

SOUTH DAKOTA

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2017-18 Volleyball Minutes SDHSAA Office Building – **November 29, 2017 @10:30 a.m.**

“AA” Coach: Shelly Buddenhagen, Huron	2020 (1)
“A” Coach: Rob Wilson, Beresford	2019 (2)
“B” Coach: Nora Groft, Northwestern	2018 (2)
Athletic Director: Leslie Rylance, Parkston	2020 (1)
Principal: Rocky Brinkman, Andes Central	2018 (1)
Official: Brett Distel, Box Elder	2018 (2)
Native Am. Rep: Peri Strain, White River	2018 (1)

1. Welcome

Auch welcomed everyone and went through introductions. Rob Wilson was not in attendance. Guests at the meeting were Ex. Director, Dan Swartos, Lane Ostenson, AD at Edgemont and Jean Benson, Chester VB Coach.

2. Expense Statements

Expense statements were completed and turned into Auch.

3. Procedure for the meeting

Auch explained the procedure to the meeting, reminding everyone that our job is to bring forward ideas to make the sport of Volleyball an enjoyable experience for all.

4. Select a Recording Secretary

Brett Distel volunteered to be the recording secretary.

5. Review Advisory Committee membership, terms, duties and responsibilities

Auch reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the group reminding everyone that the discussions and proposals that we make here will need to go through a chain of command, to AD’s conference for school vote, and then to our Board of Directors for two readings before final approval.

Auch thanked Groft and Distel for their service on the committee. Eligible for another term are Brinkman, and Strain. Brinkman indicated he will be retiring so there will be a need for a new Principal Rep. for this committee. Strain agreed to serve another term.

6. Approve minutes from last year’s meeting

Motion by Groft, second by Brinkman to approve the minutes from last year's meeting. 6-0 motion passed.

7. Auch reviewed the proposals that passed the SDHSAA Board
 - a. Use of Round of 16 for Classes B and AA
 - b. Match limits to add tier of 15 duals/4 Tournament for A and B and 16 duals/4 Tournaments for AA

8. State Volleyball Tournament report

Auch stated that she felt the tournament in Rapid City went well, was well organized by Darren Paulson and his staff. The competitiveness of the event was great which made for longer, well played matches. We got behind schedule, but believed that was because we had more evenly matched contests based on the Round of 16. We will need to look at the schedule for next year and make some adjustments to ensure that matches are not starting at 9:30 p.m.

Groft brought up the fact that they had kids staying on two different floors at the motel, which made it hard to manage. Auch will visit with the hotel to ensure that does not happen again.

Some coaches mentioned that the floor was hard to play on. Auch mentioned that Paulson had already spoken to the Rushmore Arena and they realize that some changes need to be made in the floor and equipment for the next tournament in Rapid City. They seemed open to his suggestions.

9. Advisory Committee Member reports – (including meeting from State Volleyball –expand agenda based on reports)
 - a. “B” Report - Nora Groft
 - i. Is there a way we could get observations for officials? Could coaches have input in that? Auch explained that is in the works, but will only be as good as coaches entering information. Distel stated that officials are open to getting feedback. We are looking into how would this work.
 - ii. Concern for how much money was lost in Regions. Their region took 10% of gate, SDHSAA took 50% and this was the first year their region ever lost money. Also, playing on two courts was not ideal for the event. Auch explained that each region committee decides how to distribute and pay expenses for the tournament and there are many different versions of expenses allowed from region to region.
 - iii. 4th Class of VB- Lane Ostenson brought up the idea of adding a fourth class to VB. Last year there was information that was put together by Dan Martin, from Timber Lake as to what that might look like. Handouts were distributed to the group. Many questions were raised as to what does a 4 Class system look like under one roof? Ex. Director Swartos shared ratio rates of classes from other states and we found out that South Dakota's ration based on number of teams per class was very close and he suggested that based on what he was seeing with that report that South Dakota is in better shape with three classes than some of the ratios of other states. This topic will be discussed further at the BB advisory and Auch was asked to send out a survey to see if there is an interest in pursuing a 4th class and review results and wishes of the group.
 - b. “A” Report - Rob Wilson was unable to attend, but Auch gave his report.
 - i. Coaches had a discussion at the State Coaches meeting about the inconsistency of the 2 hit call. Auch stated that we will get that information to the Region Coordinators and we will continue to discuss that call and see if we can get more consistency throughout the state.
 - ii. Discussion on changing sides at halfway point in the deciding set. The group did not have any interest in deviating from the NFHS rule. No action taken.
 - c. “AA” Report- Shelly Buddenhagen

