

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Sleepy Ridge
Wednesday, January 12, 2022
9:00 am

Members Present: Greg Wilkey, David Dunn, Jason Smith, Tom Sherwood, Bill Sivert, Doug Webb, Ryan Bishop, Mike Monson, Steve Gordon, Kade Morrell, Jim Langford, Nate Marshall, Jade Shepherd, Craig Morris, Ty Kennedy, Brady Fails, Jim Wood, Clayton Carter, Darin Jenkins, Kayce May-Riches, Craig Hammer, Marc Hunter, Rob Cuff, Brenan Jackson, and Jon Oglesby. Excused: Todd Quarnberg, Darrell Jensen, Rusty Taylor, Jackie Thompson, Jodi Parker, Jeff Cluff and Jan Whittaker. Minutes: Jeanne Widerburg.

1. **Welcome and Chair Business:** Chair Hammer welcomed everyone to the meeting. He excused Jackie Thompson, Jodi Parker, Rusty Taylor, Todd Quarnberg and Darrell Jensen. He also excused staff members Jan Whittaker and Jeff Cluff. He welcomed Mike Mees for Mr. Taylor and Dave Barrett for Darrell Jensen.

A. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Shepherd said their staff held a professional development meeting that featured Kevin Brown. Mr. Brown asked the attendees the question, “Can you look in the mirror and see the faces of those that have helped to make you better and what you have become?” Mr. Brown then asked, “Would others see your face if they looked in the mirror and reflected on those that have helped them?” Mr. Shepherd said when he reflects on his early years, he pictures administrators and coaches that helped him. He reminded members of the opportunity they have to affect young people and help mentor coaches to help them become great mentors for the youth. He then offered a prayer.

B. Pledge of Allegiance/Patriotic Thought: Mr. Jenkins said his thoughts in the past weeks have turned to unity. He is concerned how divided the country and people are. He said that their school played Mount Vernon which is a school of international students. He was impressed how their students stood and respected the flag as the national anthem was played. He asked members to help create unity in students and community. He then led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

C. Minutes of Previous Meeting – November 10, 2021 (summary on UHSAA website):

MOTION: Mr. Jenkins made the motion to approve the minutes of November 10, 2021. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Academic All-State Deadlines, UHSAA Moratoriums, etc.: Mr. Hammer asked members to refer to Ready Reference Calendar and UHSAA Website. The most updated UHSAA Handbook is also located on the website.

E. Winter Sports Assignment Sheets: Ms. Whittaker will be contacting members for assignments.

F. Distinguished Service Luncheon (p. 91): Mr. Cuff said one recipient, Ryan Unsworth, had been asked to be excused. Mr. Cuff reviewed the format of the luncheon and recipient introductions.

2. **BOT Meeting Report:** Meeting reported by Mr. Gordon.

A. November 18, 2021 (Summary on UHSAA Website):

- USBA Report
- Endowment Game Report
- Catastrophic Insurance was approved for 2021-2022
- Staff reported on Fall Activities
- Calendar
- Spirit of Sport Award and Heart of the Arts Applications
- Boys' Volleyball
- Two New School Applications
- RMC – Coaches Certification
- Monticello and Rich HS – approved for independent status for football
- American Leadership, Judge Memorial, Layton Christian and Real Salt Lake were approved for boundary changes
- First consideration of the shot clock was discussed
- BOT position terms
- Legal Report
- First consideration of NIL
- Distinguished Service Awards

3. **Fall Activities Report:** Mr. Cuff provided the fall results on pages 92-93.

4. **Calendar:**

A. 2021-2022 (pp. 94-97 and UHSAA website): Updates and changes are on the website.

B. 2022-2023 Tentative Calendar: The calendar should be released soon.

(1) Fall Golf (Boys'):

2A	Mountain View	September 28, 29
3A	Cove View	October 5, 6
4A	TBD	October 5,6
5A	Oquirrh Hills	October 3, 4
6A	Talons Cove	October 3,4

MOTION: Mr. Bishop made the motion to approve the boys' golf sites. Mr. Monson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(2) Softball: Discussion on softball sites.

