SOCIAL ADVISORY MINUTES

Meeting: December 3, 2019
SDHSAA Office, Pierre

Soccer Advisory Committee Members:

‘AA’ Coach Rep. Steve Cogley, Aberdeen Central
Athletic Director Joey Struwe, SF Lincoln
Superintendent Steve Willard, Belle Fourche
Official Chad Landis, Rapid City

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM with Willard present in-office, Cogley, Velgersdyk, Struwe and Landis present via teleconference. Krogstrand present as SDHSAA staff liaison. Duties and responsibilities of the committee were reviewed. Krogstrand selected as recording secretary.

The committee reviewed SDHSAA and NFHS rule changes for the 2018-9 season. All felt those changes were satisfactory and no need to further review.

Reports from committee members followed as below:

COACHES: Steve Cogley, Aberdeen Central AA Representative; discussion on scheduling and balance with both east/west schools and more ample opportunity for schools to compete across their classification; Balance of contests among teams within same division remains a concern for some; Kendal Velgersdyk, Sioux Falls Christian, A Representative; scheduling issue still a challenge, but perhaps moreso at the AA level;

ADMIN: Joey Struwe, SF Lincoln, AD Representative; Officials leaving the field post-game as opposed to shaking hands with the players, coaches, etc., following the contest to match what other sports typically do after a contest; Understanding of demonstration of sportsmanship, but also administrative concern for confrontation which can/has happened in other states/areas previously; Committee came to a consensus of ability to leave the field – sending to a parking lot/vehicle not necessarily a best option; SDHSAA will include as a mechanic mandate for the 2020 season and beyond to remove the postgame handshakes and direct officials to leave the confines
of the playing area following contests; Discussion on diving/flopping situations during a contest and what can be done, in part to control the activity, but also to discuss control/management of the game as a whole; Concern perhaps primarily about players trying to draw a foul/deceive the officials into a call where one may not have needed to be made; discussion that coaches and local control could help curtail the issue, but also a possible Point of Emphasis for future rules meetings and trainings; Steve Willard, Belle Fourche, Superintendent Representative; Change of Season Proposal; Willard was contacted by several counterparts in his region regarding the challenge of soccer existing in its current fall setting; Krogstrand noted that the SDHSAA initially made the season a fall season to ensure full schedules for teams who were both playing sanctioned and non-sanctioned versions of seasons in the first years of adoption by the association; Discussion continued extensively among all members of the committee highlighting the challenges of a potential season change versus the challenges that currently exist; **Motion by Willard, Second by Cogley to advance to the AD’s conference for consideration of changing Boys’ and Girls’ Soccer to a Spring Season sport.** Krogstrand noted that this change would be able to take place in 2021-2 at the earliest, given scheduling commitments and others. Group agrees that the motion is specific to forwarding the proposal (Appendix One) as a consideration document that the committee is open to friendly amendment on, but wanted to see a recommendation vote (at a minimum) take place. **Motion passes 4-1, Struwe dissenting.**

**OFFICIALS:**

Chad Landis, Rapid City, Officials Representative; First a note of thanks to Harrisburg HS for the hosting of the State Championship event and hospitality displayed to all; Request from officials to schools for water or quick snack between contests (JV/V) for officials, especially those that are travelling to an event; Training for officials – classroom session discussion of a requirement for officials pre-season, “Consideration for state tournament and postseason selection” phrasing to be used as opposed to a formal, absolute requirement; Recruitment/Retention of officials, need exists for several officials to come into the fold in the near future; Provision of documentation/literature to graduating seniors/high school athletes to get into the officiating realm from the SDHSAA office and coordination with local assignors; Conversion of recreation officials into officials for retention/recruitment possibility was also discussed

With there being no further business before the committee, motion by Willard, second by Cogley to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. John Krogstrand
Asst. Executive Director
SDHSAA
Soccer Proposal

In an effort to more evenly distribute athletes and opportunities across the seasons it is proposed that boys’ and girls’ soccer be moved to the spring.

Rationale: The fall calendar offers upwards of nine or more opportunities for student athletes to compete in extra-curricular activities while there are four offered in the spring. This move would also allow those with the ability to schedule schools in neighboring states that have their soccer season in the spring.

Proposed Calendar

First practice-Monday Wk 38
First contest-Friday Wk 39
Last regular season contest-Saturday Wk 46
A Quarterfinal; AA First Round-Tuesday Wk 47
A Semi-final; AA Quarterfinal-Tuesday Wk 48
AA Semi-final-Saturday Wk 48
A Finals-Friday Wk 49
AA Finals-Saturday Wk 49