

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT III ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2008

BELLARMINE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Swaim (Auburn SD), Ed Ploof (Bellarmine), Dan Heltsley (Bethel SD), George Duarte (Bremerton), Keith Patefield (Cascade Christian), Casey Jones (Charles Wright), Scott Nordi (Clover Park), Terry Jenks (Curtis), Gary Garland (Eatonville), Tim Tubbs (Enumclaw), Daylene Boehm (Evergreen), Howard Hosely (Fife), Wendy Malich (Franklin Pierce SD), John Melver, (Highline SD), Dave Lutes (Kent SD), Joe Keller (Lakes), Jim Clifton (Life Christian), Bob Bourgette (Kennedy), Dave Lutes (Kent SD), Joe Keller (Lakes), Jim Clifton (Life Christian), Steve Reischman (Narrows League), Mark Swofford (North Mason), Al Burmester (North Thurston SD), Marty Parkhurst (Orting), Scott Ricardo (Port Townsend), Rick Wells (Puyallup), Jim Glockner (Renton), Chris Olson (Sequim), Bill Hicks (Shelton), Ed Santos (South Kitsap), Debbie Bentler (Spanaway Lake), Lance Wilson (Steilacoom), Tim Thomsen (Sumner SD), Jennifer Kubista (Tacoma SD), Tony Davis (Tahoma), Paul Dean (Timberline), Stephanie Spencer (Vashon Island), Shelly Thiel (WCD), John Portenier (Wilson)

GUESTS: None

**PRESIDING &
RECORDING:** Dan Heltsley (Bethel SD)

1. WELCOME & GUESTS

- Dan Heltsley, president, welcomed everyone. Thirty (37) AD's in attendance.

2. SPORTSMANSHIP REPORT – TIM THOMSEN

- Reminder to all schools to emphasize Sportsmanship to students and fans for upcoming tournaments
- WCD will promote sportsmanship again through the recognition of good sports with "Just Play Fair" pins at each contest

3. ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE REPORT – TOM REARDON

- 2007-08 Eligibility packets may be found on WCD website
- 17 members are currently on the Committee
- We would like to have more diversity on the committee and encourage all to consider serving
- 9 hearings so far this year with 134 cases having been heard and 5 emergency hearings
- Reminder that emergency hearings require at \$25 payment before a hearing can be held
- 96 hearings have resulted in approval this year
- 17 denials have been appealed to WIAA and 5 of those have been approved as a result of new information
- If you have any insights in to what dates to schedule for next year, please contact Tom
- Reminder that it is crucial to make certain that due process is followed in all cases. Example – Form 1, page 2 is a legal notice that needs to be explained to the student and reviewed by the AD before sending it in and the appropriate boxes at the bottom of the page need to be checked
- Please send transcripts with every appeal regardless of the reason for the appeal
- Please do not declare a student ineligible too early. Example – during winter season for a fall sport next year. Wait until fall before making a declaration of ineligibility

- More and more we are seeing attorneys involved in this process. Please be sure to follow due process to avoid a decision being overturned on a technicality
- Tom Reardon's e-mail address is Reardonwcd@comcast.net
- Tom Reardon's Fax #: 253-853-6491
- Meetings are conducted at Fife School District Administration Center
- 2007-08 Scheduled Meeting Dates:
 - March 5, 12, 19
 - April & May – None