2A/3A	Spanish Fork
4A	St. George Area

MOTION: Mr. Langford made the motion to approve softball locations. Mr. Fails seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(3) Volleyball:

- a. 1A, 2A: It was discussed classifications would always request weekend and rotate sites with 3A/4A from SVC to UVU. 1A/2A for 2022-23 would be at SVC.
- b. 3A, 4A: The classification wants to be at UVU and rotate weekend and weekday (Wed, Thurs).

MOTION: Mr. Wood made the motion that 1A/2A will always be on the weekend and rotate sites between SVC (2022) and UVU. 3A/4A will always be at UVU and they will rotate weekend and weekdays (Fri, Sat 2022). Mr. Langford seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. **UIAAA:** Mr Hunter said the UIAAA Conference will be held April 6-9, 2022. LTI classes will be taught on Wednesday night and Thursday morning. The NIAAA Conference was held in Denver in December. Salt Lake will be in the bidding process for 2026.

SB67 is being considered at the legislature. The bill would provide an additional stipend from the state legislature for Certified Athletic Administrators. They are hoping the additional money for certified AD's will help to retain AD's. A CAA would receive \$2500 and a CMAA would receive \$5000. Mr. Hunter stated the AD's are really feeling the crunch with additional responsibilities.

6. **Staff Items:**

A. Sportsmanship Items: Mr. Oglesby said Ms. Whittaker sends a big thank you to all regions and classifications that hosted a student leadership conference. The staff has been at some of the region/classification's student leadership conferences and they felt they were positive experiences for the students. Ms. Whittaker is encouraged about the future of these conferences.

(1) Gold Star Coach Award: Once the Gold Star Coaches are announced, a certificate will be sent to the school and Ms. Whittaker encourages schools to place emphasis on the award and properly recognize these coaches.

B. ESports: Mr. Oglesby stated that Mr. Sherwood would give an update on Esports. Mr. Sherwood said ESports is a rapidly growing enterprise. He said their championships have more viewership than the Super Bowl. He reported there have been some competing entities overseeing Esports and neither are functioning well. PlayVS is a nationwide company that regulates ESports and have licensing for the most lucrative and popular games. PlayVS has stated they will no longer let Utah schools play under their umbrella unless there is a sponsoring organization. He feels this is a compelling reason for sanctioning ESports as an activity. He feels there is an urgency because of the potential loss of partnership with PlayVS for schools. He pointed out that Esports reaches students who are not involved in other activities and their friends come to watch. It is offered in 120 schools in the State. He is lobbying to recommend this to the BOT and have it sanctioned for fall 2022. Discussion continued. Mr. Hammer felt there needed to be more answers to the questions brought up before a recommendation is made to the BOT.

C. Basketball Shot Clock (pp. 98-100): Mr. Oglesby said members were asked at the last meeting to go back to regions and discuss the shot clock. Superintendents have discussed the need to finance shot clocks for the smaller schools. Initially, the information was that 2A-6A were in favor of adding the shot clock. Clint Barney, 1A coach, has led out stating there is an interest in 1A for the shot clock. The members will make a final recommendation today to

the BOT and then the BOT will make the final decision for levels and classification. Mr. Oglesby said the current discussion is the shot clock minimally needs to be in the main gym.

Mr. Wood reported that the 2A and 3A schools have said they will not play 1A schools that do not have a shot clock. That would upset their preseason schedules. He said that 1A schools don't have a choice and some feel they are being held hostage. The district will pay the cost for the shot clock, but the 1A classification feels they will have to use 3 officials with the shot clock and that will increase mileage costs. Mr. Cuff pointed out they wouldn't necessarily need a third official for sub-varsity. Ms. Riches said it is not just the cost, but having the personnel to run the games.

MOTION: Mr. Smith made the motion to recommend to the BOT to add the shot clock for varsity and sub-varsity would be optional based on the host school and region for 2022-23. Mr. Langford seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was noted the shot clock will not be final until the BOT approves.

D. Basketball Items: Mr. Oglesby stated that the 5A/6A basketball tournament will be at the University of Utah through Thursday, March 3, with the finals being held at BYU on Saturday, March 5. More information will be coming.

Mr. Oglesby said there are some basketball programs that are having games postponed because of Covid-19. He is not sure if they will have a window to make up the games. For some teams, they might fall short of the minimum game requirement to qualify for the state basketball tournament. The staff would recommend that the requirement be waived for this year because of the issues. The games not played are a no contest in the RPI. Mr. Smith said their region had a policy last year and it was never used. Mr. Wood said the minimum requirement was put into place because schools were not scheduling enough games. This situation is entirely different with Covid.

