

ALASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
REGION 1 A.S.A.A SPRING MEETING
March 20, 2013

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Billy Strickland at 8:37 A.M. on March 20, 2013 at the Sullivan Arena, Anchorage.

			<u>Roll Call</u>
Luke Meinart	Aleutians East Borough S.D.	member	no
Jeff Erickson*	Bering Strait School District	member	yes
Jim Dube	Bristol Bay Borough	member	yes
Mike Larsen	Dillingham City Schools	member	yes
Jeff Bader	Iditarod School District	member	no
Ulric Ulron	Kashunamiut School District	member	yes
Wayne Morgan	Kuspuk School District	member	no
Ed Lester	Lake and Peninsula Schools	member	yes
Carlton Kuhns	Lower Kuskokwim Schools	member	no
Byron Ulak	Lower Yukon School District	member	no
Patrick Callahan*	Nome City Schools	member	yes
Robert Johnson	North Slope Borough Sch. Dist.	member	yes
Craig McConnell	Northwest Arctic School Dist.	member	yes
Jamie Stacks	Pribilof School District	member	no
Dewayne Bahnsen	St. Mary's School District	member	no
Brett Scott*	Southwest Region School Dist.	member	no
Jim Wilson	Unalaska City School Dist.	member	yes
Steve Craft	Yupit School District	member	yes
*Officers			

III. Introduction of Guests

Sharon Wegner, LKSD, Billy Strickland*, Bethel High School, Cody McCanna sub for Brett Scott, Bill McCloud, Bristol Bay Superintendent, Heath Day (FCA) and Jon Gregg, Kotzebue Official were also present..

IV. Order of Agenda

Jeff Erickson moved to approve the amended agenda; second by Craig McConnell; motion carries.

V. Approval of Minutes, December 5, 2012 Meeting

Robert Johnson moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 2012; second by Steve Craft; motion carries.

VI. Financial Report

Jeff Erickson, Executive Secretary, presented the Financial Report. Current bank statement shows \$42,396.08 with basketball receipts not deposited yet. Robert Johnson moved to approve the financial report as presented; second by Craig McConnell; motion carries.

VII. Communications

None

VIII. Old Business

- a. Tournament Director's Handbook: Discussion on several items.
Wrestling Officials Cost: Pay by student, not by school – to be fair. It will be paid by Region 1 and repaid by districts by April 15th.

“Weathered Out” – Presently 24 hours from coaches meeting if 50%+1 present. Recommended: Last chance would be when round they are in is completed.

Need “Intent To Participate” form with a date requirement.

COY awards suggested.

All-Tournament: Nominate from your own team for ballot, then vote. To clean up the process. When would nomination be due?

TDH ACTION TABLED UNTIL FALL MEETING

[Handbook Revisions – discussion; 1st drafts due May 15th to Jeff

XC – Harry Ferguson has done work

VB – 2A (Dillingham and Brett Scott)

VB – 3A (Pat Callahan and others)

VB – M6 (Sharon Wegner and Ed Lester)

Wrestling – John Johnson/Kotzebue coaches

BB – Craig/Jeff/Brett Scott (1A/2A)

Music – Horner/Carlson

Bylaws – Carlton/Glenn/Jeff]

Meet the evening prior to Fall Board meeting.

- b. Academic Excellence Awards
To be nominated for this award, the student athletes must meet the following items:
- 1) A member of an ASAA sanctioned activity (Listed in Article 7, Section 2 & 3.)
 - 2) Meet A.S.A.A. eligibility requirements for the first three-quarters of the school year.
 - 3) A G.P.A. of 3.70 or better (or the equivalent) based on the first three-quarters of the school year.

4) Verification letter by the school principal on the above items.

5) Enrolled in grades 9-12.

The medals will be awarded by mail and sent by May 1, 2013.

Please send your nominations by May 1, 2013 to:

Jeff Erickson

Bering Strait School District

P.O. Box 225

Unalakleet, Alaska 99684

The nominations can also be emailed to Jeff at jerickson@bssd.org.

c. Music Festival

April 25-27 - in on the 24th out the 28th. Official is in place and working (Billy Strickland)

d. Coach of the Year awards: Will do online – nominations/ballot/voting/results

** ALL-STATE BASKETBALL TEAMS comments – displeasure at the process and how kids are left off and poor coverage of state.

