

REGION 1 FALL MEETING
October 2, 2015
University Lakes - Springhill Suites Conference Room, Anchorage
9:00 A.M.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Lester at 8:35 A.M. on October 2, 2015, at the **University Lakes - Springhill Suites Conference Room** in Anchorage.

II. Roll Call

			Roll Call	
Amy Mack	Aleutians East Borough S.D.	member		no
Jeff Erickson	Bering Strait School District	member/ES		yes
Paula Singley	Bristol Bay Borough	member		yes
Dan Schrock	Dillingham City Schools	member		yes
Vacant	Iditarod School District	member		no
Ulric Ulron	Kashunamiut School District	member		yes
Severin Gardner	Kuspuk School District	member		yes
Ed Lester	Lake and Peninsula Schools	member		yes
Joshua Gill	Lower Kuskokwim Schools	member		yes
Byron Ulak	Lower Yukon School District	member		yes
Patrick Callahan	Nome City Schools	member		yes
Jeremy Goodwin	North Slope Borough	member		yes
Craig McConnell	Northwest Arctic School Dist.	member		yes
Michael Baldwin	Pribilof School District	member		no
Dewayne Bahnsen	St. Mary's School District	member		no
Cody McCanna	Southwest Region Schools	member		no
Mickia Walcott	Southwest Region Schools	voting		yes
Jim Wilson	Unalaska City School Dist.	member		yes
Stacy Greusel	Yupiit School District	member		yes

III. Introduction of New Members & Guests

New Members: Amy Mack, Dan Schrock, Joshua Gill, Stacy Greusel
 Guests: Billy Strickland and Wegner (ASAA), Mikia (New Stuyahok) who will be Yupiit voting member for this meeting; Sharon Wegner (LKSD), Cody Mewhiney (BET). Jim Hickerson and Mike Wien (RAV'N/ERA).

IV. Order of Agenda

Minor changes and additions were made to agenda:
 Cody M. moved to approve the agenda; second by Jim W. motion carries.

V. Communications

None

VI. Approval of Minutes, March 19 2014 Meeting

Jim W. moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 2013; second by CK.; motion carries.

VII. Financial Report

Jeff Erickson, Executive Secretary, presented the Financial Report, with register for the year and breakdown of inflow/outflow. At the present time, Region 1 has a cash balance of \$119,374.30 (Last year: \$97,015.86). (\$66,740.84 in high yield savings) JW moved to approve the financial report as presented; second by SG.; motion carries.

VIII. Old Business

a. Region 1 Tournament Directors Manual:

JE updated progress of new manual compilation. XC and Bylaws are completed the rest to be completed by Winter meeting. JE was unable to find anyone willing to type the document so he is doing it.

b. FY15 NYO COY -

Nick Hanson (Unalakleet) selected

Decision to discontinue Academic Decathlon award until participation increases. For last several years only BSSD has been going and winning the award annually. Continue with Mixed 6 and Girls VB separate.

c. 2015-16 Tournament Site Verification – sites confirmed

Music Festival moved to April 28-30 in Kotzebue to avoid NYO conflict

d. Surplus Cash

Long discussion about various topics: webcasting, Trackwrestling training, reduce dues. School banners are ordered Trackwrestling training would fall under the official training budget line item. JE suggested a Region 1 grant program open to all schools. A committee would be set up to screen proposals. JW motion to set up grant program; \$20,000 total/\$4000 max per proposal. JG second. Motion carries unanimous. JW, Josh Gill and PS volunteer to meet prior to the Winter meeting to come up with guidelines.

PC moves to increase Music Festival amount from \$5000 to \$7000. Dies for lack of 2nd.

EL moves to suspend the agenda to allow Jim Hickerson and Mike Wien to present ERA/Rav'n information. Second by BS. Carried.

- e. **National Guard money:** \$1250 (reduction to ASAA)
- f. **School Classification Changes** – FY19 is when “Classification” comes up in rotation; April 2018 is announcement for next changes for individual schools.
- g. **Girl Wrestling Awards** – SG moved to approve 1st, 2nd, 3rd place medals for all divisions. Josh G seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. **BB Officials TDH language (CM)** – At 3A tournament each site can bring in an official. If official is a member of site coaching staff it gets difficult to schedule them adequately. Sometimes there are parents as well, who sit out their child’s games. Discussion – if unable to officiate every game/match you wouldn’t qualify for tournament selection. Pool of talent is shallow in many places and difficult to fill officials roster. Does this apply to Tournament Director as well? EL suggests having some language for 3A tournament TDH – 4 3A Ads will work out the language.

IX. New Business

- a. **“Anybody Can Save a Life” (Sandy Wegner)** – ASAA adopted program to set up Emergency Action Plans for after school activities. ASAA recommendation is to have plans in place and AEDs in all event areas. Program outlines will be sent to all Districts for each principal.
- b. **Review of ASAA Meetings – BS & EL**

Out of season contact policy: Shut down “fall leagues”; does increase time for coaches outside of season (can have up to 3 players); PC commented that there is a wide disparity in interpretations. Out of season tournaments: team can play but no school sponsorship, coach or uniforms. Enforcement is by member schools alone. Gist of policy is to give kids chance but not “teams”. CM commented on wrestling being a big abuser of the out-of-season rules with “freestyle” wrestling in spring. PC commented that most states do not allow the high school coach to be involved with out-of-season teams or practices. Contact rule are suspended from May 20 – August 1, so coaches can play summer leagues.