- i. Coaches happy with the round of 16. How teams were seeded and placed was a concern that they felt needed to be addressed. Scheduling is still an issue. They would like to see more AA schools playing each other. Some AA schools play a lot of A and B schools and end up being seeded higher than those that play the AA schedule. Auch explained why some AA schools (west) needed to get a different schedule when the GDC went away. They had to go find opponents and as a result joined the Black Hills Conference, which has several A schools involved. Discussion continued to try to find a way to continue to allow schools to play Class A and Class B opponents as they see fit, but to also encourage them to try to play more AA schools eventually.
Proposal: The first five contests on your schedule against Class A and B schools will be deducted at the current 2 for Class A, and 3 point for playing a Class B opponent. After those first five contests against Class A and Class B opponents, the remaining contests against A and B opponents will be deducted at the 4 points for Class A and 5 points for Class B deductions, respectively, in order of play. Motion by Distel, 2nd by Buddenhagen. Motion passed 5-1, with Peri Strain dissenting based on not knowing how what data will look like for deductions.
- ii. Scheduling- Would love a schedule trying to get to play everyone and then have some wiggle room and hoping that AD will look at the schedule to try to make that happen.
- d. Native Am. Representative-Peri Strain
 - i. Would love to see more officials and would appreciate all help in getting more.
 - ii. Some interest in 4 classes, but no suggestions as to what that would look like.
 - iii. Consistency in calls.
 - iv. If you coop, what that looks like with moving up a class.
 - v. Continue to try to schedule jamborees in all areas.
- e. AD – Leslie Rylance
 - i. Floor at Rapid City was hard and needed some updates. Already discussed.
 - ii. Changing sides at 8 points- already discussed with no action.
 - iii. Could there be consistent pay for officials, as we do the same for FB? Auch stated that would be a great conversation to have at the AD conference to see where everyone is at with pay for officials.
 - iv. **Plaques for qualifiers: Class A and B: Add a runner up plaque for the Round of 16 matches. Game balls will be given to the two teams that qualify for the Round of 16. A runner up plaque will be given to the 2nd place team at each Round of 16 match. Motion by Leslie, Second Nora: 6-0 motion passes. Auch stated that this is something that would not go to the AD’s conference, but would be discussed at our staff meeting and with our Board of Directors.**
- f. Official - Brett Distel
 - i. Heard concerns of consistency of calling 2’s.
 - ii. Continuing to recruit but slow process.
 - iii. Evaluation process, officials are open to that.
- g. Principal- Rocky Brinkman
 - i. Heard from some principals that thought eliminating the 7th/8th place match was a good idea.
 - ii. We are asked to look at consolation rounds
 - iii. The possibility of having classes play at different site because of lateness of matches.
 - iv. Discussed that any teams (Class B) that are below the 8th seed of each region would not make playoffs in VB and BB. Committee members saw some value in this idea, but wanted to see how the BB season went to compare data, so this is a discussion item only, and were not opposed to reviewing data and seeing what might be possible. This would eliminate any team from playoffs that is not an 8 seed or higher in their region. This

would allow regions to eliminate one night of region play and make for more competitive matches in the opening round and could save regions some money. The committee will continue to evaluate data on this topic.

h. SDHSAA- Jo Auch

- i. Round of 16 sites and concerns: Concern on the Doubleheader and time frame of matches with 5 sets and the lateness of matches. The committee agreed that matches should not start earlier than 5 unless mutually agreed upon. The question was raised, should these matches be played at the higher seed? If played at the higher seed only one team is traveling and then you pay the travel expenses for the team traveling. This item should be further discussed at AD' s Conference along with how Regions are run for VB as well. VB would be interested in looking at possibly playing at the higher seed. Only one school has to travel, the site is already available, if it is not a viable host, then higher seed looks for location suitable to both.
- ii. Auch explained that the SDHSAA asked each advisory group to revisit the 10% rule. Auch explained the concerns the Board had with the 10% rule. **Proposal: Eliminate the 10 % rule. Motion by Buddenhagen, second by Strain. Motion passed 6-0.**
- iii. Auch asked for input about how to make the State Volleyball Tournament schedule better. We know that we need to adjust the schedule based on the number of matches on the final day that went 4 or 5 sets. Some items discussed were:
 1. Warm-up time: could we take the 4 minutes of shared ball handling time away since you have that auxiliary gym to warm- up in as well. Buddenhagen stated that she felt we could cut warm-up time out on the court to 5-5 and don't announce line-ups, just play after 10 minute warm-up. She stated that on that last day, teams just want to play and not warm-up so much.
 2. The committee discussed adjustments to the Saturday consolation rounds:
 - a. Discussed playing 2/3 matches for consolation rounds on final day. Auch wanted to explore other options other than playing 2/3 because the only time you play 2/3 is in tournaments where you play multiple matches in a day.
 - b. Discussion on playing the 7th/8th place matches on Friday. Start matches earlier on Friday, play the first consolation match, followed by the second consolation match, and then play the 7/8th match to end consolation session on Friday. Semi-final matches would begin at 6 p.m. as they presently do now. The unfortunate part of this is that this would eliminate 2 teams in each class, but would still allow them to play a 3/5 match.
 - c. Eliminate 7th/8th place matches- The committee did not like this idea at all.
 - d. Other suggestions: Buddenhagen offered the idea of everyone still playing on Saturday, but cutting warm-up time down, no announcement of starters, and trying to find a way to do awards differently.
 3. All Tourney Team
Auch thought another suggestion might be to announce the all-tournament team after each class championship, but instead of waiting for athletes to receive their awards, we have them pick them up at a designated spot and wait for all, then take the picture. Many athletes are up in the stands and it takes a long time for them to make their way to the court to receive award. They will still receive award and get picture taken, but it will not be courtside so we can get the next match started. Auch will take advisory's input and put together a plan for the tournament, knowing that some will like it and some will not, but everyone understands the need for the state schedule to change for Saturday. It is a matter of how to keep

