



## WSSAAA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2021 – 4:00 PM  
Via ZOOM

**In attendance:** Dave Tikker, Erik Titus, Ken VanSickle, Lacey London, Loren Sandhop, Joe Keller, Rebecca Moe, Julie Stroncek, Aaron Radford, Steve Bridge, Scott Nordi, Scott Stockslager, Stark Porter, Ken Lindgren, Steve Frucci, Cole Kanyer, Pat Round, BJ Kuntz, Cindy Tikker, and Jeff Pietz,

**Absent:** Ryan DeLozier, Dwayne Johnson, Wendy Malich, Matt Cooke, Cale Piland, Don Beazizo, and John Appelgate

**Guests:** Rachel Allenick and Dakota Romine from Hometown Ticketing

### **Secretaries Report**

Minutes from March were sent electronically. Hearing no additions, **Motion by Keller to approve the Minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Kanyer. Motion Passed.**

### **Hometown Ticketing**

Rachel Allenick from Hometown Ticketing announced their partnership with WSSAAA. Dakota Romine was also introduced to explain Hometown's commitment with us. They have digital ticketing capabilities for athletics, graduation and theater options. They are partnered with VNN and Mascot Media. One of their options include venue mapping. Capacity management, Covid tracing and cashless transactions are all part of their capabilities. There is not a membership or annual fee for the School Districts. Dakota can be reached at: [Dakota.romine@hometownticketing.com](mailto:Dakota.romine@hometownticketing.com)

### **Financial Report**

Transactions and Net worth were reviewed by Cindy Tikker. Compared to last year at this time, our Net Worth is up about \$18,000 due to minimal spending.

**Motion by VanSickle to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion seconded by Nordi. Motion Passed.**

### **Robert Polk Memorial Scholarship**

This month saw the passing of colleague Robert Polk, most recently Everett School District Athletic Director and former WSSAAA Board member, conference chair, and NIAAA Leadership Training advocate. It was decided that a WSSAAA scholarship would be made in Robert's name for aspiring AD's to help offset the cost of the professional development courses offered by the NIAAA for their CAA or CMAA. Anyone applying for a CAA in our State, could apply for a reimbursement for two of their NIAAA LTI Classes and their CAA exam expense. It would be approximately \$300

dollars per scholarship. The NFHS and NIAAA will help seed the Scholarship with an annual grant. Anyone wishing to donate in the name of the scholarship will also be matched by our sponsor Final Forms! Concern about saying anyone vs. an application, or if a School District paid for the classes vs. an individual. Eric Canton at South Kitsap is helping create the application and rubric. Discussion about creating a separate account and possibly forming a 501c3 account. Since we are non-profit, people can also write-off donations already. D. Tikker and Titus will work with Canton on the application and Tikker will format a solicitation letter to donate. **VanSickle motioned to have the money received from NFHS and NIAAA flow threw into the Robert Polk Scholarship account. Lindgren seconded the motion. The Motion Passed.**

### **Arbiter**

Many Athletic Directors have lamented the loss of WPAN scheduling program which has been replaced by Arbiter. On one hand, Arbiter speaks directly to the Assigning Secretaries regarding needed officials. Game information can accurately be conveyed to the officials. On the other hand, the software is more cumbersome with many steps to create games. It has had difficulties “scraping” games to the most utilized websites (VNN and Mascot Media). Specific problems have been around postponing, and cancelling games, extra steps to delete games, extra steps to accept contracts, frustrations on entering contests, software recognition of conflicts (i.e. double duals), “Smart Scheduler” quirks and TBA games appearing when games are deleted. Customer Service has not been very good, with response time way too long. What was supposed to be a time saver, has turned into a time sucker.

Although Arbiter did offer trainings earlier in the year through WIAA, maybe those trainings need to be with individual leagues, vs. Statewide? Maybe we can get a breakout session at the conference? What can WSSAAA do to support our State AD’s? Tikker will draft communication to send to Arbiter requesting an opportunity to open lines of communication in an effort to help the State AD’s.