Basketball schedules in by first day of practice: By Monday, all scores from previous week entered by 7pm. 1st time is warning; 2nd is \$200 fine; 3rd time is \$200 fine plus deduction of 0.01 from WPI (3A/4A schools only). Need information in to help seed the 1A/2A state tournament. Phone calls will come when notice scores not getting in. Can email schedule to ASAA and they’ll enter. ASAA365 app makes it easier. BrSl mentions the common difficulty to get games from all sites, especially tournament games. PC asked who enters tournament information – host site? BiSt said enter “TBA” for time being. Schedule isn’t as important as results for 1A/2A....let ASAA know that schedule isn’t set, if not ready 1st day of school.

Transgender policy: ASAA doesn't have clear policy. Policy will fall within Title 9. "Students gender will fall within school's policy" – however, once they identify as a certain gender and participate on a sport, they must only play for that gender specific sport. Whatever gender they identify with is what they are. Legally schools cannot stop a student from entering a specific locker room regardless it appears to trample on rights of the rest of the students. This is not a "gay" issue, it is "transgender".

ASAA Handbook Considering going only online with all, or major portion, of handbook. Make it more interactive. If need hard copy can be printed out. Costs \$12000.

Coach certification fines Was glitch last year so no fines. Fines will be back this year. Communicate with Shreck if problems.

1A/2A Skills contests 1A on Tuesday later afternoon; 2A on Wednesday in Auxiliary Gym. Is it enough of a good thing to continue, or is it an extra expense for teams. Discussions on the practice courts – JE doesn't really see value of practice on courts other than the one(s) the kids will play on.

April 15 Board meeting: Boarding School Transfer proposal – Region 1 proposal never made as it was not approved during discussion. Transfer kids are out of varsity sports for year if transfer. Can play JV teams. If no JV team the can get waiver to play varsity up to the conference tournament. EL wants to bring up the policy again. Waiver process is available.

State Wrestling numbers – The limit on wrestling scorers at State was voted down.

Proposal to flip/flop State BB weekends – Larger schools want to get BB over to start Spring sports. SE likes because of turnaround time for BB. Region 1 is hurt by later weekend because of impact on NYO and SKI/Biathlon. BrSl – our spring sport (NYO) is much shorter than urban spring sports.

Request from Tok/Delta to co-op hockey – rules don't apply since they are different districts. Most areas they WOULD be in same district, so ASAA may change policy to allow waiver for case-by-case situations.

Drone policy – Drones are not allowed at ASAA championships by non-ASAA sanctioned operators.

3A Basketball WPI - CM requested a guide to how WPI will work. PC said there is a weblink to explain it. Conference tournament DO count presently.

Hall of Fame – CM encouraged members to get Region 1 folks nominated to Hall of Fame. Deadline is December 15.

c. FY15 Budget

JE outlines budgets discussion. Adjustment for FY16 are a \$2000 increase in Trophy costs and a move to 8 scholarships (\$8000) from 4. Many items are static.

Revenues (expected)

Category	FY16
Dues	18000
Tournament Receipts (est)	25.613*
National Guard	1250

Category	FY16
Music Festival	5000
Officials/Coaches Clinic	3500
Trophy Reimbursement	17000
Region 1 Scholarships	8000
ASAA Expenses	2100
Region 1 Web Site	1000
Video Broadcasting	4000
Executive Secretary	6000
Miscellaneous Expense	1000
TOTAL	\$47,600

*based on a 4 year average minus 1/3 due to gate reduction decision

Motion to accept by JW. second by SG, motion carried unanimously
FY16 budget adopted.

Side conversation regarding a recognition award(s) for Top Student – geared toward citizenship/all around. Further discussion at Winter meeting.

Tournament worker fees: \$25/contest (or wrestling session) for both books/clock
Gate: \$1/\$2 – child/adult – can raise up to \$3/admission to help with fees
Motion by CM, second by JW, unanimous.

d. Conference Academic Award – team criteria

Clarification – 8th grade last semester grades are used if needed. We use ASAA form, but probably need our own.

- e. **ASAA Activities Committees** – EL presented list needed. Will be teleconference. Need to be “active” coaches/advisors. As soon as possible.
Wrestling: Darren Lieb
1A/2A VB: Megan Slate
Mixed 6: Felecia Minor
3A VB: Katie Wilkins
Basketball: Craig McConnell
XC Run: Nick Schollmeier
Art: Robin Child
Cheer: Rebecca ? (Nome)
DDF: Bethel coach
Music: Ron Horner
Nordic Ski: Nancy Persons
World Language: Galena Rorderback (sp) - Unalaska
- f. **Basketball classification issues (UU)** – Ulric commented on a concern about the shift of so many historically higher classification teams moving down a class, even though they’ve been very competitive in the larger school division. Geography makes this challenging but the playing field has gotten less fair. Discussion involved changes to 1A tournament – splitting to two 8 teams tournaments based on enrollments. PC and BiSt commented that there will always be a “smallest” school when a line is drawn. JW mentioned that regardless where the line drawn there is a shortage of schools in the 60-200 enrollment size and the huge financial impact the reclassification had on rural teams. BS – this is a policy that needs to be looked at again but have to be considered from multi-sport perspective.
- g. **XC Championship team awards** Just a clarification on team awards. Presently no 2nd place team award for overall/large schools. Presently the North had 5 schools competing for overall championship. . . . South only has 2 or 3. Stay with current policy – Overall champion and a 1st and 2nd Small School.
- Start time issue:** Shouldn’t be in morning to allow for max teams to get in. Should always err on side of kids participation. Will take action at Winter meeting.
- h. **Board meeting delivery options**– Do we want to expand delivery options such as Skype or teleconference?

X. Public Comment - none

XI. Date and Site of next meeting : December 2 – 9am – University Lakes Springhill

XIV. Adjournment

SG. moves/ JW. second – unanimous.