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BASKETBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES **Wednesday, February 5, 2025, via Zoom**

MEMBERS

AA Coach	Jamie Parish, SF Washington	2027 (2)
A Coach	Jerome Nesheim, Clark	2026 (1)
B Coach	Stewart Bohle, Ipswich	2027 (2)
Athletic Director	Steve Erickson, Elkton	2027 (1)
Administrator	Donavan DeBoer, Dell Rapids	2026 (2)
Official	Jeremy Mikkelsen, Pierre	2026 (2)
Native Am. Rep.	Christian McGhee, Red Cloud	2027 (2)

1. Welcome and Introductions- Sage welcomed Steve Erickson as the new AD. SDHSAA staff members present were Dr. Dan Swartos, Randy Soma and Kristina Sage. Jeremy Mikkelsen was absent, all the other committee members were present.
2. Select Recording Secretary- the new member Steve Erickson was asked to help with the notes of the meeting.
3. Procedure for the meeting- Sage explained the meeting procedures.
4. Review Duties and Responsibilities of Committee.
5. Review minutes from last meeting. One proposal was moved forward by the committee but was not passed by the AD group.
6. Reports from Committee Members
 - a. Class B Coach Bohle
 - i. Coaches are looking for an opportunity to play a preseason game - Proposal.
 - b. A Coach Nesheim
 - i. No discussion other than Proposals.
 - c. AA Coach Parish
 - i. Coach Parish wanted to stress the importance of sportsmanship and that we all need to work together as coaches, administration, officials, etc. to look for ways to clean up the game; bench decorum as well as players on the court.
 - d. Supt. DeBoer- nothing to report
 - e. AD Erickson – a couple proposals submitted
 - f. Official Mikkelsen- Sage shared a couple items from Jeremy: 1) Officials are asking schools administrators to stress to the official scorekeepers that the official book needs to be completed and ready at the 10-minute mark; 2) asking that schools pay officials riding time. Sage shared that this is not required of schools at this time. It will be discussed at the Sports Officials Council in April.
 - g. Native American Rep. - McGhee- nothing more to add. Proposal.

h. SDHSAA rep.-Sage

- i. More discussion on the importance of sportsmanship.
- ii. The seven-quarter rule – There have been some questions on the seven-quarter rule. The intent is for schools to be able to compete at multiple levels.
- iii. Just a reminder that if a game is changed to JV only – update in Bound so that seed points are calculated correctly.

7. Proposals (in order of submission)

Proposal #1: Class AA only – Single Round Robin Regular Season Schedule (Pierre)

All Class AA schools play all other Class AA school one time during the regular season. Those 19 games would count towards post-season seeding.

Discussion: opposition – document sent to the committee from AD Schultz at Sturgis Brown with concerns with the cost, travel, and fan attendance. The SDHSAA does not dictate scheduling for basketball. Parish expressed that we have come a long way in seeding issues.

Proposal dies for lack of motion.

Proposal #2: Class AA only – Start Dates & State Tournament Dates Change (Pierre)

Flip-Flop the calendars for boys and girls basketball to allow for girls to have a break between volleyball and basketball

Discussion: Some concern with losing fans for girls basketball tournaments; would involve securing facilities for state tournaments; was discussed at volleyball advisory as well. It was determined that this is a multi-faceted problem that needs to be addressed with the calendar committee.

Proposal #3: Pre-Season Game (Hamlin)

All three classes would have the ability to play one preseason game with an opponent from any class. This would not count towards season schedule.

Discussion: We already have Jamborees in place that serve as a preseason game. There has been some frustration with not everyone getting an opportunity to participate in a Jamboree. We will work through this with Jamborees and encourage schools to communicate with SDHSAA office and Region Coordinators to get something scheduled.

Proposal #4: Basketball Restricted Area Arc Rule Addition (Mobridge-Pollock)

To adopt similar language that North Dakota is using for the use of Restricted Area Arc. This would be for all three classes.

Discussion: This would be something that would help officials. This is currently not a NFHS rule so it would be considered a deviation which then causes us to lose our seat at the table; not being able to bring proposals forward or vote on rule changes with NFHS basketball. There is also concern about the expense for schools to paint their floor. This will not be moved forward.

Proposal #5: Region Seeding Class A (West Central)

Rounds 1 and 2 would be based on Region seeding. This would eliminate strength of scheduling as part of the seeding process.

Discussion: This would be difficult for scheduling as changes would need to be made when region alignments change. No motion.

Proposal #6: Regional Playoff Format Class AA (Rapid City Central)

Four Regional Playoffs – five teams per region. Four region winners advance to the state tournament. Seed the remaining eight teams based on power points. The winner of these four games advances to the state tournament.

Discussion: Regional games allow less travel. Parish expressed that we had this in the past and changed to SoDak16 and doesn't see a reason to go back. DeBoer clarified that only Class AA AD vote on this at conference. Motion by DeBoer, second by Nesheim to move forward for the AD vote.

8. Other business for the committee:

Feedback on the SoDak16 is that some schools are losing money due to both teams fans having to travel. We have quite a few schools willing to serve as the neutral site host. No changes to the Handbook. The group agreed that we need to continue to promote sportsmanship. Suggested to give out more technical fouls instead of warnings to curb the behavior.

9. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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