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**Minutes of the  
WOA Executive Board Meeting  
May 4, 2009  
WIAA Office**

**In Attendance Monday, May 4, 2009**

President Cindy C-Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:31am. The following Board Members were present:

**Board Member**

Cindy C-Wilson (President)  
Dick Eglet (Vice-President)  
Dean Corcoran  
Ira Dunbar  
Ken Jones  
Bob Berg  
Ed Rhoades  
Mike Hellman  
Steve Colby  
Max Howard  
John Matteo  
Kammi Smith  
George Eastman  
Cara Heiner  
Terry Beckstead  
Dean Ratliff

**WOA Region**

Region 2 Boards  
Region 5 Boards  
Region 1 Associations  
Region 2 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  
Wrestling  
Gymnastics

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

**Guests Present:** Steve Liptrap, Rich Johnson, Linda Meredith, Mike Livingston, Mike Jurenka, Mary Roper, Tom Marcucci, and John Lindsey

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

**Comments from the Public:**

Mike Livingston – representing Pacific Northwest Football Association  
Linda Meredith – representing Seattle Basketball Board  
Rich Johnson – representing Northwest Baseball Association  
Steve Liptrap – representing Western Washington Baseball Association  
Tom Marcucci – representing Peninsula Baseball Association/Softball Board

**Approval of Agenda**

**Steve Colby/Ira Dunbar** moved to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Passed**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Dick Eglet/Max Howard** moved to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion Passed**

### **Reports from Regions**

- Region 1:** **Steve Colby/Dean Corcoran** reported things are going smoothly in Region 1.
- Region 2:** **Cindy C-Wilson** reported that they are working with Tom Doyle (District 2 Director) to allow officials to attend postseason games free of charge for training purposes.
- Region 3:** **Ken Jones/Max Howard** reported there have been some interesting emails from district board members suggesting that because of budget considerations officials should make concessions for schools on fees and number of officials.
- Region 4:** **John Matteo** reported there was some concern about going to a centralized database, but most associations are supportive and making the transition smoothly.  
**Bob Berg** reported that Region 4 appreciated WOA staff coming to their meeting. There was a good exchange between assignors.
- Region 5:** **Ed Rhoades/Dick Eglet** reported their regional meetings went well. There was a lot of great information shared amongst the attendees.
- Region 6:** **Mike Hellman** reported the associations/boards are reviewing their respective service area to see if there are any schools they could exchange to help reduce travel costs. The association/board representatives are working with the schools and district directors on this issue.  
**Kammi Smith** reported they had a great regional meeting. They have not heard of any problems with Arbiter. A lot of groups in their area already use the program.
- Soccer:** **George Eastman** reported he had a meeting with the soccer leadership in the state. They have been discussing groups that are not in compliance. A statewide soccer meeting will be held on May 14 to discuss impending changes with the centralized database. Tournament managers, WIAA staff, and WOA staff are still working on ways to assign state tournaments and get the most qualified officials nominated.
- Spirit:** **Cara Heiner** reported that they have made changes to the categories for dance/drill. They are now getting in step with the rest of the country. Their state tournaments went well this year with the 4A being extremely competitive.
- Wrestling:** **Terry Beckstead** reported no concerns from the wrestling community.
- Gymnastics:** **Dean Ratliff** reported that some of their boards are confused about the centralized database and have some questions about how it will affect the gymnastics community. He will direct questions to the WOA staff and suggest they attend the Arbiter training session.

### **WIAA Report**

**Cindy Adsit** reported on the amendments that were voted on by the 2009 representative assembly. Also, common thread is that schools are dropping "c" teams as well as middle school programs. They are also trying to find creative ways to transport teams. (Sharing buses, having kids picked up by parents, etc.) The WIAA Executive Board was asked to look at spring state tournaments to adjust schedules to help schools with costs. The 1B state baseball tournament has changed dramatically to help, adding semi-final games to the regional sites and not playing consolation games which would eliminate hotel stays and travel costs. During the next WIAA Executive Board meeting, they will be looking at all the state tournaments and ways to help reduce costs.

