



## **WSSAAA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**September 16 2018 - 9:00 AM**

**@ Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, WA**

**In attendance: Joe Keller, Dave Tikker, Eric Titus, Don Beazizo, Steve Frucci, Cole Kanyer, Scott Nordi, Ken Lindgren, Lacey London, Rocky Verbeck, Loren Sandhop, Wendy Malich, Cale Piland, Rebecca Moe, John Applegate, Steve Bridge, Chad Larsen, Dwayne Johnson, Matt Cooke, Scott Stockslager, Ryan DeLozier, Pat Round**

**Absent: Cindy Tikker, Ken VanSickle, Eric McCurdy, Stark Porter and John Miller**

President Lacey London called meeting to order at 9:00AM

### **Secretaries Report**

**Minutes of 6/10/18 Board meeting** were sent electronically.

**Motion by Malich/Keller to approve minutes of 6/10/18. Approved**

### **Financial Report**

Transactions, Net worth, and Budget were reviewed. Budget committee met yesterday, reviewing 2018-19 Budget in comparison to last three years. Currently Executive Director Tikker only receives a commission from sponsors and not a stipend. Budget committee recommends adding a stipend to the budget.

**Motion by Nordi/Malich to approve a stipend for the Executive Director at \$7,000 per year, in addition to his percentage cut of sponsorships. Motion Passed.**

**Motion by Nordi/Verbeck to approve the revised 2018-19 Budget and Finance Report as presented. Motion Passed.**

### **WIAA Report**

Malich reported that District Directors will help with Mr. Colbrese's farewell tour this year. WIAA Executive Board will meet next weekend.

### **Mentoring Report**

Tikker reported that Mentor Chairs Jeff Peitz and Jeff Lowell are working with the District Mentors to revise the Mentor outreach and the website with our Tool Box. The new format should be up very soon. District Mentors now have an Accountability Tool to report their work with new AD's. Stark Porter will use AMP to send passwords for the WSSAAA Toolbox. Discussion about Chair(s) being added to the Executive Board. Discussion about having the Mentoring Committee meet again to provide support and feedback to the Chairs.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Tikker reported Sponsorships for WSSAAA are on par with past years. Sponsor 24/7 Educational Services has not given money for the Scholarships yet, and there is every indication they will be back in that capacity on top of their other sponsorship with us.

24/7 Ed. manages our WSSAAA Clock Hours, including League and District hours that are free to the WSSAAA membership by the end of June annually.

Tikker has a goal of making a meeting in every District during the year, to be visible and promote the association.

Another Sponsor of note is Final Forms, who has provided the platform for our membership portal on the website.

Discussion about the Conference at the Red Lion in Spokane. The RL is creating four breakout rooms in the downstairs area. The vendor space will be in the same ballroom. We have had to turn vendors away from our conference the last few years, because the space is maxed out. The Skyline ballroom for meals has not changed and is beyond maxed out for our registrants. We have a contract with the Red Lion through 2020 Conference. Tikker will ask RL again about our contract through 2020. The Grand's proposal was denied because they couldn't meet our needs and have outpriced our ability to host the conference there. Our room block was so small for the venue, that they couldn't guarantee our dates without piggy-backing with another conference, parking was non-negotiable daily and they would only give us a one-year at a time commitment. The Three Rivers Convention Center (TRCC) in Kennewick is a larger venue that can accommodate our vendors, meals and breakouts much better than the Red Lion. The proposal on the table is a better value than what we have in Spokane, and they will guarantee our dates for 2021, 2022, and 2023. The cost for Three Rivers is substantially less than at the Red Lion. Consensus was that TRCC will be a great educational setting for our conference.

What the real question is how quickly can we make the move, and get out of our contract (and will there be a cost) of leaving Spokane? We turn vendors away, can't seat our conference registrants (membership) for meals or in breakout sessions. TRCC can host in 2019 and 2020 if we can be released from our current RL contract.

In the Tri-Cities, the Spring Hill Inn & Suites and the Hilton Garden Inn (walking distance) are owned and operated by the same group. The Spring Hill has 100 rooms and the Hilton Garden has 135. At our peak, we typically have at least 155 rooms at the conference. The proposed rate is \$144 per night at the hotels, compared to \$127 at Red Lion. There is no parking fee in the Tri Cities.

**Motion by Nordi/Applegate to move the WSSAAA conference to the Three Rivers Convention Center for 2021 through 2023, and the possibility of 2019 and 2020 conference pending the contract negotiation with the Hotel Red Lion (Centennial). Motion Passed.** Tikker will begin negotiations with the Red Lion on getting out of the contract.

