



**Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association**

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**Mr. Eddie Bonine, Executive Director**  
**Mr. Ray Mathis, President**

June 7, 2011

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

FR: Jay Beesemyer, Assistant Director

RE: **2011 COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

*The 2010-2011 NIAA Commissioners meeting was held Friday, June 3, 2011 at the NIAA office in Reno, Nevada*

**NIAA Commissioners:**

Leon Reyes, NENOA  
Rick Kaufmann, NNOA Swimming  
Chris Healy, NNBUA  
Dennis White, NNWOA  
Marc Ratner, SNOA  
George Ritter, NNSOA  
Dave Sanger, NNBOA  
Patty Stoddard, NSSRA  
Carl Olsen, NNFOA

**Association Presidents:**

Vince Kristosik, SNOA  
Bill Webb, NENOA  
Grant Fleming, NSSRA  
Mike Evans, NNSOA  
Tony Kiriluk, NNFOA  
Mike Sheets, NNWOA  
Don Marchand, NNBUA  
Skip Luckadoo, NNBOA

**Others Present**

Eddie Bonine, NIAA Executive Director  
Donnie Nelson, NIAA Assistant Director  
Sharol McDade, NNVOA  
Paul Lenae, NNVOA  
Mike Reid, NNSOA

**Guest**

Bob Sullivan, RHS Principal / NIAA Board of Control President-Elect

***COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES***

1. The meeting began at 9:00 AM with "Commissioner of the Year", Marc Ratner, leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jay Beesemyer, NIAA Assistant Director, began the meeting after introductions were completed. Patty Stoddard was introduced as the new commissioner of the Northern Nevada Soccer officials. She replaces Roger Pagni who served in this role for the past four years.

2. Mr. Bonine opened the meeting with a “state of the state address”, sharing his thoughts on where the NIAA is headed in light of all the budgetary realities facing our member schools and including how he sees our sanctioned officials associations being affected. Mr. Bonine touched on some of the accomplishments of the past year and goals for the future such as securing contracts for live broadcasting of upcoming state football and basketball championships in 2011-2012. Mr. Bonine then introduced guest, Mr. Bob Sullivan, Principal of Reno High School and newly elected NIAA Board of Control President. Mr. Sullivan addressed the group, letting them know he appreciated their commitment to kids and to always have the “kids” in mind when making decisions.  
Mr. Bonine then asked the group for their assistance in appointing / electing an individual (from this group) to represent officials (liaison) at all future NIAA Board of Control Meetings. He stated this person would serve a two-year term. Any rotation from north to south to east was at this point not determined. After a lengthy discussion, a ballot vote of all present commissioners and presidents / association representatives was conducted. Those listed on the ballot were Ellen Townsend, Chris Healy, George Ritter, Vince Kristosik and Carl Olsen. Mr. Bonine announced near the end of the meeting that Mr. Chris Healy had been elected and would represent officials at the upcoming June 2011 meeting.
3. The 2009-2010 Commissioner meeting minutes were reviewed and used as a guide to go over all traditionally covered items as listed below.
  - ✓ 2011-2012 Pre-Season Rules Clinic Dates, Sites and Times were announced
  - ✓ 2011-2012 Activities Schedule provided along with ACT/SAT test dates
  - ✓ Deletion process reviewed. Deletions are to apply to all levels of a particular sport. Mr. Fleming asked if a deletion in Boy’s Soccer would also apply to Girl’s Soccer (or B/B Basketball) and Mr. Beesemyer said it would not per the current deletion language in the NIAA Officials Constitution.
  - ✓ NFHS Concussion class – more than 300 officials took the class this past year.
  - ✓ 2011-2012 Rule Book Order form distributed
  - ✓ NIAA Officials Registration form reviewed and adopted. Jay will make suggested changes and post on NIAA website.
  - ✓ NIAA Activity Cards – 120 registered officials purchased cards this past year.
  - ✓ Ejection numbers presented for 2010-2011. There were a total of 215, up from 214 the year previous.
  - ✓ State Championship official assignments were presented with Mr. Beesemyer stating it was incumbent upon the NIAA to reduce expenditures in 2011-2012 by 10%. A reduction in travel costs would most likely be targeted. Note: The NIAA reserves the right to change the current procedure at anytime, especially if associated costs and other factors dictate that a change be made.
4. Mr. Beesemyer began a round table discussion, asking the Commissioners to update the group on any items of interest for their particular sport. Mike Sheets (Northern Nevada Wrestling Officials Association) reported the association had a “glut” of officials and that the year went well. Chris Healy (Baseball) stated the same and noted that the “bat issues” encountered this past season should subside next year with a more definitive rule being in place as to what bats are legal.
5. Mr. Beesemyer detoured the conversation at this point to discuss policies in place throughout our officials associations in regards to suspending active member officials. Mr. Healy stated that some officials associations, with increased membership, now have the luxury of limiting and/or revoking membership based on individual association membership bylaws. Mr. Bonine stated he was not supportive of these type of appeals reaching the NIAA office but would

continue to do so per the NIAA Officials Constitution. It was discussed that simply denying membership before a season begins may be another way to prevent appeals from ever being generated. Mr. Bonine asked / clarified to all that membership does not “guarantee” games and reminded the group as a whole of possible legal repercussions when suspending officials. George Ritter (Softball) wanted clarification as to whether an official would be eligible to officiate in another association if suspended from another. He stated he did not support being eligible, but Vince Kristosik (SNOA) said that sort of blanket policy would not work for the many officials groups (chapters) involved under the umbrella of the SNOA.

