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**Minutes of the
WOA Executive Board Meeting
January 12, 2009
WIAA Office**

In Attendance Monday, January 12, 2009

President Cindy C-Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:42pm. 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
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 6 Boards
Soccer
Spirit
Wrestling
Gymnastics

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

Guests Present: Marc Blau, Tacoma-Pierce County Volleyball Board

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

Approval of Agenda

George Eastman/Dick Eglet moved to approve the agenda with additions. **Motion Passed**

Approval of Minutes

Dick Eglet/Ed Rhoades moved to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion Passed**

Reports from Regions

Region 1: **Steve Colby** reported Region 1 meeting will be January 22 at Burlington-Edison High School.

Dean Corcoran reported that he met with Snohomish County Wrestling Association to discuss concerns about state evaluations.

- Region 2:** **Cindy C-Wilson** reported Region 2 meeting will be February 9 at the WIAA office.
- Region 3:** **Ken Jones** reported Region 3 meeting will be January 19 at Bellarmine Prep.
- Region 4:** **Bob Berg** reported Region 4 meeting will be March 23 at Spiffy's Restaurant.
- Region 5:** **Ed Rhoades** reported Region 5 North meeting will be March 25 at Wenatchee High School.
Dick Eglet reported Region 5 South meeting will be March 26 at Sunnyside High School.
- Region 6:** **Mike Hellman** reported the Region 6 representatives attended the District 7 and GSL meeting to introduce themselves and establish communication.
Kammi Smith reported the Spokane Volleyball Board is having issues with helping other boards and not getting paid. The Region 6 meeting will be March 2 at Gonzaga Prep.
- Soccer:** **George Eastman** reported concern with Whatcom County Soccer Association's non-compliance with WOA policies in regard to registration and certification requirements.
- Spirit:** **Cara Heiner** reported an influx of interns in Eastern Washington area and mentioned they could staff a competition in Eastern Washington with judges from that area. She has contacted the cheer judges association to let them know she also represents them.
- Wrestling:** **Terry Beckstead** reported there are a lot of inconsistencies in wrestling as to the travel and fees charged at tournaments.
- Gymnastics:** **Dean Ratliff** reported things are going well except for one area of the state. He is working with the officers to smooth out the issues.

Marc Blau requested an audience to discuss communication between the WOA Executive Board and the WOA contacts, as well as concerns with the WIAA/WOA Agreement Review Committee. More information is needed from the representatives in regard to meeting dates, request for agenda items, and input on potential action taken by the board. He expressed concern with a lack of response to a letter sent to Mike Colbrese and Todd Stordahl. Both have discussed this issue with Marc and he wanted to emphasize the need to continue the dialogue as to how the WIAA and WOA can work together in order to recruit potential officials. Marc asked the WIAA and WOA staffs to look into creating PowerPoint presentations to assist in the training of scorekeepers, libero trackers, and line judges.

WIAA Report

Mike Colbrese addressed the need for the two associations to work together in addressing the recruiting issue. It is imperative that we find a way to encourage student-athletes to become officials. The WIAA staff will continue to work with the WOA staff to create a recruiting program that could be implemented by the schools. In addition, he has been receiving feedback and concern over the fee increases and shared that the schools are supportive of a statewide agreement for supplemental fees.

Grievance Appeal

An official appeared in front of the WOA Executive Board to appeal the decision of the regional appeal panel to uphold a suspension at the local level. The appellant was provided an opportunity to provide relevant information as to why the suspension was not warranted

A representative from the local association provided information as to the policies violated and the rationale for the suspension, as well as the steps of due process provided to the official.

The Executive Board members had an opportunity to ask both representatives questions about the situation and the policies that were violated.

Bob Berg/Ed Rhoades moved to go into executive session to discuss appeal. **Motion Passed**

George Eastman/Dick Eglet moved to come out of executive session. **Motion Passed**

Bob Berg/Cara Heiner moved to uphold the regional committee's decision to support the decision of the local association. **Motion Passed**

WOA Conference Report

Steve Colby reported the golf tournament will be at AppleTree again this year. The tournament schedule will be restructured to accommodate the start of the WOA Conference. The conference planning committee has recommended providing online registration for the conference. Officials will be able to complete the registration form online, but payment will still need to be sent in to complete the registration process.

2008 – 2009 Membership Breakdown

Todd Stordahl provided the fall membership breakdown. Over 90% of the football and volleyball officials were certified.

Requests for Action

College Scholarship Program – Steve Colby presented a document for application for the scholarship. **George Eastman/Bob Berg** moved to create the WOA scholarship program effective immediately and to present an award to the recipient at this year's conference. **Motion Passed**

Simplified & Illustrated Book Order – Todd Stordahl presented a request to eliminate the Simplified and Illustrated books as part of the set of books for football and basketball. Each association/board will receive a copy of the book and will be able to purchase the books if they would like additional copies. **Ken Jones/Max Howard** moved to approve the request. **Motion Passed**

Agreement Review Committee – Todd Stordahl presented the proposed fee matrix for 2009-2014. The fee increase per official would be: \$1 (2009-10); \$1 (2010-11); \$2 (2011-12); \$2 (2012-2013); and \$2 (2013-14). In addition to the increase in game fees, the committee agreed to begin negotiating a statewide agreement for supplemental fee, travel, and all other issues related to officials. This agreement must be finalized by fall of 2011 in order to maintain the agreed upon fee increases. If an agreement cannot be reached, the last three years of the fee matrix may be voided. **Bob Berg/Max Howard** moved to approve the proposed fee matrix and to direct the WIAA/WOA Agreement Review Committee to develop a draft agreement containing mileage, administrative fees and other relevant issues. The Committee will present a draft agreement for discussion at the May WOA Executive Board meeting. Further direction will be decided at that time. **Motion Passed**

Centralized Database – Todd Stordahl presented the pros and cons of a centralized database. **George Eastman/Kammi Smith** moved that the WOA Executive Board authorize and direct the WOA Commissioner to proceed on the programs as recommended and that a contract be completed with theArbiter.net as the required assigning and reporting database for all interscholastic events beginning July 1, 2009. The board also directed staff to make sure the necessary training is provided on the use of theArbiter.net to maximize the effectiveness of its use and reporting, and that the WOA Executive Board is provided with progress reports so that the board members can assist the Commissioner with implementation. **Motion Passed**

WOA Newsletter – George Eastman/Ira Dunbar moved that the Commissioner be authorized to create, develop, and distribute a quarterly WOA Email Newsletter to all WOA members as soon as statewide distribution is available. **Motion Passed**

Commissioner's Report

2007-08 Financial Report – George Eastman/Max Howard moved to approve the financial reports as presented. **Motion Passed**

Regional Meetings – Region 3 (Monday, January 19); Region 1 (Thursday, January 22); Region 2 (Monday, February 9); Region 4 (Monday, March 23); Region 5 (Wednesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 26); Region 6 (Monday, March 2)

George Eastman/Ed Rhoades moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion Passed**

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Sanders, Director of Operations

Next Meeting Date – May 4, 2009, WIAA office, 8:30am