

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT III ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2007

KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Heltsley (Bethel SD), Mark Wells (Capital), Keith Patfield (Cascade Christian), Mike Acres (Central Kitsap SD), Gary Garland (Eatonville), Tim Tubbs (Enumclaw), Howard Hosely (Fife), Scott Erdahl (Foster), Wendy Malich (Franklin Pierce SD), Bob Bourgette (Kennedy), Dave Lutes (Kent SD), Joe Keller (Lakes), Jim Clifton (Life Christian), Darren Rawie (Mt. Rainier), Steve Reischman (Narrows League), Al Burmester (North Thurston SD), Curtiss Hall (Peninsula), Mike West (Peninsula SD), Jeff Clark (Port Angeles), Jim Glockner (Renton), Chris Olson (Sequim), Ed Santos (South Kitsap), Tim Thomsen (Sumner SD), Tony Davis (Tahoma), Mark Brandmire (White River), Julie Melver (White River SD), Shelly Thiel (WCD)

GUESTS: None

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

1. WELCOME & GUESTS

- Dan Heltsley, president, welcomed everyone. **Twenty-Seven (27)** AD's in attendance.
- A number of our members are retiring and/or moving on to other endeavors. We wish them the very best and thank them for their contributions to WCD. Good luck to Bev Spalding (Auburn-Riverside), Jim Ball (Bethel), Craig Wrolstad (Bonney Lake), Mark Wells (Capital), Drew Wartenburg (Charles Wright), Julie Hunter (Kent-Meridian), Jim Clifton (Life Christian), Eric Rowe (Olympia), Russ Hickman (Port Townsend), Sandy Polley (Renton SD) and Mark Brandmire (White River).

2. SPORTSMANSHIP REPORT – TIM THOMSEN

- Just a reminder that emotions run higher during tournament time. Please emphasize with your coaches the true values we want our athletes and coaches to display.

3. ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE REPORT – TOM REARDON

2007 – 2008 Committee Policy or Procedural Changes:

- Any appeal filed after the posted hearing dates and/or during a period when there are no hearings dates scheduled will be subject to a \$25.00 fee. A hearing date will not be set until the fee has been paid. The fee payment process has yet to be determined.
- Any appeal received after 12:00 noon on the Tuesday before a scheduled hearing date will be placed on the agenda for the next available hearing. If there is no hearing date scheduled for the following week, the student may request an "Emergency Hearing". Such a request will trigger the \$25.00 fee.
- The Eligibility Committee will require that a current transcript be included in all appeal packets that are filed. A hearing date will not be scheduled until all parts of a student's appeal packet have been received by the committee chairman.
- If a student is going to be accompanied or represented by legal counsel during a WCD III Eligibility Appeal Hearing, the student, the student's legal guardians or a building administrator must notify the Eligibility Committee Chairman. The committee chairman must be notified five (5) working days prior to the hearing. If a student comes to a scheduled hearing with legal representation and has failed provide the required notification, the hearing will be rescheduled.

- The email finding notifications will still be sent to building Athletic Directors the day after the hearings. However, the reasons for the finding will not be included in the email. There were several occasions where emails from the committee chairman were forwarded to parents, which caused some minor problems.

2007 – 2008 Support Commitments and Organizational Changes:

- The Fife School District has agreed to continue to provide a room in the district administration building for the eligibility hearings. The 2007 - 2008 schedule has already been placed on its calendar.
- The Peninsula School District has agreed to continue to provide copy services to the WCD III Eligibility Committee at no charge.
- As of today all members of this year's committee have indicated that they are willing to serve during the 2007 – 2008 school year.
- The make up of the committee's two groups will be changed to provide a different mix of ideas and rule interpretations. As with this year, members from the same school district will be placed in different groups.

Hearing Dates for 2007 – 2008:

August: 22nd, 29th
September: 5th, 12th, 19th
November: 14th, 28th
December: 5th, 12th
March: 5th, 12th, 19th

- Tom Reardon's e-mail address is Reardonwcd@harbornet.edu
- Tom Reardon's Fax #: 253-853-6491
- **All AD's are encouraged to come to one of the meetings to observe the process. Those who have come in the past have said it is an excellent learning opportunity. Just call Tom and let him know when you would like to attend.**

4. WIAA REPORT – ED PLOOF AND WENDY MALICH

- A brief update on the Amendments that were passed was given.
- Winter Coalition next year will have a WIAA Budgeting component to assist members with understanding how the WIAA Budget process works
- Reminder to all the in the 2008-2009 school year that we will have a later starting date and that Spring Sports will conclude the weekend following Memorial Day. This is an occasional calendar issue and we will return to Memorial Day weekend the following year. Please plan ahead and make your School District aware of the 08-09 calendar.
- WIAA is looking to endorse the NFHS Certification Course for Coaches Standards. This is an on-line course that costs only \$30.
- The new WIAA Handbook will be in a spiral notebook format with tabs and the question/answer portion included for easier use. There will also be an explanation of an on-line search program at the Fall Workshops
- Transgender participation policy has been approved on first reading. Research was done with the NFHS and IOC to model our policy after theirs. Final approval should be this spring/summer and it should be included in the new handbook

5. WSSAAA REPORT – DAVE LUTES

- 2007 Conference saw a drop in registrations of only about 10 people. Attendance at sessions however, was down significantly. It is believed that this was a result of the weekend format. The Board has taken steps correct this and the conference will be Monday, April 7 through Wednesday April 9th for 2008 with the golf tournament on Sunday, April 6th
- LTC classes will be the first 4 hours block on Monday, April 7th. Opening General Session will be at noon on Monday and the closing session will be at 11:00 on Wednesday with the option of additional LTC classes after the closing session.

6. WCD REPORT – SHELLY THIEL

PACKET INFORMATION

- The WCD Board met on May 7th and confirmed Dave Lutes as President for the 2007-2008 school year. Bryan Peterson was President-elect, but is unable to return to the Board next year. A new President-elect will be selected by the Board at either the June or August meeting

- District VIII had proposed a change in the state soccer playoff bracket. The WCD Board voted unanimously against this proposal
- AP Testing always becomes an issue during spring tournaments. The Board has approved tournament directors to be flexible if early contact is made regarding conflicts.
- Proms are an additional conflict in the spring. The Board has approved adjustments if both schools agree and it can be accomplished without impacting other games. There is no guarantee however that adjustments will be made
- The Board has established a Violations Committee to review all self-reports and league sanctions. The WIAA has requested that all Districts do this and report back to them. We are doing a good job, just keep it up.
- Financially the WCD is in good shape.
- The Board hosted a Meritorious Service Award Banquet at Stadium High School. Thanks to Dave Colombini and Jim Catalinich for all of their efforts. Congratulations to the recipients, Steve Escame, Janet Ulberg, Jim Ferate and Lance Wilson.
- All WCD track meets could use more helpers if anyone is interested, please let Shelly know
- **Spring Reimbursement** – The window is very short for this year. You can begin filing on May 27th and must have it completed by May 30th or you will not be eligible for reimbursement. Music reimbursement has the same timeline as spring sports
- Academic Champions – The Board has approved travel for 2 captains and a coach to accept WIAA State Academic Championship. Meals and mileage are included
- 11th Annual WIAA Coaches School is August 3-4, 2007 in Yakima

8. **NEXT MEETING:** **Thursday, September 13th – Bethel School District Offices – 11:00am**