4. WIAA REPORT – ED PLOOF AND WENDY MALICH

- Met in January in conjunction with the Winter Coalition
- 1A/2A baseball and Fastpitch issue in Wenatchee. The community can not support the State event with enough hotels and the event is being moved to Spokane
- Jim Meyerhoff presented on football and soccer bracketing problems in regards to sites and facility issues. The quality of some sites is not appropriate for the level of the event and more care needs to be given by Districts to use quality sites and not just assume the home team gets a home game regardless of the site acceptability
- The criteria for seeding to state needs review to allow for more equitable match ups in first round games. Topic of discussion for WCD II at our March meeting
- Helmets for baseball coaches are now a request, but are not required at this point. Something for schools to think about requiring on their own
- Metal cleats are legal for Fastpitch, but not all fields will allow them, especially on artificial surfaces. Just because they are legal, does not mean you will be allowed to use them on all fields
- Reminders about Pole Vault certification and bat certification for legal use
- Several appeals were heard to allow schools to not move up a classification as a result of their enrollment. All appeals were denied.
- The officials issue is still moving along and it is unclear as to what the end result will be. Are they Independent Contractors or not, will WOA take over, more to come

5. WSSAAA REPORT – DAVE LUTES

- Conference just around the corner in April. Get your registrations in.
- WSSAAA just entered in to a 5 years contract with Leagueminder as a major sponsor. The contract calls for \$15,000 per year with the possibility of revenue sharing. This contract will allow WSSAAA to continue our outreach program to young AD's and helps get us closer to our ultimate goal of a free conference for members
- We will be moving toward an interactive website through Leagueminder
- CAA Exam – Steve Bridge at Elma is the state contact person. Registration must occur through NIAAA. All forms and requirements are on the NIAAA website

6. WCD REPORT – SHELLY THIEL

- Congratulations to Wilson (4A) and Bremerton (3A) State Bowling Champions
- Reminder to check closely on academic and physical form eligibility. 2 recent cases in WCD are currently under review
- 4A Boys Swim had an issue with how athletes were being allocated to state. Past practice was determined to be out of compliance and we were directed to allocate only by place once the top 6 swimmers were identified in the semi-finals. More discussion will occur

PACKET INFORMATION

- League realignment appears to be set
- WCD Basketball Tournament Information
- No pass list, except for School Boards and Superintendents. WCD will provide those to game management
- Supervisor passes have spot for name of the person and school so they can get the same pass back after the game
- Chaperone passes are available at \$10 each. You can get up to 10 for each team you have qualify
- **Crucial deadline – the 4A program goes to print on Monday, February 11th. Please have all information in to the WIAA website immediately. Schools will be contacted on Friday, February 8th who have not turned their info in.**
- **3A/2A deadline is approaching. Schools will be contacted the week of 2-11 if you do not have your in**
- Please arrange for an AD or Administrator to pick up WCD Tournament packets at league tournaments to insure that supervision passes get to the correct people
- Toyota of Western Washington has become a major sponsor of our tournament. There will be an opportunity for people to qualify for a half court shot at a chance to win \$10,000 for their school. Opportunities will be at each of

the final games at all levels for both boys and girls. 6 finalists will advance to the championship game on March 1 of the 3A Tournament where one person will have a chance at the money.

- WCD sites will not be changed for any reason other than geography. No games will be moved because it happens to be the home site of one of the participants. Research has shown that in these cases, that the home team has only won 40% of the games in the past, so there is not real advantage
- Pass gates will have a form for people who insist that they should get in for free. This form will require them to show ID and sign in. Schools will be billed for these additional passes.
- Brief discussion of WIAA Amendments concerning 4 year classification cycle, 1st and 2nd opt ups, more restrictive academic standards, transfer rule applying to in-district schools and transfers that involve an athletic suspension from a previous school

7. OTHER

- WIAA Hall of Fame does not have representation from WCD. We need to work together to research possible candidates. Jennifer Kubista will be working towards this goal and may be asking for assistance
- Girls Sub-regional Wrestling Costs – There was not budget for these events and hosts have been told to request a \$10 per participant fee to cover the costs
- Dance Coaches need to send in their intent to compete form to Jefferson High School ASAP. Teams must qualify by the last weekend in February, but the forms can be sent in ahead of time to help Jefferson plan
- Spring Rules Clinics and Cheer Registration is not up yet on the WIAA website

8. NEXT MEETING – MARCH 20th, NORTH KITSAP SCHOOL DISTRICT