

**KHSAA Board of Control**  
September 18, 2013 at 1:30 PM  
KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, Lexington

Present Board Members: John Barnes, Bill Beasley, Carrell Boyd, Donna Bumps, Ron Dawn, Alan Donhoff, Gwen Gibbs, Scott Hawkins, Jerry Keepers, Kim Parker-Brown, Lea Prewitt, Steve Riley, Jeff Saylor, Stan Steidel, Henry Webb, David Weedman. Absent Board Members: Art Davis, Dana Guyer.

KHSAA Staff: Julian Tackett, Joe Angolia, Michael Barren, Darren Bilberry, Rob Catron, Chad Collins, Butch Cope, Angela Passafiume, and Marilyn Mitchell. Guest Present: David Couch KDE.

Attachments can be found at the following link:

<http://portal.ksba.org/public/Meeting.aspx?PublicAgencyID=4374&PublicMeetingID=9904&AgencyTypeID=1>

**Convene Full Board of Control**

Call to Order - President Bill Beasley convened the September meeting with a brief overview of the day and recessed the Board for the purpose of conducting committee meetings.

**Reconvene Full Board of Control**

President Beasley reconvened the Board at 2:30 PM.

**Action Items (Action must be approved/adopted with motion)**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Jerry Keepers led the Board in the Pledge.

**Reflection:** Lea Prewitt delivered the reflection on Title IX and what it meant to her and her opportunities and the importance of the KHSAA Title IX project to helping the efforts continue.

**Closed Session to Review Legal Matters per KRS 61.810 (\*\*)**

**Motion Passed:** Consider approval of going into closed session per KRS 61.810 subsection (c) passed with a motion by Stan Steidel and a second by Jeff Saylor. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

**Motion Passed:** Consider approval of coming out of closed session per KRS 61.810 subsection (c) passed with a motion by passed Jerry Keepers and a second by Alan Donhoff. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

**Review Consent Agenda and Consider items for Removal**

No item was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

### **Consent Agenda (single consent vote to accept all)**

1. Approve Minutes of the July, 2013 Regular Meeting
2. Transfers, July 1, 2013 to August 31, 2013 (W)
3. Appeals Detailed Report, July 1, 2013 to August 31, 2013
4. Other Eligibility Rulings including fines and Penalties, July 1, 2013 to August 31, 2013

**Motion Passed:** Approve the consent agenda passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by Jerry Keepers. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Report from the Emerging Sports and Sport Activities Committee**

##### **Consider Results of Triennial Survey**

There was extensive discussion concerning the results of the Board of Control required triennial survey by the member schools and the effect of additional sports and sports activities pros and cons. It was discussed that smaller schools and school districts would have a harder time fielding additional teams and sports than more populated areas.

The survey indicated field hockey had reached the level of participation that should be considered for KHSAA championship, with rifle and dance close behind in numbers. While there is considerable interest in lacrosse, there are drawbacks including the discrepancy of equipment and field configurations between boys and girls.

**Motion Passed:** Direct staff to have discussions with current organizing groups to bring Field Hockey in as a KHSAA sanctioned sport and rifle marksmanship as a sport activity in 2014-2015. Continue review of alternative possibilities for championships in both boys and girls Lacrosse, Dance and Ultimate Frisbee including gathering of data from other states passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by Steve Riley passed with a motion by Alan Donhoff and a second by David Weedman. John Barnes No, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs No, Scott Hawkins No, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeff Saylor No, Stan Steidel No, Henry Webb No, David Weedman Yes.

##### **Reports of Business (single motion to approve reports)**

Various reports will be submitted and expounded on by staff. After all have been presented, a single motion can be made to approve the reports.

1. Approve Bills, July 1, 2013 to August 31, 2013
2. Board Income Statement, July 1, 2013 to August 31, 2013
3. Board General Ledger Report, July 1, 2013 to August 31, 2013
4. Basketball Region Tournament Officials Rotation
5. Soccer Officials Camp Reconciliation

**Motion Passed:** Following presentation, approve the items in the reports of business passed with a motion by Jerry Keepers and a second by David Weedman. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Scott

Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

### **Board Action Business and Discussion**

#### **Confirm Adoption of Title Sponsor Contract, Baseball**

The Commissioner and Staff reported to the Board, information pertaining to Forcht Bank and their option to decline renewal as title sponsor for the state baseball tournament due to the renaming of the facility owned by the Lexington Legends (Whitaker Bank Ballpark). Rawlings agreed to amend its current agreement to allow them to become title sponsor of the State Baseball Tournament. The arrangement calls for an increase in the annual Rawlings payout of \$10,000 per year, and a release of ball adoption interests for soccer and volleyball.

