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Mr. Eddie Bonine, Executive Director
Mr. Robert Sullivan, President

June 10, 2013

TO: NIAA Sport Commissioners / Official Association Presidents / NIAA Member Schools

FR: Jay Beesemyer, Assistant Director

RE: **2013 COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

The 2012-2013 NIAA Commissioners meeting was held Thursday, June 6, 2013, at the Baldini's Casino in Sparks, NV

NIAA Commissioners Present:

Leon Reyes, NENOA
Rick Kaufmann, NNOA Swimming
Chris Healy, NNBUA
Dennis White, NNWOA
Marc Ratner, SNOA
George Ritter, NNSOA
Robert Otteson, CNSO
Patty Stoddard, NSSRA

Association Presidents Present:

Vince Kristosik, SNOA
Bill Webb, NENOA
Grant Fleming, NSSRA
Rick Melton, CNSO
Brian Brown, NNFOA
Skip Luckadoo, NNBOA
Jim Fitzpatrick, NNBUA
Mike Evans, NNSOA
David Smith, NNVOA

Others Present:

Eddie Bonine, NIAA Executive Director
Donnie Nelson, NIAA Assistant Director
Robert Northridge, NIAA Southern Coordinator
Sharol McDade, NNVOA
Mike Sheets, NNWOA
Andrew Siderius, NNFOA

Guest

Shelli Fine, RSCVA

COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

1. The meeting began at 9:03 AM with George Ritter, NNSOA Commissioner, leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Jay Beesemyer, NIAA Assistant Director, asked for introductions from all in attendance. Mr. Bonine introduced Shelli Fine (RSCVA) who informed the group of the possibility of Reno hosting the NASO Summit in 2018.
3. Contact information for Commissioners and Chapter Presidents was updated.
4. Mr. Beesemyer then informed the group that Mr. Chris Healy's two-year term as NIAA Board of Control Official's Liaison (as agreed upon back on June 3, 2011) was coming to an end and asked the group what their desire was in appointing a replacement. After discussion in regards to North / South rotation and if a commissioner (only) should be appointed, George Ritter nominated Vince Kristosik, seconded by Sharol McDade. Motion passed.
5. Discussion then turned to commissioner duties, as outlined in the NIAA Official's Association Constitution (1.110). Outgoing NNBOA commissioner, Dave Sanger, provided some changes (additions / deletions) and the group discussed these as well as other suggested changes. It was determined that adding the duty of coordinating the pre-season coaches meeting would be a good idea since it is outlined in Member Schools (1.120) as one of the commissioner duties. Mr. Beesemyer offered to rewrite 1.110 per discussion and bring back to the group at a later date.
6. The current *Agreement* between Member Schools and Officials Associations was brought forward for discussion. Mr. Beesemyer mentioned that the State of Nevada mileage rate was increasing again and the new rate (56.5 cents per mile) should be reflected on Association mileage charts in 2013-2014. There was no discussion as to the rider fee being changed.
7. Further discussion took place in regards to the current status of the 4% pay raise issue. Many official association representatives in attendance voiced the opinion that this percentage increase to official's fees is still "outstanding" and at some point, should be recognized. Mr. Bonine reviewed the Superintendent's involvement in this negotiation. Mr. Bonine further stated why the Superintendent's authority cannot be denied as it pertains to the current *Agreement*, regardless if they are signature to the *Agreement* or not.
8. Administrative Fees assessed to Member Schools (per 1.130 (7B)) in the Nevada Official Association Constitution was discussed in length. Once again, it was conveyed to the sanctioned associations that this fee is negotiable. Mr. Beesemyer closed the discussion stating that Associations should craft letter(s) to the appropriate person(s) and/or school district superintendents if administrative costs were an issue and needed to be adjusted.
9. All Commissioners present were given a few minutes each to recap their season(s) and to bring forward any immediate concerns. Rick Kaufmann mentioned that the NFHS rule changes take place immediately before the swimming/diving season begins and that is difficult at times to get rule changes out quickly to member schools and his officials. Mr. Bonine suggested that in the future these rule changes not be implemented until the following season.
10. Ejection recap / report was discussed with Mr. Beesemyer noting there were 301 this past year. He stated this was the highest total he can remember in the past 18 years.
11. Mr. Beesemyer moved to the officials registration process and associated fees, asking for input from the group in regards to increasing the per sport NIAA registration fee to \$18 from the current \$12. He mentioned that this fee increase was necessary to help the NIAA with ever increasing officiating expenses. After discussion, Mr. Beesemyer thanked the group for their

understanding and to pass along to their memberships that the new NIAA per sport registration fee is \$18.

12. NFHS insurance coverage for the officials was discussed with Mr. Bonine mentioning that requests by a few of our sanctioned official associations and the NIAA, for a copy of the NFHS official's insurance policy have been unproductive so far. He stated he will be in Denver, CO later this month and will meet with the insurance company provider and try and get an answer as to why a copy of the policy is not made available to those who purchase coverage. Mr. Beesemyer mentioned the \$17 current 100% NFHS state rate will remain the same for 2013-2014.
13. The group was made aware of the different school calendars that will be in effect next year, with several samples being provided in the commissioner packet.
14. Mr. Beesemyer gave a short review of the NSOA roster, stating that 1459 officials registered this past year which represented a slight decrease from last year. A listing of schools was provided and it was agreed that the newly formed CNSO be allowed to have first chance at assigning Austin and Gabbs high schools. Robert Otteson, CNSO Commissioner, stated he will continue to work with the NENOA and SNOA to make sure all games are covered.
15. Sharol McDade, NNVOA, led a discussion on a proposed Nevada Official's Association Grievance Policy. She reviewed how the policy would be implemented and what the sequence of events which would lead to this policy being used. Brian Brown, NNFOA President, expressed concerns stating a policy such as this actually lessens the strength of each association's governing bylaws as well as bringing about some unintended employer / employee concerns. The policy was not adopted but some thought the policy was a good idea and should be considered in the future.
16. Skip Luckadoo, NNBOA President was then given the floor to discuss a recent meeting between the NNBOA Board and the Northern Nevada basketball coaches. He expressed his displeasure with the NIAA in its handling of the media violation which took place during the basketball season. Mr. Luckadoo said the meeting (summit) provided a forum for the coaches to express their concerns. Deletions were part of his presentation with the possibility of schools being allowed four instead of two being discussed. He concluded by stating his board will continue working towards bridging the gap between member officials and coaches but that the NIAA needs to play a more significant role in dealing with these type of situations.
17. Ending comments from the group included Leon Reyes, longtime NENOA Commissioner, stating this may / will be his last commissioners meeting and that he is / may be retiring after the 2013-2014 season.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 PM