6. Commissioner reports continued with Leon Reyes and Bill Webb updating the current state of affairs in the eastern part of the state. The scheduling of games and the low number of member officials in the NENOA was a concern. Mr. Beesemyer made it clear, even though there are currently 18 NENOA officials that do not have e-mail address, he wanted the NENOA to have all officials on ArbiterSports next year. Mr. Ritter stated it was free to get a “gmail” address, whether they owned a computer or not. The SNOA has nearly 1000 officials and they ALL have a current e-mail address. The northern Nevada associations currently have 5 total officials that do not have an e-mail address. It was noted that the onsite payment of officials does not have to end. Mr. Webb stated he would make sure this is accomplished before next season begins. Mr. Beesemyer then informed the group that the CNSO (Tonopah) has applied for sanctioning approval. Discussion followed and in particular the scheduling of both the NENOA and SNOA to Tonopah home contests was reviewed. Mr. Ratner expressed that the current procedures for dividing the games up seems to be working. Also discussed was the recently provided NENOA annual meeting minutes which expressed some concerns with this CNSO group being sanctioned. Mr. Beesemyer did remind those present that the Form 2.0 OAS-R (Application for Sanctioning – Renewal) should be submitted no later than July 1, 2011. SNOA President, Mr. Kristosik concluded this portion of the association reports by stating the year went well in the south and that the SNOA was now 100% on RefPay. He noted that overall response to this is now very positive after some early resistance. He stated there are a couple of insurance incidents ongoing and those were discussed as they relate to the *Agreement* and the insurance coverage provided per Nevada being a 100% State (NFHS).
7. Mr. Beesemyer once again diverted the conversation to emphasize/review what the Commissioner duties are. He stated that testing and testing results need to be reported to the NIAA and that current options for testing member officials will be changing next year. No longer will the NFHS be providing paper copies of exams and answer sheets and that online testing will be made available to all registered officials. Mr. Beesemyer stressed that each association may test their officials as they see fit but whatever method they choose, it needs to be documented with the results being sent to the NIAA. He also stated he would update and make clear the procedures needed to be followed for testing online through the NFHS / ArbiterSports official website(s).
8. Mr. Sanger (Basketball) introduced new Chapter President, Skip Luckadoo, who replaced Tony Richert who left the area and moved to Indiana. Mr. Sanger stated he was confident Mr. Luckadoo would continue to improve the association and that a new rating system was in the process of being put in place. Dave voiced some concerns with proper uniforms and asked for the NIAA to do all they can before the season begins in communicating with member schools on what is what is not legal.
9. Mike Reid (NIAA softball rules interpreter) gave a short presentation on bat warmers and how the NIAA was granted permission and allowed to deviate from the NFHS rule. It has now been

determined that this one year allowance will in fact be for just one year and these devices will not be allowed next year. Mr. Beesemyer then used this topic of discussion to review the process the NIAA follows when faced with the possibility of not following NFHS rules. The “tinted visor” (football) request from a member school was used as an example and how it was determined that even with a medical doctors request, that the NFHS rule is adhered to and that the doctors and schools request was ultimately denied. As part of this discussion, Mr. Beesemyer appointed and requested specific individuals to review all of the possible “state adoption” provisions provided in NFHS Rules Books and to identify all of those that Nevada (NIAA) has specifically adopted.

10. The 2011-2012 Officials Fee Schedule (“Exhibit ‘A’”) and mileage rate allowances were discussed. Dave Kemppainen, President of the NNVOA, had his letter reviewed which stated the northern Nevada volleyball officials association would support a freeze to current game / match fees with an increase to the mileage allowances per the current agreement stipulations. (Nevada State Rate). After discussion, vote was taken and it was unanimous to accept the recommendation to freeze game fees and increase the drivers rate to \$.51 (up from \$.50) and the riders rate to \$.19 (up from \$.185). Jay stated he will update the fee and mileage schedules to reflect these changes.
11. Mr. Bonine’s previous letter to all member schools from the fall of 2010, dealing with concerns for locker room security was reviewed. During the early and middle part of 2010-2011, there were several incidents where the official’s area was compromised, usually during postgame situations. Mr. Beesemyer stated he would once again send out information early on in the next school year to try and help prevent these types of situations from occurring.

***The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 PM***