**Bethel Special Olympics report inserted by Billy Strickland. 4/12-13 3-on-3 tournament. Barrow is attending (Special Olympics is helping pay for travel)

e. Wrestling/Volleyball state berths:

Volleyball options for 2013-14 are a 9 teams tournament or Western Conference gives up one slot. West won't give it up willingly, so ASAA will decide.

Wrestling: some negotiations between North and South schools on berths; discussion of state/regional scoring. Sent back to wrestling committee/coaches.

f. "Small" / "Large" school definition:

"Small" – 1A size by number

"Large" – 2A – 3A

IX. New Business

a. Review of previous A.S.A.A. Meeting

State Basketball Tournament:

Ed Lester suggestions: Split 1A into 8th grade eligible and larger; Event passes; smaller 1A state tournament at high school

Bylaws changes:

8th grade participation – enrollment of 30 or less/15 or less one gender

Wrestling – “TrackWrestling” will be used by all schools /districts for seeded wrestlers – data sent to ASAA for state seed process.

Discussion of Waiver Process: Craig M. requested that process tighten up. Billy S. suggests that director consult the “sending” school for info prior to decision. Added that it is costly to pay court costs. Billy S. and Sharon W. stated that LKSD has a district approval before waiver is submitted. Cody M. suggests that there be changes to the boarding school process/language.

b. Basketball Tournament Reports

Hard copies available for most.

1A Yukon – Kotlik – ???
2A Southwest – Unalaska - \$3120 profit
2A GrNW – Pt Hope - 0 profit
3A Western – Anchorage - \$9100 profit
1A Greater Kusko – Akiachak - ??? profit
1A Coastal – Bethel - \$11400 profit
1A Kobuk - Kotzebue – \$8000 profit
1A Aleutians East boys – Newhalen – no profit
1A Aleutians East girls – Manakotak – no report
1A Bering Sea – no profit
1A Arctic – Wainwright – no profit

d. 2012-13 Region 1 Coach of the Year Awards

DECISION TO DO NOMINATION/VOTING PROCESS VIA EMAIL THIS YEAR DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS: The following are the results of the post-meeting process.

Cross Country Running

Jack Adams (White Mt), Steve Gillaspie (Barrow) and Harley Sundown (Scammon Bay) were nominated, Jack was selected.

Girls Basketball

Jordyn Danner (Barrow) and Ramona Rock (Pt. Hope) were nominated and Jordyn was selected.

Boys Basketball

Amos Nashookpook (Wainwright), Albert Green (Hooper Bay), Darrin Zibell (Noorvik), Stan Van Amburg (Noatak) and Jeremy Arnhart (Barrow) were nominated and Albert was selected.

Wrestling

Steve Gillaspie (Barrow) and Mark Lane (Kotzebue) were nominated and Mark was selected.

Mixed 6 Volleyball

Frank Pickett (Wainwright), Dorothy Ivanoff (Unalakleet), Gerri Pauken (St. Mary's) and Timm Nelson (Noatak) were nominated and Dorothy was selected.

Girl's Volleyball

Seei Pilli (BRW) was nominated and selected.

Cheerleading

Leeza Scott (BRW) was nominated and selected.

Music

Ronnie Stanford (Barrow) was nominated and was selected.

Student Government

Mary Jane Geiser (Barrow) was nominated and selected.