**Motion Passed:** Approve the title sponsorship for Rawlings Sporting Goods with State Baseball with an increase of the Rawlings contribution of \$10,000 per year and removal of Soccer and Volleyball from the existing ball contract passed with a motion by Jeff Saylor and a second by Jerry Keepers. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

#### **Confirmation of Voluntary Extension, Rawlings Sporting Goods**

The Commissioner delivered additional information pertaining to Rawlings as they would like to exercise the optional extension of the ball contract for football, baseball, basketball and softball contained in the previously signed agreement. Rawlings has a one-time opportunity that was to add an additional five years to its sponsorship in those sports without further Board action. This extension is solely at the discretion of Rawlings per the contract. Staff would like to include procedures to evaluate any issues that may arise in reported equipment difficulties or failure.

**Motion Passed:** Approve, in concept, the Rawlings extension and empower the Commissioner to sign necessary documents following final financial agreement and development of a reporting mechanism for issues with the equipment passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by Scott Hawkins. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

#### **Confirmation of Extension, Baseball Hosting Agreement with Lexington Legends**

The Commissioner and Staff reported on the current agreement with the Lexington Legends and quality of the relationship which expires after the 2014 tournament. Staff requested the Board approve the four year extension through 2018 with an option to extend another four years following the 2017 tournament. The Legends staff, park location and size of facility provide the atmosphere and situation that best suits the needs of the tournament.

**Motion Passed:** Approve the extension with the Lexington Legends for four years through 2018, with an option to extend another four years after the 2017 event passed with a motion by Alan Donhoff and a second by Stan Steidel. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

### **Confirmation of Title Sponsorship Agreement, Boys Basketball**

Commissioner Tackett and Associate Commissioner Cope reported on the tentative agreement being negotiated by KHSAA marketing partner iHigh.Inc for the Boys Sweet 16® tournament. The net amount the sponsorship would bring to the KHSAA approximately is \$50,000, slightly less than the previous agreement with PNC Bank with considerably less expense due to extensive presence in the arena. The agreement includes an allocation of \$6,000 dedicated to student scholarships. Commissioner Tackett relayed that in the event the iHigh contract is not renewed, as there is with all sponsorships signed by iHigh.Inc, there is a payment requirement for the life of the newly signed contract

**Motion Passed:** Accept the sponsorship proposal for the new title sponsor for boys basketball and empower the Commissioner to finalize negotiations and sign the appropriate documents passed with a motion by Stan Steidel and a second by Kim Parker-Brown. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

### **Board of Control and Staff Discussion and Reports**

#### **Commissioner's Report on 702 KAR 7:065 Process and Adoption**

The Commissioner delivered a detailed report on the status of the adoption of 702 KAR 7:065 and its amendments. Associate Commissioner Cope will be instrumental in assisting with the Middle School Advisory Committee and preparing for implementation of the stipulated governance for the 2014-2015 school year.

#### **Discussion Regarding RedBook Changes and Interpretations (702 KAR 3:130)**

The Commissioner led the discussion of changes and interpretations of the updated RedBook. There was much debate concerning the misinformation and misunderstanding throughout the state as to the collection and distribution of athletic funds and the affect any changes make.

### **Discussion of Interpretations and Policy Revisions**

#### **Changing Policy on Commemorative Uniforms and Causes**

Commissioner Tackett informed the Board that due to the many worthy causes students want to support, schools have been edging away from contest uniform compliance and the number of special requests has soared. There is a possibility for problems to arise for game administration.

The Commissioner has met with Staff and to be compliant with NFHS rules, it was determined that for the 2013-2014 season, in sports where specific colored jerseys or equipment are required for specific teams (home or away), permission will be granted for a single game exemption during the playing season if the opponents agree to wear the required color uniforms. There can be no situation where both teams wear commemorative uniforms if one is required to wear white. For 2014-2015 and beyond, there will be no exemptions to the NFHS playing rules per the KHSAA bylaws. This will be communicated to the membership through the sports contacts in this office.

#### **Review and Discuss Penalties, Ejections (Football)**

The Commissioner requested the Board review the discrepancy in penalties for disqualifications between football and other sports. The current policy of sitting out two contests for students and three for coaches creates an unequal penalty due to the fact that football plays a 10 game schedule while volleyball allows 35, baseball and softball allow 36, basketball 30, soccer 21 and wrestling 17.