MOTION: Mr. Wood made the motion to waive the minimum basketball games to qualify for state tournaments. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(1) 2022-2023 Sites: Mr. Oglesby will be pursuing securing the sites.

- 1A SVC
- 2A SUU
- 3A SLCC
- 4A Utah State (preliminary discussions)
- 5A/6A Weber State

Mr. Oglesby reported there are 9th grade junior high school teams playing 9th grade high school teams. This should not happen because the games are not sanctioned. If this has happened, they should be reported to the region.

E. Lacrosse Items: Mr. Oglesby reported they had a positive meeting with Westminster College regarding hosting lacrosse semifinals for 5A and 6A. Westminster is very excited to host and they have a great lacrosse facility. 4A will likely play at a high school in Davis or Weber County. Finals will be at Zions' Bank Stadium.

MOTION: Mr. Morris made the motion to approve the lacrosse sites as presented. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

F. Track and Field Items: Mr. Oglesby said the qualifying marks are posted on the website and the state meet schedule will be soon. All finals will be on Saturday at BYU.

G. Tennis Items: Mr. Oglesby said a proposal was sent to members prior to the meeting. It outlines the structure for 3A-6A Tennis. The proposal accomplishes what the EC has been looking to do to use the RPI for seeding. MaxPreps will be the data entry source and AD's are familiar with MaxPreps. There will be training for coaches. The state tournament will start with a full roster of athletes. 5A/6A will have a first round at a high school site and then seed 16 to the state tournament. The staff would recommend that 3A seed the top 16 seed to eliminate stacking. It is not perfect, but is viable. Mr. Dunn is concerned students in his region will lose a fair opportunity taking away region. Mr. Oglesby feels it will be a better experience using a RPI because it will be based on the individual matches. It will create more competitive matchups.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood made the motion to approve the proposed tennis format for spring tennis in 2022. Mr. Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Oglesby stated the first-round site will be determined by the classification.

H. Speech/Debate Items: Mr. Oglesby said the sites are on the calendar. He really appreciates the speech advisory committee. The committee is not planning for virtual state debate.

I. Title IX Celebration (pp. 101-102): Mr. Oglesby reported that the UHSAA is celebrating Title IX 50th anniversary along with the NFHS. The UHSAA website is highlighting a Title IX pioneer in the state of Utah weekly. Participants in high school sports benefiting from Title IX will be asked to stand and be recognized at the state tournament.

J. Credentials/Coaches Certification: Mr. Oglesby felt schools should be commended on the work being done to certify coaches. He recognized the extra work it takes for credentials and certification, but the number of certified coaches has improved immensely. The submission process continues to be refined. The spring credential form will include a process for late hires which requires a principal and AD's to verify. A discussion was held on the spring credential cut off date. The first cut off date is March 7.

MOTION: Mr. Morris made the motion to accept March 7 as the spring credential cut off date. Mr. Fails seconded the motion. Motion carried.

K. Spring Schedules (due February 1): Please send schedules by February 1.

L. 5A Golf Qualifications: Mr. Oglesby asked for 5A feedback. Mr. Sherwood said three teams from each region and best stroke play average for the 16th spot. Top ten would still go. It was decided the region champ from each five regions and then next 11 best at-large teams would qualify for state.

M. Swimming/Basketball: Discussion on covid testing and vaccination requirements at BYU. BYU requirements will be sent closer to the tournaments.

7. UHSAA Current Items:

A. Wrestling Items: The assessors went to each school for weight management. This saved mileage for the schools, but the assessors are paid for their time and mileage.

(1) Divisional Hosting Schools: Please contact Michelle Call to set up the divisionals. She sets the format with Track Wrestling for divisionals. The tournament directors would then use Track Wrestling to run the divisional. This was voted on a few years back to provide consistency across the state. A fee will be sent to hosting schools from Michelle Call. He thanked the schools that were hosting the divisionals. He hopes that other schools will step up and take a turn in future years. Divisionals allow the best wrestlers to qualify for state.

