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COMPETITIVE/SIDELINE CHEER MINUTES

Meeting: November 6, 2023

9:00 a.m. CT. via ZOOM

Competitive/Sideline Cheer Advisory Committee Members:

Athletic Director	Moe Ruesink, Sioux Valley	2026(1)
Principal	TBD	2024(2)
Class "A" Coach	Val Ewing, Winner	2024(2)
Class "AA" Coach	Diedra Nissen, SF Jefferson	2026(2)
Official	Krista Inman, Rapid City	2025(1)
Native American Rep.	Misty Mousseaux, Lakota Tech	2024(1)

1. Call Meeting to Order- Meeting was called to order by Jo Auch at 9 am on Tuesday, Nov. 6 via zoom. All members of the committee were present.
2. Select Recording Secretary – Val Ewing volunteered to take notes for the meeting
3. Approval of Agenda- Motion by Ruesink, second by Ewing to approve the agenda. Passed unanimously.
4. Review Duties/Responsibilities- Auch reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the group and explained the process for the upcoming meeting.
5. Review Rule Changes for 2023—24
There were no SDHSAA Rule Changes for Cheer last year.
6. Review List of Deviations in Competitive/Sideline Cheer
 - a. No glitter hairspray
 - b. Head judge will be designated for both cheer and dance. Judges scores from low to high shall be no more than 10 points.
7. Report on State Event – Everyone felt the event went very well for the first year at the Denny. The locker rooms were sufficient for the event. The one thing that many felt needed to be addressed was the picture taking area out in the main concourse. There was not a lot of room there for that to take place. If coming back to the Denny, we could look at having the picture taking area being back in the practice arena or one of the ballrooms which was not available for this event. Auch and Swartos also went over the financials for the event. We took in a little over \$56,000 for the event, but the Denny expenses listed at a little over \$40,000, which left the profit for the event at around \$16,300. In comparison to Watertown last year, the

event netted about \$25,000.

8. Report from Committee Members; Proposal of recommendations for submission to the Athletic Directors/Board of Directors for further consideration
 - a. A & AA Coaches Representatives- Valerie Ewing and Diedra Nissan
 - i. Great discussion on eliminating small/large division for Class A and award 6 places for overall- (see proposal #1) due to coaches potentially cutting athletes to stay as a small team, and in an event where we are trying to promote participation, seems odd that we would cut athletes to stay away from larger teams that generally do well at the event. The suggestion was to eliminate the two divisions and instead award more places at the event. Auch explained why the SDHSAA comes up with their awards process that is approved each year by our BOD. Generally, event that do not have a qualifier, receive 4 places. Right now, there are two sports that do not have a qualifier (Tennis and Comp. Cheer/Dance). Both of those groups do not have a state qualifier. The Executive Staff will take a look at this and determine what recommendation they wish to bring to the board next year, so everything will stay as it is for the upcoming year.
 - ii. Proposal on tumbling onto performing surface- (see proposal #2)- The discussion centered around teams begin able to tumble on to the mat in preparation for their routine. Colleges do this as a “fire up” to get teams ready. The committee had some concerns about the potential as to where to draw the line, how much additional time might enter in, safety concerns, etc. The question was asked, is this something that will improve the sport and is it necessary or will it end up causing more problems/delays, should an injury occurs etc. This proposal died for a lack of a motion.
 - iii. Proposal on revising tumbling portion of the rubric- (see proposal #3)- It was decided that we would send this suggestion back to the Cheer Coaches Association to put together a subcommittee to look at the rubric and see if there would be a way to incorporate a differentiation in points for BH layouts AND fulls which are the same level. The coaches association will take a look and see what is possible, knowing that NOTHING will change for next years rubric, but the committee would be put together to review the current rubric for future years. This will be sent back to Coaches Association.
 - iv. Proposal to revise the safety score sheet and change the name to deduction sheet- (see proposal #4). The committee reviewed in detail the SDHSAA Safety Scoresheet and made some amendments to the proposal. The Safety Scoresheet will now be called Safety/Deductions Score Sheet. We reviewed the UCA safety scoresheet and on that sheet there was not a deduction that was higher than 3 points. The committee felt that the suggestions were valid and made some adjustments to the score sheet. (See attached proposal #4) **Motion by Ewing, second by Mousseaux to pass proposal # 4 with the suggested amendments. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - v. Nissan was excused from the meeting.
 - b. Principal Representatives- Jason Uttermark- Nothing to add.
 - c. Athletic Directors Representatives- Moe Ruesink had nothing to add other than what had already been discussed.
 - d. Official Representatives- Krista Inman – judges would like to see a change as to not having anyone assign judges for the ESD any longer.
 - e. Native American Rep.- Misty Mousseaux- gave a report on the LNI trying to have a sanctioned event without having to follow the SDHSAA rules. The SDHSAA cannot have cheer teams participating in this event per SDHSAA out of season rules at this time.
 - f. SDHSAA Rep. - Jo Auch- discussed a concern about trying to have common language for sideline cheerleaders at basketball and football state events. Basketball is allowed 8 passes and a mascot

and football is allowed 8 passes (no mascot). This simply was an oversight and a motion was made by Ewing, seconded by Inman to **allow football cheerleaders to have passes for 8 cheerleaders plus a mascot at football events. Motion passed unanimously.**

9. Review recommendations; additional opportunity for proposals following group discussion.
 - a. PROPOSAL: **Pass proposal # 4 with the suggested amendments. See attached. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - b. **Allow football cheerleaders to have passes for 8 cheerleaders plus a mascot at football events to match what basketball does currently. Motion passed unanimously.**
10. Auch asked the committee to review the handbook sections and if anything needed to be updated to let her know. She mentioned that the Judges Manual will now be called the Judges/Coaches Manual as all information pertains to judges and coaches and all should be aware of how they are being scored and judged. Coaches and Judges should also reference the Competitive Cheer Handbook for valuable information pertaining to their sport.
11. With no other business Motion by Mousseaux and second by Inman to adjourn. Motion passed, meeting was adjourned at 11:12am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Auch
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South Dakota High School Activities Association