

**REGION 1 FALL MEETING**

**March 19, 2015**

**Sullivan Arena, Anchorage**

**9:00 A.M.**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Lester at 9:05 A.M. on March 19, 2015, at the **Aces Hospitality Room/Sullivan Arena** in Anchorage.

**II. Roll Call**

			Roll Call	
Ralph Lindquist	Aleutians East Borough S.D.	member	yes	
Jeff Erickson	Bering Strait School District	member/ES	yes	
Paula Singley	Bristol Bay Borough	member	yes	
Mike Larson	Dillingham City Schools	member	yes	
Woody Woodgate	Iditarod School District	member	yes	
Ulric Ulron	Kashunamiut School District	member	yes	
Severin Gardiner	Kuspuk School District	member	yes	
Ed Lester	Lake and Peninsula Schools	member	yes	
Carlton Kuhns	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 Sch. Dist.	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	yes	
Cody McCanna	Southwest Region School Dist.	member	yes	
Jim Wilson	Unalaska City School Dist.	member	no	
Paula Singley	Yupiiit School District	member	yes	

**III. Introduction of New Members & Guests**

Guests: Sharon Wegner (LKSD), Billy Strickland (ASAA), Brett Slaathaug (NWABSD), Mikia Alcott (New Stuyahok); Conor Mewhiney (BET).

**IV. Order of Agenda**

Minor changes and additions were made to agenda:

Byron U. moved to approve the agenda; second by Woody W. motion carries.

**V. Approval of Minutes, December 10, 2014 Meeting**

Cody M. moved to approve the minutes of December 10, 2014; second by SG.; motion carries.

**VI. Communications**      None

**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 \$114,648.67 (\$66720.44 in high yield savings) BU moved to approve the financial report as presented; second by WW motion carries.

**VIII. Old Business**

- a. **Academic Excellence Awards – Informational – May 1 deadline**
- b. **Trackwrestling Equipment – ordered and being sent directly to host sites (Nome and Dillingham)**
- c. **Travel Reimbursements - Music Festival Update (Dillingham) – April 9-11**
- d. **Surplus Funds:**

**Officials costs? (BS) –  
Upgrade trophy options -  
Tournament Facility Costs (CrM) – Wear/Tear; Food costs;  
Regional officials trainings (CK)  
Gate increase (CrM) – host site would keep more of gate profit (less to R1)  
AED machines to all schools (BS)  
R1 Banners for all schools – (\$75 x 90 = \$6750) Need list of schools and content.  
Scholarships up to 4 boys/4 girls**

**Check with Health Corps on AED costs and supply  
Send list of ideas out to board members for input  
Decrease R1 take on gates that make profit by \$1/admission (CrM/CK)  
~~Conference tournament officials game costs kept by schools (CK/WW)~~  
R1 banners in all schools (CoM/UU)  
Increase scholarships to 4 boys/4 girls (WW/DB)**

**IX. New Business**

- a. **Review of ASAA Meetings – BS & EL**

Mixed 6 VB – Added a berth and split Greater Kuskokwim conference. Now an “LKSD” and an “Up River” conference.

Sports Medicine Recommendations – Online at [www.asaa.org](http://www.asaa.org)

- Football practice contact (Barrow only)
- Medical personnel on site for ALL athletic contests (if possible).
- An AED in every school available for ALL contests.
- An Action Plan at every site for response to emergency at venues.

Small Schools Track and Field – state berths increased to 30 – Region 1 just has to let ASAA know 30 days prior to event if they want any berths. They are automatic at this point.

Out of Season contact committee – many are breaking the rules and decision needs to be made to either clamp down or legalize. “Dead periods” are possible where there is **no contact** at all except for “open gym”. Not a big R1 problem. Still be “Open periods” to allow for team camps.

Ejection policy – ASAA will be reconsidering – sport to sport should have different penalty scale.

Boarding School Transfer Rule – R1 proposal – the first to/from a boarding school allowed any time; still cannot play same sport for two schools. 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal: boarding school transfer would be out for rest of that season. For academic competitions it doesn’t really make sense – state berths are different and “competition” is different. Should be treated different.

WPI Concerns: Management is difficult. Proposal is that all 3A and 4A schools **must** have schedules in to ASAA which will help gather scores/data. Takes ASAA personnel too much time to gather scores. WPI concerns from 3A/4A schools who won’t schedule outside of their classification because they are worried about hurting their WPI. Consideration for adding games for higher class teams outside their 22 game limit.....and wouldn’t count toward WPI. Encourage **all** schools to use ASAA365 as it really helps seed the state tournament for all classifications.

Waiver form – will be redone and look more like the Board School form – more info requested from the “sending” school.

Wrestling State - Girls will be separate and be a part of the 1A tournament. ASAA hoping to get the whole tournament under one roof. Probably Sullivan first then ultimately at Alaska Airlines.

Wrestling State - State scoring – limiting number of scorers. Some like it...some do not. Will be close vote.

NFHS broadcasting – still not doing all matches at volleyball – working to get other groups to fill that gap. Craig suggested asking them to provide DVDs to coaches after games.