Academic Decathlon

Daniel Dickey (Golovin) was nominated and selected.

e. Academic Decathlon Award

Region 1 will recognize the Bering Strait School District team as the top Region I team at the 2013 State Academic Decathlon with a plaque from Region I.

f. 2013-14 Tournament Site Selection

Cross Country

North: Nome

South: Bethel

Volleyball

3A (Western Conference): Bethel

1/2A (Southwest): Bristol Bay

1/2A (Western): Hooper Bay

Mix-Six Volleyball

NorthwestArctic: Kiana

Arctic: Wainwright

Western Interior: Koyuk

Yukon River: TBA

Kusko: TBA

Southwest: L&P

Wrestling

Northern Conference: Nome

Great Alaska Conference: Dillingham

Basketball

Gr Northwest (2A)	Hooper Bay	Boys and Girls
Southwest (2A)	Togiak	Boys and Girls
Greater Kusko (1A)	Tuluksak(?)	Boys and Girls
Western (3A)	Anchorage	Boys and Girls
Alaska Coastal (1A)	Bethel	Boys and Girls
Kobuk Valley (1A)	Kotzebue	Boys and Girls
Aleutian Chain (1A)	New Stuyahok	Boys
Aleutian Chain (1A)	AEBSD	Girls
Yukon Delta (1A)	LYSD	Boys and Girls
Bering Sea (1A)	TBA	Boys and Girls
Arctic Circle (1A)	Nuiqsit	Boys and Girls

Music Festival TBA

g. Region 1 Scholarship Committee Report

Committee still scoring applications

UPDATE (4/1/13):

Girls

Rachel Gulanes (Unalaska)

Ashley Bales (Bristol Bay)

Boys

Charles Strickland (Bethel)

Alec Magalong (Unalaska)

h & i. R1 and State Tournaments

State BB Officials - Background: 3A ANC tournament had no R1 officials. ANC association wanted to schedule tournament ahead of time. Cost was an issue.

Decision: 3A officials have same travel \$ that others do. 3A schools will deal with the rest of the cost issue.

State tournament issue: ASAA only bringing in officials from ERA sites – leaves out Kotzebue and Dillingham (and others). Craig M. will bring up at fall budget planning.

Craig M. brought up the incident at West High where sprinkler broke and game moved at half time to South. Officials were changed.....and should not have.

Discussion about scheduling officials: 1. Officials schedule or 2. Coaches have options for all state qualifying games.

Craig M. brought up the issue of Mt. Edgecumbe listing sites instead of position in the state program. It is a form of recruiting as they show where kids are from, encouraging others to follow their lead. Shouldn't be allowed.

Brett Sl. Inquired what "1AA" would look like - possible conferences – **if** a split of the present 1A would happen.

Craig M. and Jeff E. brought up media coverage of the state tournament. ASAA vs. BSSD video – same quality. ASAA costs money but covers all games of the tournament. Radio was provided at all locations – which wasn't reported at first. Billy S. reported that ASAA paid \$15000 to pay for it.

j. TAD policy & direction

Discussion introduced by Jeff E. Billy S. suggests that tobacco be treated differently. Jeff E. comments on overwhelming negative impact on specific sites – destroying programs. Tobacco is almost sole issue. Brett Sl. Suggests adjusting the 3rd and 4th step.

k. Hospitality Room Dinner Hosting

NWABSD hosts one dinner at State BB tournament – have done so for 4 years. Craig M. challenges other districts to do the same. He states that it costs up to \$1500, serves about 400 and it really opens doors and makes relationships.

l. Wrestling Seeding (State)

Billy S. states that 1A-3A will all need Trackwrestling to seed. Brett Sl. has used and says that all seedable wrestlers need username to verify records.

m. Gate/Parking at State Tournament – Too expensive (Craig M.)

n. State 1A and 2A seeding –

Jeff E. and Craig M. suggest creating a committee to seed the state 1A/2A tournament. Billy S. will bring to ASAA.

o. Gold Pass selection –

Jeff E. suggests Bill Oudal – previous Covenant High School coach (2 State titles) and one of originating members of ASAA and Region 1. Unanimous selection.

UPDATE: Bill Oudal received a first edition Gold Pass 30 years ago. R1 Exec. Committee decided to give Bill a new one and select Gary Baldwin for this year's selection.

p. Hall of Fame Committee – R1 member

Craig M. selected and accepted.

XI. Date and Site of Next Meeting

The Fall meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2013 at 8:30am Cook Inlet Tribal offices.

XII. Adjournment

Robert J. moved that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Ed L.; motion carries.