



**Washington Officials Association
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**Minutes of the
WOA Executive Board Meeting
August 7-9, 2008
Yakima Convention Center**

In Attendance Thursday, August 7, 2008

President Cindy C-Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:05pm. The following Board Members were present:

Board Member

Cindy C-Wilson (President)
Dick Eglet (Vice-President)
Jim Carter
Ken Jones
Robert Berg
Ed Rhoades
Dan Mencke
Steve Colby
Max Howard
John Matteo
Brian Myers
George Eastman
Cara Heiner

WOA Region

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

WOA Staff Present: Todd Stordahl, Commissioner and Kerri Sanders, Director of Operations

Guests Present: Bob Erwin and Bob Vaught (Evergreen Basketball Association)

Cindy C-Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by introductions of all present.

Approval of Agenda

Dick Eglet/Steve Colby moved to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Passed**

Approval of Minutes

George Eastman/Brian Myers moved to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion Passed**

Reports from Regions

Region 1: **Steve Colby** reported that the District One Executive Board approved that all officials are able to get into district tournaments free of charge in the sport in which they officiate. They were also able to finalize their district agreement. Mike Neubauer, Northwest Girls Basketball and Whatcom-Skagit Boys Basketball, created a recruitment video that will be broadcast during high school events on the Comcast stations in their area. This video will also be available to any association/board interested.

Region 2: **Cindy C-Wilson** reported there was a memorial service for Jack Reynolds and WOA was well-represented.

- Region 3:** **Ken Jones** reported they are having issues negotiating a new mileage agreement. A sub-committee has been established to deal with the different mileage proposals.
Max Howard reported that many of the schools in the area are beginning to use ScheduleStar. ScheduleStar's ability to communicate with Arbiter provides an incentive for associations/boards to use Arbiter.
- Region 4:** **John Matteo** reported the Vancouver Coalition is currently negotiating a new agreement for supplemental fees and mileage.
Bob Berg reported that Region 4 (except for Vancouver) is still negotiating a district-wide agreement for supplemental fees and mileage.
- Region 5:** **Ed Rhoades/Dick Eglet** reported things are going smoothly with no issues.
- Region 6:** **Brian Myers** reported the Colville Valley Associations/Boards will be joining the Spokane Coalition.
Dan Mencke reported the Spokane Coalition has come to an agreement on a new mileage rate beginning 2008-09.
- Soccer:** **George Eastman** reported that he will be meeting with John Miller, WIAA Assistant Director overseeing soccer, to discuss postseason assigning.
- Spirit:** **Cara Heiner** reported that during their spring meeting with the coaches association, the score sheet was restructured. The restructuring was a collaborative effort between the coaches and judges.

Spring State Tournament Report

Todd Stordahl reported that spring tournaments went well with very few complaints. **Ed Rhoades** asked the staff to discuss the philosophy of the ten-run rule in baseball with the WIAA staff. The ten-run rule is not in effect during the state tournament, which resulted in a handful of lopsided games this year.

NASO-On

Todd Stordahl reported that staff will contact NASO to discuss the process to order publications. Step-by-step instructions on how to take advantage of the free publication offer will be sent out with the 2008-09 Handbook.

NASO Conference

Cindy C-Wilson gave a brief overview of the NASO conference. In addition to the WOA staff and president, Warren Morrison (PNFOA), Tyler Trimble (GHBBA), and Rick Wells (PNFOA) attended the conference. The conference was a great opportunity to meet other officials, network, and to see where we are in relationship to other states.

WOA Conference Report

Kerri Sanders went over board member responsibilities for the weekend.

Membership Breakdown

Todd Stordahl reported the number of certified officials continues to increase each year. The importance of assigning certified officials to varsity contests must remain an emphasis. Since there is no system in place to verify this is happening, local associations/boards must be aware of the legal ramifications for assigning an official to a varsity contest who has not fulfilled the certification requirements.

Requests for Action

WOA Scholarship Fund – Steve Colby/George Eastman moved to convene a scholarship fund committee. Steve Colby will chair committee. **Motion Passed**

Track and Field Officials – Todd Stordahl proposed to add track and field officials to WOA based upon a formal request from WIAA staff. Initially, track and field officials would be required at the state championships, with schools having the option to use them at regular and postseason meets. **Brian Myers/Max Howard** moved to approve the addition of track and field officials to the WOA, subject to WIAA approval to use certified officials at the state championships. **Motion Passed**

Constitutional Change: Article IV – Todd Stordahl presented a proposal to make a constitutional change to Article IV, reducing the number of appointed members to three. The proposal would be submitted to the WOA membership for approval if the WIAA approves the use of WOA track and field officials. **Steve Colby/Dan Mencke** moved to approve the proposed change to 12 elected and 3 appointed at-large members on the WOA Executive Board. **Motion Passed**

By-Laws Change: Article VI – Todd Stordahl presented a proposal to create an avenue of appeal concerning the transfer of an official to a local association/board. **George Eastman/Dick Eglet** moved to amend Article VI of the WOA by-laws as submitted. **Motion Passed**

WOA/WIAA Agreement Review Committee – The committee will meet in November to begin preliminary discussions on a new fee structure beginning in 2009-10. The WOA representatives will propose another multiple year fee schedule. Committee members will be selected by the WOA President in late September.

WOA Budget – George Eastman/Brian Myers moved to approve the 2008-2009 budget. **Motion Passed**

Commissioner's Report

Online Clinics/Testing – Fall clinics/tests will be available August 18.

Max Howard/Brian Myers moved to suspend meeting until August 9, 2008. **Motion Passed**

Max Howard/Dick Eglet moved to reconvene Executive Board Meeting at 2:45pm, August 9. **Motion Passed**

Regional Election Results

Dean Corcoran (Associations) and **Steve Colby** (Boards) were elected to represent Region 1.

Mike Hellman (Associations) and **Kammi Mencke** (Boards) were elected to represent Region 6.

George Eastman/Dick Eglet moved to nominate Cindy C-Wilson as President of the WOA Executive Board. **Motion Passed**

Max Howard/Ira Dunbar moved to nominate Dick Eglet as Vice-President of the WOA Executive Board. **Motion Passed**

Appointments for Sport Specific Positions

Soccer: **Dick Eglet/Ira Dunbar** moved to appoint George Eastman. **Motion Passed**

Spirit: **George Eastman/Ed Rhoades** moved to appoint Cara Heiner. **Motion Passed**

Gymnastics: **George Eastman/Ira Dunbar** moved to appoint Dean Ratliff. **Motion Passed**

Wrestling: **Ken Jones/Steve Colby** moved to appoint Terry Beckstead. **Motion Passed**

(The wrestling appointment was made after receiving feedback from the wrestling associations and then a vote of the WOA Executive Board via email 9/2)

Steve Colby/Ed Rhoades moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Passed**

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Sanders, Director of Operations

Next Meeting Date – January 12, 2009, WIAA office, 9am