



WSSAAA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2020 – 4:00 PM

Via ZOOM

In attendance: Dave Tikker, Cindy Tikker, Erik Titus, Ken VanSickle, Scott Nordi, Lacey London, Loren Sandhop, John Appelgate, Dwayne Johnson, Ryan DeLozier, Pat Round, Joe Keller, Ken Lindgren, Rebecca Moe, Wendy Malich, BJ Kuntz, Don Beazizo, Matt Cooke, Cale Piland, Jeff Peitz, Stark Porter, Julie Stroncek, Cole Kanyer, and Steve Frucci, Scott Stockslager

Absent: Steve Bridge,

Guests:

President Erik Titus called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM via Zoom

MAIN AGENDA ITEM- 2020 CONFERENCE STATUS with CORONA VIRUS IMPACTING TRAVEL and QUARANTINE

With the Governor canceling school until April 27 we will need to move our dates of the conference to insure people can come. The conference is set to run April 25-28.

Johnson shared OSPI document electronically during the opening of the meeting.

Here are some potential solutions to moving our conference

1. If WIAA does not hold spring tournaments (right now they are planning on holding them and we all support having them) we could have conference on state tournament dates (weekend of May 30-31).
2. We initially thought we could move to June 22, 23, 24 after school is out- but the hotel and conference center can't do both.
3. Record all sessions and have a virtual conference where all conference attendees can access all conference information on our web site.
4. Move to a fall conference date.
5. Last option is to cancel.

Oregon has cancelled their State Conference; Idaho has cancelled; and Montana just cancelled their first ever conference.

The hotels and Convention Center will release us from our contracts this year if necessary.

Tikker suggested we consider rescheduling the conference, to a Fall date- say Sept. 19-23.

Currently we can back out of our spring dates without fees due to Governor's proclamation.

Nordi is concerned about the Start of Fall sports, eligibility and trying to scramble a bit. He also is unavailable to be the Vendor Chair as he and Mary intend to be on the road the month of September.

Stockslager mentioned that's the end of probationary period for student-athletes.

Kanyer, who is the Conference chair, felt September is insane... plus that weekend he's committed to Hall of Fame ceremonies for Ellensburg.

Nordi mentioned we would be gambling- as Districts normally wouldn't allow AD's to be at a conference 2x in one year.

Peitz agreed it is a financial gamble if AD's don't come.

Porter suggested August, in conjunction with Fall Workshops with WIAA may be an option?

Keller mentioned that the new AD workshop is slated for Fall Workshops.

Tikker said no August dates are available at both the conference center & hotels. He confirmed September dates are the only fall dates available.

Titus reminded us he motioned we move the conference a few years back to the fall. He feels good about a September date and we make the shift to fall from here on out. Maybe people can implement the ideas instead of them going on the shelf?

Nordi brought up the fact we are not positive that this year (spring sports) will happen at all.

Kanyer said OSPI Superintendent Reykdal statement hinted that we don't go back to school this year. On-line spring quarter for colleges is already in place.

Tikker said what if we cancel altogether? There is an urgency from Sponsors and Vendors. We don't know how it will play out? If we stop it, we can let them know. Kanyer said he has agreed to stay on as the next conference chair. What to do with Registrations, Sponsorships and Vendor fees? The plan would be to give \$ back or roll over to the next year with a credit.

We can start planning for next spring- April 24th thru 27th of 2021.

Motion by Nordi/Kanyer to not attempt a September Conference. The motion passed.

AD's of the YEAR and HOF RECOGNITION-

Motion by Nordi/Peitz to recognize the Nine District AD's of the Year this calendar year and recognize them at the next conference. Could we do at their school (i.e. an assembly)? Do we even get to go back to school this spring? Could we just roll them over to the next year? Appelgate suggested that the night of recognition in front of peers is the highlight.

Tikker asked for clarity in the motion. Nordi reiterated to not skip a year. Recognize two years' worth of Ad's in 2021 conference. Lindgren suggested we highlight the 9 District candidates somehow and announce the 2020 winner at 2021 conference, so it's a surprise. Appelgate will do bio on this year's 9 for the next magazine (which is also on hold too, due to All American on Covid break though). **The motion passed.**

VanSickle/ Nordi moved to cancel the 2020 spring conference and turn our attention to next April 2021. London suggested we need to do some professional development in this time off, as it's really the core of our conference and valuable to our profession. **Motion passed.**

Kanyer suggested we could do an electronic breakout and put it on the website. Nordi suggested NFHS Learn is a great resource and has good opportunities. No cost to AD's and is good for coaches too.

Peitz suggested his District is going to pay their coaches full stipends pay this spring, if they complete 6 NFHS Learns classes, whether they get back to practice & games this spring or not.

Back to discussion on this spring's conference. We were set resume the Golf tournament at the conference and many have already paid. Columbia Point has said they will credit for next year's conference or reimburse. Their choice.

Information will come via AMP. Same will go for AD registration. Same will go for Vendors. Same for people signed up for LTI's.

It was noted that Section 8 will meet via ZOOM next time.

Nordi/Keller moved to do June WSSAA meeting on Zoom.

WSSAAA LEADERSHIP STATUS

Nordi/ VanSickle motioned to roll over the 2019-20 Leadership and continue on in service (stay status quo with our leadership). Titus to remain President and Kanyer to run the conference. The motion passed.

AD's need to cancel all of their hotel rooms for the 20 conference.

Support system in place for next fall following this crazy spring.

Keller said an open forum may be an option.

April Newsletter for Mentor-mentees may be that forum.

Adjournment

Motion by Lindgren/London to adjourn. Approved.