



**Washington Officials Association
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**Minutes of the
WOA Executive Board Meeting
January 7, 2008
WIAA Office**

In Attendance Monday, January 7, 2008

President Cindy C-Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:05 am. The following Board Members were present:

Board Member

Cindy C-Wilson (President)
Steve Ayres (Vice-President)
Ira Dunbar
Ken Jones
Bob Berg
Ed Rhoades
Steve Colby
Max Howard
Dick Eglet
Brian Myers
Dean Ratliff
George Eastman
Cara Heiner
Jack Reynolds

WOA Region

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

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

Guests Present: Graig Bolton (Seattle Metro Softball)

Approval of Agenda

Dick Eglet/Brian Myers moved to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Passed**

Approval of Minutes

George Eastman/Ed Rhoades moved to approve the August 9, 2007 minutes. **Motion Passed**

Reports from Regions

Region 1: No Report

Region 2: **Cindy C-Wilson** reported that Region 2 will be holding their regional meeting on February 4, 2008

Region 3: **Ken Jones** reported there have been a lot of school generated schedule changes and also officials turning back assignments. Region 3 will be having their meeting on January 14, 2008. **Max Howard** reported there are some mileage issues that are being discussed in the region that will hopefully be resolved at the Regional meeting.

- Region 4:** **Bob Berg** reported there have been some cancellations due to the flooding and some schools have been playing at other sites. The district wide agreement has now been sent out for comment and addresses assigning fees, late fees, mileage, and tournament selection.
- Region 5:** **Ed Rhoades** reported the Region 5 North meeting will be March 19, 2008 in Wenatchee. **Dick Eglet** reported the Region 5 South meeting will be March 18, 2008 in Sunnyside.
- Region 6:** **Steve Ayres** reported that Spokane basketball is heavily involved in a lawsuit and they have notified WIAA that if the issue is not resolved at the mediation they will have to dissolve before the end of the season.
- Soccer:** **George Eastman** reported he is in the process of finalizing the details of how an evaluation program would be beneficial in our efforts to improve officiating at the state tournaments.
- Gymnastics:** No Report
- Spirit:** **Cara Heiner** reported that Spirit is working towards better communication and relationships between the judges and coaches.
- Wrestling:** No Report

Fall Tournaments

Todd Stordahl reported things went smoothly at all of the Fall Tournaments. The Executive Board would like to thank Rick Wells, a football official from PNFOA, for taking photos of the officiating crews at Gridiron Classic and also providing a video of the game to the officials.

WOA Conference Reports

Kerri Sanders reported the conference committee is in the process of securing a keynote speaker for this year's conference. Any suggestions on speakers or breakout sessions would be welcomed. **Steve Colby** reported that the WOA Golf Tournament will be a shotgun start this year and awards will be presented at the golf course. Concerns were addressed on the misconception that the conference is still viewed as only for assignors. The flyer for the conference will be mailed to the WOA membership in April.

Hall of Fame

Steve Colby reported that we need to continue to search for qualified candidates. New candidates need to be submitted for next year. **Todd Stordahl** reported that Clyde Pock has been selected to the WIAA Hall of Fame this year and will be recognized this spring.

Membership Breakdown

Todd Stordahl reported that Football and Volleyball were at 90% this fall and background checks were at 100%. There will continue to be three reminders sent out before final numbers are assessed for each season.

Requests for Action

Football Senior Seminar – Proposal made to terminate requirement that in order for a football official to be eligible to work a state tournament game he/she must attend a Senior Seminar. **Ken Jones/Steve Colby** moved to appoint a sub-committee to meet with Mike Burton to discuss alternatives and improvements for the Senior Seminar. Bob Berg will head the committee. **Motion Passed.**

Training and Retention Committee – Proposal made to establish a Training and Retention Committee for every sport represented by the WOA. The designated sports representatives on the WOA Executive Board would head that sports Training and Retention Committee. **Brian Myers/Max Howard** moved to adopt proposal as written with the exception of adding a budget item. **Motion Failed.**

Public Affairs/Training Specialist – Proposal made to create a new full or part time position in the WOA for a Public Affairs/Training Specialist. This employee would be responsible for production of commercial advertisements and help in the recruitment, retention, and training of officials throughout the state in all sports. **Proposal tabled until next Executive Board Meeting.**

Information Sharing – Bob Berg/Steve Colby moved that WOA be prohibited from giving out email lists or personal contact information about membership. **Motion Passed.**

State Rated – George Eastman/Steve Ayres moved to approve on second 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. **Motion Failed.**

Soccer Evaluations – Proposal made to implement the football evaluation system for Soccer. The evaluation system will be used at the 2008 Spring Soccer Tournament as a trial run. George Eastman will report the results and feedback of the system to the Executive Board for final approval at the August Executive Board Meeting. **Brian Myers/Max Howard** moved to approve proposal. **Motion Passed.**

Commissioner's Report

Online Clinics/Testing: Spring clinics will be available February 15
Regional Meetings: Please submit dates for next year's meetings as soon as possible.
Ejection Reports: A more concerted effort needs to be made that the information given on ejection reports is factual.

Executive Session – Personnel Decisions and Litigation

Dick Eglet/Jack Reynolds moved to go into Executive Session. **Motion Passed.**

George Eastman/Steve Colby moved to come out of Executive Session. **Motion Passed.**

George Eastman/Steve Colby moved to authorize the WOA Commissioner to provide steps necessary to implement state-wide billing with regular reports to the Board and regional meetings to inform the membership. **Motion Passed.**

George Eastman/Brian Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Sanders, WOA Administrative Assistant

Next Meeting Date – May 9, 2008, WIAA Office, 9am