

SDSCA Executive Board Meeting

March 19, 2008

SDHSAA Large Conference Room, Pierre, SD

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 10:36 AM March 19th by President Skylea Wright

Members Present: Skylea Paige Wright, President; Summer Rain Afraid Of Hawk, Secretary; Skyler Eriksen, Treasurer; Maggie Aldrich, Reporter; Casey Ortbahn, Capitol Region Rep; Mallory Slama, James River Region Rep; Travis Hoon, Northern Hills Region Rep; Vanessa Dolge, Spirit Falls Region Rep; Alysa Eberhart, Upper Missouri Region Rep; Stetsen Eriksen, Middle School Rep; Ken Pickering, SDHSAA Rep; Renee Rebnord, SDSCA Executive Director.

Members absent were: Sam Carlson, Vice-president; Chad Christman, Parliamentarian/Sgt. At Arms; Jamila Hussein, Gavins Point Region Rep; Michelle Webbe, Lakes Region Rep; Luke Lynass, Rushmore Region Rep; Marcia Forrester, Principals Rep; Paul Harens, Advisors Representative.

A quorum of State Board members was present.

Meeting Agenda:

The primary goal of this meeting was to finalize all preparations for the SDSCA State Convention on March 30-April 1.

State Convention Final Preparations:

Convention music dance & extras – It was decided by consensus to pay Jeremy \$900.00 for his work during the Convention.

Decided that students and advisors should wear their costumes throughout the Monday evening activities

Decided to have Jeremy present the Sunday evening keynote speech (other speakers that were contacted including some state legislative leaders were unavailable – Jeremy has been involved with leadership, student council and the state convention throughout high school, college and with his job.

The State Board must be involved with the check in of schools during the convention registration. Discussed the introduction of the State Board during the Opening Session

“Fringing” – “Fringing” will be done this year (not done for a couple of years). The “Fringing” will start at the Sunday evening Region Meetings. Renee explained “Fringing” as a form of icebreaker where those being “fringed” can either “fringe” and hug or “fringe” and shake hands. Students can “fringe” for the remainder of Sunday evening after the Region Meetings.

Monday – Voting for the new State Board will be done electrically with a scanner. During the Monday lunch, the convention attendees will be split into two groups – while one group eats the other group will do a community service project by writing letters to the soldiers (each school should also bring a number of copies of their school newspaper to send along with the letters) – the Red Hat Society will once again mail the letters and school newspapers to the troops.

It was moved by Maggie Aldrich, seconded by Skyler Eriksen, to pay the Red Hat Society \$50.00 postage money to mail the letters and school newspapers to the troops. The motion passed.

Monday Workshop presentations: Hazing/Bullying (with video on “Hazing”); The “R” Word; Sportsmanship; and Native American Culture. Each workshop will be presented three times – each presentation will last approximately 25 minutes. Need to get the crowd involved with the workshop – ask questions, get feedback.

Monday evening movies – It was decided that the Monday evening movies will be Pirates of the Caribbean and Finding Nemo.

Monday evening games – members were reminded to bring games.

Tuesday: Region exchanges – have little swap shops, divide into groups, talk about hazing, sportsmanship, fundraising, and homecoming.

Discussed decorations for the Convention and assigned Board members to different areas of decorations.

Other Items of Business:

Convention Location – Ken Pickering discussed an inquiry received concerning a school not being able to secure rooms at the Ramkota Hotel for the Convention. Ken reported that the only other options would be to move the Convention on a rotating basis from Sioux Falls to Rapid City to Aberdeen (the only locations with enough meeting space and hotel rooms in the city. Each of the other cities have disadvantages for the schools not staying at the Convention hotel. The advisors have discussed moving the Convention in the past and have decided that Pierre is in a central location and easy for all schools to travel to. No further action was taken.

It was pointed out that Beverly Johnson, the Lyman School District Business Manager, is retiring at the end of this year. Bev Johnson has also taken care of handling all the SDSCA finances for most of the 21 years that the SDSCA has existed. By consensus it was decided to recognize Beverly Johnson on Monday evening during the Convention and to present her with a plaque recognizing her service to the SDSCA.

Petition to Change Regions: The SDSCA received a petition from Tri-Valley High School to withdraw from the Spirit Falls Region and to join the Lakes Region. Travis Hoon moved that the SDSCA State Executive Board approve of region change for Tri-Valley High School. Casey Ortbahn, seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held with the following voting Yes: Travis Hoon, Summer Rain Afraid of Hawk, Alyssa Eberhart, Casey Ortbahn, Skyler Eriksen, and Stetsen Eriksen. Voting No were: Mallory Slama, Vanessa Dolge, and Maggie Aldrich. Abstaining were: Ken Pickering, Renee Rebnord, and Skylea Wright. The motion passed 6 to 3 with 3 abstentions. Tri-Valley will join the Lakes Region with the Sunday evening State Convention Region Meetings.

Region Officers Code of Conduct: Earlier in the year the State Board had received a request to require Region Board officers to sign a code of conduct similar to that signed by the State Board. The issue was deferred to the January meeting. The January meeting was not held due to weather conditions and could not be re-scheduled. At the date of the March Meeting it was too late to propose mandating a Code of Conduct for Regional Board members as an Amendment to the SDSCA Constitution (the Constitution requires a 30 notice to the member schools before an amendment can be introduced and voted on at the State Convention). Following discussion it was decided that the Code of Conduct should be an item discussed by the Advisors during their State Convention Round Table.

Adjourning the meeting

There being no further business, Skylea Wright declared the meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM