1 Boards  
Region 2 Boards  
Region 1 Associations  
Region 2 Associations  
Region 3 Associations  
Region 4 Associations  
Region 5 Associations  
Region 6 Associations  
Region 3 Boards  
Region 4 Boards  
Region 5 Boards  
Region 6 Boards

**WOA Staff Present:** Todd Stordahl, WOA Commissioner and Kerri Sanders, WOA Administrative Assistant

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Mike Burton, Awards Chair

**Guests Present:** Ray Hilton (Tri Cities Volleyball) and Bob Erwin (Evergreen Basketball)

**Approval of Agenda**

**Brian Myers/Ed Rhoades** moved to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Passed**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Ken Jones/Bob Berg** moved to approve the May 4, 2007 minutes with the addition of Bob Berg's name being added to those in attendance. **Motion Passed**

**Reports from Regions**

**Region 1:** **Jim Carter** reported the mileage issue is being discussed among the district; an agreement is on hold until their August meeting.

**Steve Colby** reported that Jim Piccolo, the Region 1 Director is meeting with those involved in their regional agreement that is coming up for approval.

**Region 2:** **Cindy C-Wilson** reported that Region 2 is also having an issue with mileage. There has been a lot of discussion but no resolution as of yet.

**Jack Reynolds** reported that Region 2 is having a large turnover of Athletic Directors. There is also a need for recruiting wrestling officials in their region.

- Region 3:** **Ken Jones/Max Howard** reported things are going smoothly in Region 3 and they are planning for next year.
- Region 4:** **Bob Berg/John Matteo** reported on the meeting in Region 4 with local assignors and Todd Stordahl went well. They have reached an agreement for 2007-08.
- Region 5:** **Ed Rhoades** reported that the yearly Region 5 meeting will be March 19, 2008 in Wenatchee.  
**Dick Eglet** reported that their meeting will be March 18, 2008 in Sunnyside.
- Region 6:** **Steve Ayres** reported they signed off with District 7 and 8 in a coalition agreement for the next three years.
- Awards:** **Mike Burton** reported the awards process went smoothly this year and was handled by the office staff. There was a good response for nominations and a strong class for this year's Hall of Fame.

### **WIAA Report**

**Todd Stordahl** reported there was a meeting with the district directors at the WIAA office recently. They discussed creating a tournament fee for volleyball.

### **Spring Tournaments**

**Todd Stordahl** reported things went smoothly at all of the Spring Tournaments. There was another incident involving a softball umpire refusing to work the final day of the tournament because they did not like the assignments. Staff will develop language to be included in the state tournament packet to outline the disciplinary procedures if this type of situation were to occur again.

### **Summer Camps**

**Todd Stordahl** reported WOA conducted two football camps. Next year there will be one camp offered at Central Washington in June. There will only be two senior seminars offered this year, both in October.

### **WOA Conference Reports**

**Kerri Sanders** provided an overview of board members' responsibilities and reviewed the conference agenda. **Todd Stordahl** reviewed the election process for Region 2 and 4.

### **NASO Conference**

Steve Ayers, Steve Colby, Todd Stordahl and Kerri Sanders attended the NASO conference in Denver and reported the information was beneficial and they were able to bring back some suggestions for implementation in our state.

### **Membership Breakdown**

**Todd Stordahl** reported certification numbers are up and almost all groups are 100% on background checks. We are working out a process with WSP to rerun background checks every three years.

### **Requests for Action**

**Chris Manolopoulos** (Assignor) and **Ralph Erath** (Vice-President) representing Tri Cities Boys Basketball Association addressed the WOA Executive Board to appeal the penalty imposed for the use of a fraudulent pass to gain entrance into the 2007 WIAA State Basketball Tournaments. **Todd Stordahl** provided the background information on the situation, as well as the summary for the penalty imposed on Tri Cities Boys Basketball. Chris and Ralph provided an update on the investigation into the use of the fraudulent pass and that the creation of the pass was for use at the local games only. Todd commented that WIAA allows the WOA membership to purchase the passes and can take away the privilege if we are found to be abusing the passes.

**Bob Berg/John Matteo** moved to reconsider the penalty imposed on Tri-Cities Basketball Association and to amend the decision to a penalty of \$500, two years probation, an apology letter to WIAA and WOA, certification that an internal investigation was conducted and all involved have been disciplined by the Tri-Cities Basketball Association. **Motion Passed.**

### **WOA Conference**

The Board directed Steve Colby to appoint a committee to discuss how the membership can be more involved with the WOA conference. Cindy C-Wilson, Steve Ayers, and Max Howard volunteered to be on the committee. They will report back to the board on their progress at the January meeting.

### **Constitutional Change – WOA Board**

**Brian Myers/Jim Carter** moved to approve the request to add an ex-officio board position to be filled by a WOA member currently serving on a NFHS Rules Committees. **Motion Failed**

### **Basketball**

**State rated – Ken Jones/Jim Carter** moved to approve on first reading bringing back the top three officials to the State Tournament the following year. The WOA staff would place the officials at a State Tournament the next year. The Board would like to hear feedback from associations. Question was called for. **Motion Passed.**

**Certification Requirement – Steve Ayers/Brian Myers** moved to suspend the state requirement of attending a three-person camp in order to be eligible to attend a State Tournament until such a time as there is a process in place in order to fulfill that requirement. Re-implementation will go into effect for next year. **Motion Passed.**

### **WOA Goal Setting**

The Board directed the President to move ahead with finding a facilitator to organize and direct a meeting to complete a new set of goals and work plan.

### **Commissioner's Report**

Online Clinics/Testing: Fall clinics will be available August 15

Regional Meetings: Please submit dates for next year's meetings as soon as possible.

**Todd Stordahl** thanked Darshaan Smaaladan and Mike Burton for their service to the board.

Meeting suspended until Saturday, August 11.

**Dick Eglet/Max Howard** moved to reconvene Executive Board meeting at 2:45pm, August 11.

### **Regional Election Results**

**Ira Dunbar** (Associations) and **Cindy C-Wilson** (Boards) were elected to represent Region 2.

**Bob Berg** (Associations) and **John Matteo** (Boards) were elected to represent Region 4.

**Dick Eglet/Brian Myers** moved to nominate Steve Ayers as President of the WOA Board.

**Jim Carter/Max Howard** moved to nominate Cindy C-Wilson as President of the WOA Board.

**Ed Rhoades/Brian Myers** moved to close nominations.

**Jim Carter/Ed Rhoades** moved to nominate Cindy C-Wilson as President and Steve Ayers as Vice-President of the WOA Executive Board. **Motion Passed.**

**Appointments for Sport Specific Positions**

Wrestling: **Brian Myers/Ed Rhoades** moved to appoint Jack Reynolds. **Motion Passed.**  
Soccer: **Jim Carter/Cindy C-Wilson** moved to appoint George Eastman. **Motion Passed.**  
Spirit: **Max Howard/Ed Rhoades** moved to appoint Cara Heiner. **Motion Passed.**  
Gymnastics: **Jim Carter/Cindy C-Wilson** moved to appoint Dean Ratliff. **Motion Passed.**

**Executive Session – Personnel Decisions and Litigation**

**Jack Reynolds/Dick Eglet** moved to go into Executive Session. **Motion passed.**  
**Max Howard/Ken Jones** moved to come out of Executive Session. **Motion passed.**

**Jack Reynolds/Brian Myers** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Sanders, WOA Administrative Assistant

**Next Meeting Date – January 7, 2008, WIAA Office, 9am**