- b. **Basketball Tournament Reports**  
Handouts and report receipts if profit.
- c. **Music Festival update**  
Dillingham – 4/9-11
- d. **Coach of the Year awards**  
Election results:  
  - XC Run: Carol Alexie – MTV
  - Wrestling: Mark Lane – OTZ
  - Mixed 6 VB – Don Thurman – OTZ
  - Girls VB – Lucas Frost – OME
  - Music – Brad Herndon – Sand Point
  - Girls BB – Fred Lee – OTZ
  - Boys BB – Michael Baldwin – Pribilof
  - Student Gov't – Tony Poage – Sand Point
- e. **2015-16 Tournament Site Selection**  
List updated.  
FY16 site selections made
- f. **Region 1 Scholarship Report**  
Will be completed and sent out by Monday – 3/23
- g. **Basketball Tournament issues**  
Facility issues – single year problem, next year should be single site  
Stats (iScout) – good stat program; wireless printout; easy to use; ASAA365
- h. **Boarding School ASAA Bylaw proposal**  
April ASAA board meeting decision  
Still one season/one team – can't participate sport at 2 schools  
Language should be changed for “start of season” – first contest not practice  
Primarily a rural basketball discussion – doesn't impact urban teams or other sports.  
Some concern about more students trying the boarding school if this is in.  
Could impact school funding.  
Boarding school transfer rule is still 90 days, not a year as it is with others.  
BS – Mixed and “Girls” VB is treated as same  
  
R1 Decision: support R1 proposal – majority vote
- i. **R1 Executive Board election**  
Ed Lester – Chair/Craig McConnell – Vice Chair/Pat Callahan – At Large  
Unanimous consent  
  
ASAA board seat is 6 year seat max – R1 bylaws state R1 chair is ASAA board

**j. Gold Pass Selection** – Billy Strickland selected

**k. All-State BB Selection process**

Back to skewed ballot – Coaches association now selects, but without information that is representative.

PC – conferences should be required to select “all-conference” teams

Need nomination system that sends ballot out to select

EL – maybe add “All Conference” teams to the State program instead of “All-State” – selection would happen after state tournament.

Direction: All-Conference teams selected by Region 1; submitted to state selection to have representative list. All State team selected AFTER state tournament.

**l. AEBSB bids** – want to be in rotation

Bristol Bay has SW Girls Volleyball in FY16 (AEBSB in FY17)

Unalaska has South XC in FY16

LYSD BBall in St. Mary’s FY16

Direction: Set rotation for next year including everyone

**m. Use of coaches as officials (TDH)**

Discussion of using coaches as conference tournament officials. (CM) Right now only certification is criteria. Using coaches limit their availability – can’t coach games with pertinent teams. Conflict of interest concerns. R1 needs language to better clarify who can officiate. If official cannot officiate the entire tournament – due to team or familial attachments.

BiS : Reminder that, with so many tournaments the same weekend, the pool shrinks. Then questioned if districts would be running 1A tournaments earlier with the state schedule change. Continued with tangential conversation regarding State BB skills competitions. 1A on Tuesday and 2A maybe Wednesday in Auxiliary gym or during halftimes.

CM: 3A wants to coaches to have some say in officials selection, not just the host site or incoming schools. Will come up with some language to add to TDH. Pat, Craig and Jeremy will come up with language to put in for FY16 BB season.

Direction: Need language change to R1 manual.

**n. Use of coaches as Tournament Directors**

UU – difficulty being both this year and had some big issues

BrS – Board of Control has slipped – really need those site reps to help; most BOC are remote/teleconferenced in.

Direction: Change to TDH manual language; has been “recommended” but should change to mandatory. Make it a condition for hosting the tournament.

**o. Coach/fan behavior and possible consequences**

UU: Conduct of some players/fans/coaches at 2A tournament in Chevak – almost a riot. There are no consequences in TDH for this action.

**p. Official selection BB**

BiS – State selection process is flawed – official can nominate himself. Trying to come up with a system that will identify better. Get a little bit of “vetting” involved. Regional representation is good, but may include poor choices.

Direction: BiS will make some changes to clean this up.

**q. Recognition for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and/or Consolation champions**

BiS – Believes ASAA should do this for 1A teams, and small school wrestling. Intends to add this to FY16 procedure.

**r. Visit Anchorage – get more recognition for rural teams visiting Anchorage**

BiS - ASAA needs to get more data from rural schools/districts to leverage Anchorage businesses. Trying to get businesses to give special offers, coupons and other incentives.

**s. Conference Tournaments in Anchorage**

PC – Still a good deal? 3A schools will discuss amongst themselves.

CrM – Conference televising in ANC – GCI televised for free – school districts are best customers.

BiS – R1 could send out an RFP to hotels for state tournaments.

**X. Public Comment - none**

**XI. Date and Site of next meeting : October 2 – 900am – University Lake SH Suites**

**XIV. Adjournment**

Jeremy G. moves/ CM. second – unanimous.