### **WSSAAA Conference Discussion**

Kanyer reported on the upcoming conference. Wed. June 23 opens with golf, wine tasting and potentially a corn hole tournament. Brian Cane will be the opening speaker. AD of the Year/ Hall of Fame Banquet has been moved to Friday night. Saturday June 26 breakfast and conclusion by noon. Board meeting will be the week prior vs. the first morning. Currently Tri-Cities is in Phase 3 (400 people allowed in the facility). We should be able to maintain the conference even if we fall back to Phase 2 (200 allowed in the facility). VanSickle requested leagues to make donations for giveaways at the conference. AD’s can still register for the conference, including WSSAAA Board members.

### **Executive Director’s Report**

Three new sponsorships include GESA, Precor and Gipper.

Section 8 Meeting will be on the final day of the conference (Saturday from 12-4 PM). WSSAAA’s nominee, Lacey London and a nominee from Oregon Tim Sam. Election will happen at the meeting in Tri-Cities. Past practice has been voting by the membership in attendance at the meeting.

Final Form sponsorship has allowed for four first-year conference scholarships.

Tikker reported that we have more food options at a better rate at Kennewick than we had at Spokane.

### **Award and Website update**

Porter reported that WSSAAA records, awards and honors are being digitized to put onto the website to create a living archive of our past ceremonies.

### **ADoY Discussion**

Committee will meet May 10 via Zoom. Beazizo has distributed packets to committee members, with the exception of the District 8 nominee.

### **Conference Vendor Report**

Nordi is working to get the roll-overs and returnees ready to be at the conference. Vendors are excited to be in front of AD's in person as well. Nordi reported that 5 new vendors are on board. Discussion about utilizing the TV's/ big screen to get vendor's names out there. There is a cost associated and Nordi and Tikker will look into it.

### **Banquet**

Gesa Credit Union has recently come on board to sponsor the WSSAAA AD of the Year/ Hall of Fame Banquet. Appelgate was unavailable for the meeting. John has assured the Board that he will buy the open round for the Board since we had to carry him again.

### **Mentoring Report**

Pietz reported that the May newsletter was just released, with a large tribute to Robert Polk. Potential future mentoring may expand to one to one mentoring as well as our current format. The WWE and WSSAAA Wednesday's have been amazing networking opportunities. Reminder that WIAA offers a \$10,000 grant to WSSAAA for our Mentoring program.

### **WIAA Report**

Kuntz reported that she will also speak with Mick Hoffman regarding Arbiter. Covid testing for Wrestling has been a WIAA focus recently. Membership madness has been pushed out to AD's (membership renewal and school board resolution). WIAA is releasing a "public calendar" with live links. There is a gear-up for Coaches School. Discussions about what things will look like in the fall have started with the Department of Health.

### **Awards**

Malich was unavailable for the meeting, but there was a suggestion to reaching out to award winners to make sure they will be in attendance at the conference.

### **WSSAAA Magazine/ Publication Committee**

Mascot Media is now helping with the magazine publication. Keller reported that Mascot Media has been great to work with. Mascot Media has supplied sponsorship to scholarship new AD's to the conference. Deadline for the last magazine will be June 1<sup>st</sup>. Keller is requesting articles from a diversified group, as well as pictures needed for the upcoming issue. One idea was a "get to know" feature in future magazines. Districts can send names to Keller to follow-up. Another idea was to create an "In Memorium" section.

## **Educational Aspects/ Current Issues**

Bridge asked what have we learned from the pandemic? It could be a feature for the next newsletter? Bridge will send an email to some people with some short questions. Bridge also discussed a rugby helmet that some people are looking into their use in 7 on 7 football. Lastly, John Gordon presentation last week was really good.

Question posed about wrestling or basketball outside? Wrestling has been done outside, but we may be the first state to look into basketball. As always, recommendation to seek guidance from your school's Risk Management.

## **New Business**

What does it mean to be a WSSAAA member? People are benefitting from our work, but some of the things we are doing are going to all AD's regardless. The point is that membership has its privileges.

Final Board meetings of the year on June 1 and June 13.