### **Middle Schools**

All the Middle School reps are new this year. We have budgeted money to once again offer a Middle School Fall Conference, but the plan will be to offer that every other year, so most likely the fall of 2019.

### **NIAAA – Section 8 Report**

Nordi reported that our State has dominated the Citation Award winners the last few years. Malich is to be commended for getting our nominations in order. The National Conference will be in San Antonio this December.

Washington will host the Section 8 meeting and it's proposed to be June 21-23, 2019 in Spokane. The plan is to hold a Summer Institute in conjunction with the WSSAAA Executive Board's meeting, where we offer LTI courses and the Section meeting. Nordi informed the board that there are NIAAA grants available to the Section from the National Endowment to offer educational opportunities. By offering professional growth, the hope is to get better attendance from the other states, than just holding a 4-hour Section meeting. That would put the planning and teaching burden upon our group. Section 8 includes Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Kanyer will survey the WSSAAA membership on their interest in attending a Summer Institute. Titus can offer LTI 790 to our Board at our January meeting.

### **WSSAAA Board Assignments**

Tikker will put together a committee assignment directory.

Discussion about Mr. Colbrese's farewell tour and doing something for him at the State Conference. Consensus was to form a committee to come up with a meaningful gift, such as a blanket representative of the 9 WIAA Districts. Johnson and Malich will spearhead this effort.

### **2019 WSSAAA Conference**

Titus e-mailed a draft of the 2019 Conference schedule, with a title of Give and Grow; Achievement, Character & Excellence (ACE). The initial planning will hinge on our negotiations and location of the conference because there is an idea to of honoring our people at the beginning of the Conference (like ADoY/HOF) on Sunday night, start the conference on Saturday night with the social and have a retirement social.

### **Vendor Report**

No report, once again, conference location will determine how things proceed.

### **LTI Coordinator**

LTI 700 and 701 are undergoing a re-write. On-line learning has now made the CAA much more accessible. Discussions during face-to-face instruction is lost on-line. Trying to find a balance of when to offer classes and if cost is a factor (\$125 on-line vs. \$100 or maybe \$80 in person). Districts can request LTI classes from Titus.

### **Awards**

Malich sent electronic communication to board regarding our awards. Commendation, Service and AD of the Year will hopefully all be an on-line application. Everything needs to be submitted to WSSAAA by the end of January, so leagues need to submit names in November or December, so that Districts can pick their nominee at their January meetings.

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

Most current issue just came out last week. Article assignments for the year were sent by Keller to the board. Publication committee is comprised of AD's not on the board to get more people involved in selecting articles and editing. Suggestion to add "Best Practices/Ideas that work" column. Another idea is an AD spotlight feature in each magazine.

### **Educational Aspects**

Bridge shared articles on Emergency Action Plans, Procedures for Reporting Athletic Related Injuries and a new FDA Approved Blood Test to Detect Concussions. Clear Risk would like feedback on their Fall Workshop presentations.

## **Webpage**

No report

## **Membership**

Membership is close to 300 paid already and another 100 pending PO's. October 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for insurance lapsing for the member. Discussion about outreach to the Universities that offer Athletic Administration programs.

## **District Reports**

**District 1** many new AD's. District developed RPI for their football post-season and new model to schedule football for competitive balance.

**District 2** KingCo 4A partnership with WestCo bi-District tournaments. Discussion about Classification amendment. District 2 in favor of reduction with Free & Reduced, but not in favor of the add-on for lower percentages of F & R

**District 3** Classification amendment suggestion was to look at incremental 1% vs. the pat 10% reduction/add on. Mt. Tahoma stadium is now George Nordi stadium. District 3 and 4 bi-District agreements in place.

**District 4** Working on agreements with West Central

**District 5** more questions have arisen from WIAA Governance proposals

**District 6** preliminary discussions about the Classification amendment, Football Seeding Committee and Regional Wrestling Alignments

**District 7** discussion on classification proposal on reducing B's to 1B only

**District 8** no report

**District 9** down to 7 schools, with Classification and RPI

## **New Business**

Titus brought up the idea of service that the Board provides. The Board is active in working the conference and additional duties as a servant leader. Board members on the NIAAA board have their registration waived for the National Conference, and Titus mentioned we should review that token of appreciation for our work at the State level.

**Beazizo /Frucci moved to waive the registration fee for WSSAAA Board members for the State AD conference. Motion passed.**

## **Adjournment**

**Motion by Lindgren/Round to adjourn. Approved.**

**Next meeting November 18, 2018 at WIAA Office, Renton**