Divisional Hosts:

- 1A Bryce Valley and Milford HS
- 2A Kanab and North Sevier HS
- 3A Juab hosting boys and girls at SVC
- 4A Ridgeline and Mountain Crest HS (boys and girls)
- 5A Alta and Uintah HS hosting boys, Brighton hosting girls
- 6A Corner Canyon and Westlake HS are hosting boys and girls

(2) Sub-varsity: Mr. Jackson discussed Interps and Guidelines 1.9.2: Sub-Varsity Level Application. Currently, wrestlers are treated differently than other sports when they transfer and are deemed sub-varsity level. For cross country, golf, swimming, tennis and track-and-field if a student is deemed sub-varsity level they may compete in a combined varsity/sub-varsity competition, but not allowed to score. A student who has been deemed sub-varsity level MUST compete at the sub-varsity level where there are separate varsity and sub-varsity competitions. A student who has been deemed sub-varsity level shall NOT compete in any region or state competition in any UHSAA sanctioned sports. Mr. Jackson said it is especially difficult for girl wrestlers because many teams do not have sub-varsity teams. He would recommend that transfer, sub-varsity wrestlers are treated the same as all other sports listed.

MOTION: Mr. Fails made the motion to add wrestling to the list of sports under Interps & Guidelines 1.9.2: SUB-VARSITY LEVEL APPLICATION Item B. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Football (Spring): Mr. Jackson introduced Jody Morgan who is the Utah Football Coaches' Association president. They discussed some recommendations from the group regarding spring football training. Currently, teams are not allowed to do 7 on 7 competitive passing tournaments. Mr. Jackson said he would recommend that schools be allowed to add 7 on 7 competitive tournaments during spring workouts. Points of discussion:

- High School spring sports would take priority if there was an issue
- Schools would monitor and set parameters on number of competitions per month
- Certified coaches taking players to the competition instead of parents/clubs
- Consistency across the state for monitoring and enforcement

Coach Morgan stated that football is the only sport that this rule takes place for no competitive tournaments. Because of the rule, others are taking advantage and holding competitive tournaments and using it as a platform to bring students to their school. 7 on 7 would allow coaches to work with their own kids in the spring. If a student is participating in spring sports,

that will take priority. Mr. Smith is concerned allowing schools to determine the number of competitions. He thinks if this is to be approved, the EC needs to set the restrictions. Mr. Sherwood is concerned if this will take away the opportunity for a two-sport athlete.

Members discussed 7 on 7 pros and cons. Mr. Jackson proposed allowing two 7 on 7 per month for March, April and May. He thinks it will give some consistency and a standard to follow for enforcement. Mr. Morrell said he would prefer a certified coach coaching the athletes. Mr. Bishop feels if they are given six competitions it is giving them another season and they will play the six times. Other sports are not given a contest limitation in their off season. He thinks football should be treated the same. Mr. Hammer suggested that members take the discussion back to their regions and report at the next meeting.

C. 8-Player League: Mr. Jackson said a survey was sent to the 1A and 2A schools. Thirty-three schools of fifty schools responded. The survey questions were:

- Are you in favor of adding 8-player football? 90% Yes, 9.1% No
- Would your school participate in 8-player football?
15.2% Yes, 48.5% No, 36.4% (Depends on the season)
- What season would you prefer to play? 81.8% Fall, 18.3% Spring

Mr. Jackson would like to pursue the process of implementing 8-player football. He feels it is time. He would like to work with 1A and 2A schools and create a viable league. He said that some of the charter schools have shown interest. Eight player football will be discussed further in March.

D. Sports Medicine Advisory Report: Mr. Jackson said they are doing research regarding chiropractors not being eligible to sign the preparticipation physical. The Chiropractic Association has reached out requesting a discussion. Thirty-two states do not allow chiropractors to sign physicals.

E. Music Advisory Committee: Mr. Jackson reported the Committee held a quick meeting, but the Committee is being restructured because of some members retiring. The North Music Solo and Ensemble will be held at Woods Cross HS and South will be held at Provo HS.

F. UHSAA Moratoriums (Summer: June 29 – July 5, 2022): Mr. Jackson reminded members that the summer moratorium can only be adjusted for the entire school.