**Motion Passed:** Following the Commissioner's recommendation, reduce the suspension for a disqualification to 2 for a coach and 1 for an athlete in football passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by John Barnes. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Abstain, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes

#### **Discussion of Non-School Teams and Play against KHSAA schools (Bylaw 22)**

The Commissioner provided information that he received at the NFHS summer meeting that the majority of teams coming to this country from Australia were club teams, not school based teams. After much research from other NFHS state associations on their policies concerning these teams, it was determined competition is not allowed against KHSAA member schools as these are not school based teams and is therefore in violation of Bylaw 22. When this clarification was announced, it was discovered that several schools from Kentucky had already scheduled these club teams for contests for the 2013-2014 season and would request a waiver for this year only.

**Motion Passed:** Allow the sanction of the contests against the Australian teams for 2013-2014 only and only in the case where a written signed agreement dated on or before September 1, 2013 exists, and direct communication to all event organizers that unless there are regulatory changes at the NFHS or within the KHSAA bylaws, such games will not be permissible during future years passed with a motion by David Weedman and a second by Steve Riley. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley No, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeff Saylor No, Stan Steidel No, Henry Webb No, David Weedman Yes

#### **Review of Golf Outing Discussion**

After much discussion and review, staff determined that the golf outing, which had been operating at a loss, no longer served as a fund raiser and was no longer a viable opportunity to either thank sponsors or to announce the Hall of Fame class for the following year, be eliminated from the schedule of events.

No vote was taken.

#### **Review Bylaw 23, New Implementation, Team Play Out of Season**

Commissioner Tackett is considering changes and further restrictions concerning Bylaw 23, out of season play and the rules and interpretations. The Commissioner requested review and input from the Board for all sports involved in the Limitation of Seasons.

#### **Post game Procedures in Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Basketball, Football, Volleyball and Wrestling**

The Commissioner informed the Board that due to a series of post game incidents, the tradition of a line of handshakes and high fives that are part of sportsmanship and game protocol will be subject to changes. The following will be included as a directive to the schools and officials regarding post game per the Commissioner:

- Game management is responsible for what happens after the contest is concluded.
- Following the contests, officials are to quickly and efficiently leave the playing facility and ensure that rules mandated jurisdiction ends.
- Officials have no role at all in what goes on in postgame, including handshakes, etc.

- It is highly recommended that teams and individuals do not participate in organized post game handshake lines beyond that interaction that is required by the playing rules (i.e. the awarding of a bout winner in wrestling)
- The coaches of the teams are responsible for the individual conduct of the members of the team following the contest and shall be held accountable for such.
- If the decision is made to participate in some form of organized postgame handshake lines against this recommendation, it is the expressed responsibility of game management and the coaches of the teams to supervise the activity, to report to the KHSAA any incidents that occur, and the report to the KHSAA any disciplinary action taken as a result.

These items will be distributed to the membership through all schools, and individually distributed to the specific sports through the sports contacts. It is disappointing that this interpretation has become necessary, but enough incidents have occurred that the necessity has arrived.

There was feedback by members Keepers (pre-game handshake) and Donhoff (clarifying officials authority). No other commentary was made.

### **Discussion of Media Policies**

Communications Director Joe Angolia presented the Board with the directives the Association plans to put into place concerning media policies. The changes and updates will go into effect with the fall championships. Mr. Angolia stressed that this is the starting point and is open to suggestions. The Commissioner and Staff will report on any other changes as issues arise.

### **For the good of the Order**

#### **On Deck-2013-2014 Meetings of the Board**

- November
  - Discuss Proposal Specifications
  - Recommendations and adoption of parameters, enrollment to be used for football alignment 2015 and options to/not to allow for playing up into another class.
  - Final approval of any alignment changes in Tennis
- January
  - Discuss draft football alignment of teams for 2015-2018 seasons
  - Results of survey on season limits
- April
  - Adopt football alignment of teams for the 2015-2018 seasons
  - Election of 2014-2015 officers
- May
  - Possible consideration of State Softball Site

### **Status Report on Webcasting**

Commissioner Tackett updated the Board on the change of provider of State Championship webcasts from iHigh.com to an internal group put together by the Association.

### **Board and Staff Roundtable**

Staff provided information and invitation pertaining to the upcoming fall events, starting with State Golf.

### **Adjourn**

**Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Stan Steidel and a second by David Weedman. John Barnes Yes, Bill Beasley Yes, Carrell Boyd Yes, Donna Bumps Yes, Ron Dawn Yes, Alan Donhoff Yes, Gwen Gibbs Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Jerry Keepers Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Lea Prewitt Yes, Steve Riley Yes, Jeff Saylor Yes, Stan Steidel Yes, Henry Webb Yes, David Weedman Yes.

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Bill Beasley, President

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Julian Tackett, Commissioner

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