

REGION 1 FALL MEETING
December 10, 2014
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 9:05 A.M. on December 10, 2014, at the **University Lakes - Springhill Suites Conference Room** in Anchorage.

II. Roll Call

			Roll Call
Ralph Lindquist	Aleutians East Borough S.D.	member	no
Jeff Erickson	Bering Strait School District	member/ES	yes
Paula Singley	Bristol Bay Borough	member	yes
Mike Larson	Dillingham City Schools	member	no
Woody Woodgate	Iditarod School District	member	yes
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	yes
Sharon Wegner	LKSD – voting member for this meeting		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	yes
Dewayne Bahnsen	St. Mary’s School District	member	no
Cody McCanna	Southwest Region School Dist.	member	yes
Jim Wilson	Unalaska City School Dist.	member	yes
Steve Craft	Yupit School District	member	yes

III. Introduction of New Members & Guests

Guests: Sharon Wegner, Billy Strickland (ASAA), Brett Slaathaug (NWABSD), Mikia (New Stuyahok); Cody 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. Communications

None

VI. Approval of Minutes, October 3, 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 \$104550.26 (\$66707.28 in high yield savings) Cody M. moved to approve the financial report as presented; second by Jeremy G.; motion carries.

VIII. Old Business

a. Academic Excellence Awards - Informational

b. Music Festival Update (Dillingham) – April 9-11

c. Scholarships – Informational

Committee: DeWayne Bahnsen/Sharon Wegner/Woody Woodgate

Max of 2 applicants/gender/school – principal screens them

2 boys and 2 girls scholarships

d. Surplus cash expenditures:

Many ideas presented: Refing clinics (CK); Coaching clinics; Pay Officials Cost; Trackwrestling Hardware and Assistance; Banners for all schools(JE); Website ; “Per-tournament” grant; Gatorade Coolers/tournament; R1 Board travel; R1 Apparel for board; Pay line judges.

Ref clinics/Coach clinics/Officals cost/Board travel : expensive if for all Trackwrestling hardware (about \$25000) – two sets

Moved (JW) and seconded (PC) to purchase Trackwrestling equipment. Equipment will be moved between host sites. Brett S.

Moved (CM) for R1 to pay for board travel up to \$30,000 – WW seconded. CM amended to \$500/site max – WW second. Discussion around removing costs from travel budget. If short term it may be MORE difficult to get travel dollars from district accounting offices if R1 is unable to continue the travel cost assistance. Other points – having a pot of money that sites could request from R1 if needed, with a cap on the annual amount. WW amended to clarify to \$10,000/meeting. Money would be appropriated on an equal amount based on need up to a percentage. CK makes amendment to start this for spring meeting, JE second with the further amendment to

do it ONLY for Spring meeting with Executive Committee meeting to make proposal for next year.

CK mentioned that we should not lower dues or that may not come back.

Pat C. suggested paying line judges. Jim W. suggested adding to TDM instead for next budget cycle.

Consensus was that building infrastructure was better than a onetime infusion that wouldn't be sustainable.

JE will cost out supplying banners to every Region 1 school. Board members tasked with thinking up a slogan or motto for the banner. Members also asked to continue thinking about ways to best utilize any further surplus moneys.

e. Proposed Transfer Rule change

180 day ineligibility/one calendar year (present is 90 days) – would be able to participate in the JV program and for non-state qualifying competitions. Teams with no “subvarsity” team could petition to participate on the varsity team up to the conference tournament.

What did this fix? (BS) Stop kids from move in spring and be eligible for basketball in the fall. It helps fix the private schools moves. BS – kids that move for non-basketball reasons will be granted waivers for the most part. Students/families in more urban areas who have multiple choices for schools can make moves based on academic programs and other “legitimate” reasons. CM – transfers ARE a big problem. 46% of high school students will transfer

Lots of discussion about transfer situations and how this change affects Region 1. Boarding school student transfers would be ineligible until summer when they would've been allowed to transfer without loss of ineligibility anyway. Region 1 3A schools are really affected by transfers – majority of 3A state championships are won by “recruiting” teams. Some of problem is determining “hardship”.

f. Proposed FY16 Calendar –

All sports practices start on Wednesday previous to normal start to allow for play on 2nd normal weekend.