### **Winter State Tournament Report**

**Todd Stordahl** reported that state tournaments went smoothly. We had a few emails regarding issues, but for the most part they went well. There was discussion regarding tournament programs for officials and how meals and food are provided at various sites.

### **WOA Conference Report**

**Steve Colby** reported on sport specific meeting sessions and the responsibilities of the board members who are facilitating the meetings. Responsibilities for conference will be emailed by WOA staff. Board members were asked to help generate interest in their region for the golf tournament and conference.

**Steve Colby/Max Howard** moved to approve Amanda Oster as the 2009 scholarship award recipient based on the recommendation of the WOA scholarship committee. **Motion Passed**

### **2008-2009 Membership Breakdown**

**Todd Stordahl** reported the number of certified officials continues to improve. The major concern is with associations/boards where the number of certified officials is lower than the number actually needed to cover all the varsity contests. Discussion took place on what action the board needs to take to make sure that certified officials are being used for varsity games and what penalties are going to be handed down for non-compliance with WOA policy.

### **Centralized Database Implementation Update**

**Todd Stordahl** provided an update on the implementation of a centralized database. There are a lot of rumors going around as to the reasons for choosing to use TheArbiter.net. The following are the real reasons for implementation:

1. Centralized database to assist in the management of the L&I account.
2. Streamlined communication between schools and the officials' associations/boards.
3. Statewide communication tool between officials' associations/boards and the WOA.
4. Development of a standard way of doing business between WIAA member schools and WOA associations/boards.

Lengthy discussions were held regarding the implementation of The Arbiter program for use by all WOA Associations and Boards. It was determined not to change the previous decision from the January 2009 WOA Executive Board meeting regarding the implementation of the Arbiter program for all WOA Associations and Boards.

### **Requests for Action**

**Pacific Northwest Football Association – George Eastman/Ken Jones** moved that the request for action from the PNFOA be denied. **Motion Passed**

**Seattle Basketball Board – George Eastman/Ken Jones** moved that the request for action from the SOWB be denied. **Motion Passed**

**Northwest Baseball** – The request for action from NBUA was deemed to be in conflict with the previously approved proposal to implement The Arbiter.net as the centralized database. Taking action would constitute reconsideration of a past decision. Request for action tabled.

**Standing Rules – Public Comment – Todd Stordahl** presented a proposal to develop policy to govern public testimony. A sub-committee was formed to discuss the policy: Bob Berg and Ira Dunbar will be members of the committee, along with WOA Staff. The sub-committee will submit a proposal at the August meeting for final approval.

**Financials – Todd Stordahl** presented the year-to-date financial statement and presented the first reading of the 2009-10 proposed budget.

**George Eastman/Bob Berg** moved to adopt the 2009-10 budget on first reading and place on the August agenda for final approval. **Motion Passed**

**Washington State Spirit Judges Association – Cara Heiner/George Eastman** moved to adopt the proposed uniform change for WSSJA. **Motion Passed**

**Max Howard/Ed Rhoades** moved to change the judges' association name from WA State Spirit Judges Association (WSSJA) to WA State Dance/Drill Association (WSDDJA). **Motion Passed**

**NASO Conference – Todd Stordahl** presented information related to the 2009 NASO Conference in Tucson. Steve Colby, Max Howard, Bob Berg, Kammi Smith, and Cindy C-Wilson are interested in attending the conference.

**Max Howard/Kammi Smith** moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues and agreement review committee update. **Motion Passed**

**George Eastman/Dean Corcoran** moved to come out of executive session. **Motion Passed**

A sub-committee was formed to evaluate the commissioner's contract. Kammi Smith, John Matteo, and Mike Hellman will serve on committee and report back to the board with recommendations.

**Steve Colby/Dick Eglet** moved to extend the contract of Todd Stordahl as the WOA Commissioner. **Motion Passed**

#### **Commissioner's Report**

**Regional Meetings – Todd Stordahl** reported that all of the regional meeting went well and were productive. Please work on scheduling next year's meetings and provide dates to the WOA staff.

**Ira Dunbar/Kammi Smith** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Passed**

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Sanders, WOA Director of Operations

**Next Meeting Date – August 13, 2009, Yakima Convention Center, 4pm**