the 7/8th place matches, while not letting the tournament get so far behind schedule.

- iv. Discussion took place about re-seeding or not re-seeding after the Round of 16 like Class AA did this year. Classes A and B feel that we still need to re-seed after the Round of 16 to continue to get a true picture of the team's placement into the State Tournament. Class AA will NOT re-seed after the Round of 16.
- v. The committee discussed the cut-off date and contests that are played after the cut-off date, should they be allowed and counted toward seed points after the cut-off date? The committee felt that the end of the regular season cut-off date should be applied for the calculation of seed points and there should be no change in seed points after the cut-off date for each class.

Proposal: The regular season will end on the cut-off date and matches played after the cut-off date will not count toward seed points for any post-season matches.

Motion by Brinkman, second by Groft. Motion passes 6-0.

- vi. Auch had received an email to ask the committee to consider that the 20-minute time clock would start when the officials call for the captains. Coaches brought up that the coin toss determines their starting line-up and coaches need that time PRIOR to starting their warm-up to get line-ups submitted because the coin toss (whether my team serves or receives) determines what their rotation will need to be. No changes in coin toss.
- vii. In an attempt to get all match limitations on the same page, the discussion was had to move all Classes to the same match limitations. Presently the format looks like this:

Class AA	Class A and Class B
20 duals- no tournaments	19 duals- no tournaments
19 duals – one tournament	18 duals – one tournament
18 duals – two tournaments	17 duals – two tournaments
17 duals – three tournaments	16 duals - three tournaments
16 duals – four tournaments	15 duals – four tournaments

Proposal: A motion was made by Groft, seconded by Buddenhagen, to move Class A and Class B to the same match limitations as Class AA. Motion passed 6-0.

All Classes (AA, A and B)
20 duals- no tournaments
19 duals – one tournament
18 duals – two tournaments
17 duals – three tournaments
16 duals – four tournaments

- 10. Review the NFHS questionnaire and possible changes-sent to all coaches and officials.

The NFHS Questionnaire was sent to all coaches and officials earlier this season. Auch asked if there were any issues that she needed to take to the NFHS Rules Committee on their behalf. Brinkman like the idea of players being able to stand on sidelines, but agreed it could cause some problems as well.

- 11. Propose any possible recommendations:

- a. **Proposal: AA Seed points: The first five contests on your schedule against Class A and B opponents will be deducted at the current 2-point deduction for Class A, and 3-point deduction for playing a Class B opponent. After those first five contests against any Class A or Class B opponents, the remaining contests against any Class A or B opponents will be deducted at the 4 points for Class A and 5 points for Class B respectively, in the order of contests played.**
- b. **Proposal: Eliminate the 10 % rule.**
- c. **Proposal: The regular season will end on the designated cut-off date for each class. Matches played after the cut-off date will not count toward seed points for any post-season matches.**
- d. **Move Class A and B to the same match limitations as Class AA which would be:**

All Classes (AA, A and B)
20 duals- no tournaments
19 duals – one tournament
18 duals – two tournaments
17 duals – three tournaments
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- e. **Discussion Items/Clarifications: Plaques for qualifiers: Class A and B: Add a runner up plaque for the Round of 16 matches. Game balls will be given to the two teams that qualify for the Round of 16. A runner up plaque will be given to the 2nd place team at each Round of 16 match.**

12. Review SDHSAA Handbook

Clarify out-of-state triangular information in handbook: Out-of-state tournament matches and out-of-state triangulars played to a different format will count toward seed points just as any other match throughout the season.

13. Other items to be discussed-None

14. Adjournment: Motion by Strain, second by Rylance to adjourn at 2: 55 p.m. Motion passed 6-0