Football practice starts 10 days earlier

Wrestling seasons lined up for all classifications

Wrestling is extended a week to allow for 4 weeks

Volleyball ends a week earlier

Volleyball State is week before Wrestling State

Basketball championships: 1A/2A and 3A/4A on separate weekends and a week later in March due to AK Air Arena constraints

Billy thinks that wrestling state tournament will not extend a week later in December.

R1 – prefers to keep 1A/2A volleyball and wrestling state be same weekend.

- g. **1A/2A State Tournament BB Seed Committee** –
Ed Lester and Jeff Erickson on ASAA Seed committee
Will be in place for 2015 tournament
There will be a mid-year seeding meeting or two then a final seed meeting on Sunday after conference tournaments to determine a designated number of seeded teams for State.
- h. **Website – updates** – please look over and let JE know of any changes or additions that would enhance.
- i. **National Guard donation - \$2500** – Discussion on how to best use it. Will go into general account and can be discussed with other surplus spending ideas. Need contact person to see if there will be any “presence” at conference tournaments.
- i. **Mixed 6 berths – LKSD/KSD/IDITAROD** – Would like to gain a state berth as they have up to 15 teams fighting for one.

BS – probably go to 10 state berths, or may 12 and Region 1 would get one additional berth that would go to this conference. Other berths would go to other regions that are experiencing growth in Mixed 6. This will cause 4 teams to be eliminated from the state tournament after pool play. These 4 would play some additional matches in the Dimond auxiliary gym.

IX. New Business

- a. **Review of ASAA Meetings – BS & EL**
Out of season contact – will be some rule changes - deal with the unfairness of spring/summer/fall leagues for urban schools. Language will be clarified to limit “**own team**” coaching out of season. Schools won’t be able to offer free facilities to own team or own coach unless this is policy for all others. Other specific points to clarify things.

Student Government – Trying to raise interest level for Student Government at the State level. Region 1 for student government is our Region 1-North and Region 7 is our Region 1 – South. Only school attending “Region 1” is Barrow.

Girls Wrestling – Some 3 person brackets at State – round robin then seeded. Western Alaska and SEast have some girls – urban have few wrestlers due to other options. Will be some revamping for nest year. This year there are 41 wrestlers at state. Next year there will be more with the alignment of all classifications. There were 130+ girls wrestling across state.

NFHS Network – bought broadcast rights to state tournaments – but they haven’t been broadcasting all of the tournaments. We’re now asking them to do all of them. BSSD did the volleyball for several years but NFHS will do it this year. It’s been an expectation so we need to offer it for all state tournaments. They are doing the games/matches they can sell subscriptions to.

Other items previously discussed in Old Business.

- b. **Wrestling Tournament Reports**
Turned in for review. Receipts report.
- c. **Volleyball Tournament Reports**
Turned in for review. Receipts report.
- d. **Mixed 6 Volleyball Reports –**
Turned in for review. Receipts report.
- e. **Tournament Site Selections**
List updated.
FY16 site selections made
- f. **“All-Tournament” Award grid – (attached)**
Informational – approved
BS – will be additional 1A All-Tourney this year at State
Add to TDM
- g. **Football Proposal**
Barrow proposal
Max enrollment for small schools raised from 350-450
Increases available schools for “small” classification
BS – playoffs will be an issue /an extra weekend and a longer crossover with
football and wrestling
- h. **Scoring at State Wrestling –**
CM – The imbalance between North and South wrestling qualifiers hurts
Kotzebue’s chance to win State due to lower numbers.
BS – Suggested that maybe top 2 from each conference would automatically
qualify and then next 6 based on Trackwrestling. Unsure of board support for
that.
Need to set limit for scorers at State.
15 scorers for Large/8 for Small schools
Pre-event choice of the “scorers”
CK – Lets make sure we hear all sides. Put on Spring Meeting agenda.
EL will take to February meeting to start discussion

Questions about girls at State not getting top 3 medals

“Filling berths” – Right now berths are filled within Regions and sometimes
there are “byes” (3 this year) – should fill with next best wrestler (TrWrestle)

X. Public Comment - none

XI. Date and Site of next meeting : March 19 – 900am – Sullivan Arena

XIV. Adjournment

Jeremy G. moves/ Jim W. second – unanimous.

Number of teams	Number of starting BB participants	Number of starting VB participants	Number of All Tournament selections	% BB	% VB
4	20	24	6	30	25
6	30	36	9	30	25
8	40	48	12	30	25
10	50	60	15	30	25
12	60	72	18	30	25