8. Realignment 2023-2025: Mr. Cuff reported on the meetings of the advisory realignment committee. He thanked Mr. Cluff for heading up the committee and members that were on the committee. Page 105 in the meeting materials indicates the timetable for the realignment. A first consideration needs to be presented to the BOT in January on format and procedures. The advisory committee discussed, looked at trends, bubble schools, research, child nutrition survey, etc. In the end, the committee proposed two item changes from the last alignment format and procedures. The percentage of bubble schools was increased to allow more flexibility for the BOT in determining school placement. Proposals included Item #6 (Page 106) to change the 2019 Child Nutrition Program Survey to 2020. Percentage was left at 50% for free and reduced lunch. Also, Item #3 under Final Procedures: Once schools are initially aligned into classifications, any school with a classification enrollment plus or minus 10% (up from 7%).

The second consideration for format and procedures could take place in the May meeting of the BOT. Second consideration could be pushed to the August meeting, but the format and procedures must be approved prior to the release of the October 1 counts. The discussion needs to continue regarding the bubble schools. What are the factors to breaking the tie for bubble

schools? Do the factors include RPI/success factor, participation numbers, or geographic tie breakers? Mr. Monson felt more criteria will make the decision easier for tie breakers. The staff will be working on ideas for the tie breakers. If members have any ideas for tie breakers, please forward to the staff.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood made the motion to recommend the proposed changes to the format and procedures to the BOT for their first consideration. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. **NIL (Name, Image, Likeness):** Mr. Cuff reported that Mr. Van Wagoner was unable to attend due to a conflict. Mr. Van Wagoner was charged to create a policy for NIL. He added two additional items to the current amateur rule.

6. Wearing a school team uniform or any identifying school insignia while appearing in any advertisement, promotional activity or endorsement for any commercial product or service.

7. Lending his/her name and team affiliation for purposes of commercial endorsement. Any appearances by students for nonprofit organizations must be approved by the Board of Trustees concerned. This provision is not intended to restrict the right of any student to participate in a commercial endorsement provided there is no school team or school affiliation.

MOTION: Mr. Wood made the motion to recommend the above change to the Amateur Rule to the BOT. This change was developed to address the NIL policy for the Association. Mr. Fails seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. **Reports:** Dr. Thompson was excused so no Diversity and Inclusion Report was given. None of the athletics classification committees had anything to report.

11. **For the Good of the Order:**

A. BOT Election Results: Mr. Cuff reported that Belinda Johnson, Murray School District, and Dave Lund, Millard School District, were both reelected to continue as school board representatives on the BOT.

B. UHSAA Super Fans/UHSAA Circle of Fame: Mr. Cuff reported the names approved from the selection committee for Super Fans and Circle of Fame. Individuals will be honored at a state basketball game.

Super Fans:

- 6A The Williams Family (Riverton)
- 5A Kevin Egan (Jordan)
- 4A Emery "Slim" and Sue Jones (Crimson Cliffs)
- 3A Linda Wingfield (Grantsville)
- 2A Kathleen Schoemig (South Sevier)
- 1A Chad Reed (Manilla)

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood made the motion to approve the Super Fan nominations. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Circle of Fame:

Craig Hammer – Served on EC and/or BOT for 20 plus years

Bart Thompson – Wrestling Coach at Viewmont with four state championships, UHSAA Assistant Director for eight years, Nevada Executive Director for six years. He has retired and returned back to Utah.

Cindy Stuart – Volleyball Coach at Rich HS with 15 state championships.

MOTION: Mr. Jenkins made the motion to approve the Circle of Fame nominations. Mr. Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C: Spirit of Sport and Heart of the Arts Awards: Mr. Cuff said he has not received any nominations and asked members to please consider individuals at their schools who could be recognized. The UHSAA wants to have a state winner that can be considered as a Section winner.

D. Students Play Sports to Have Fun (p. 108)

E. Participation in Girls Wrestling Explodes (pp. 109-111): Mr. Jackson reported there were 989 girls at wrestling weight management this year. Numbers have almost doubled.

Next Meeting: Please note change: Tuesday, March 22 at the UHSAA Office at 9:00 am. The BOT meeting is scheduled for March 24.

Mr. Doug Webb was congratulated on his Principal of the Year Award from USSA. Mr. Sherwood said he is an exceptional individual and is very deserving of the award.