FHSAA Public Liaison Advisory Committee

Minutes

Florida High School Athletic Association
1801 NW 80th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606
Monday, November 18, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.

Meeting URL: https://zoom.us/j/548538345?pwd=Vklib29nS1BCYVpXaG5wMkRlUnpTQT09
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A. ROLL CALL/SIGN-IN SHEET

Members Present:
Chris Cowart
Brenda Dickinson (via phone)
Danya Harris
Dean Ledford (via phone)
Lyle Livengood
Tom McGlinn (via phone on behalf of Capt. Robert Fine)
Richard Myhre (via phone)
Marty Pallman
Al Summers
Kathleen Watson (via phone on behalf of Senator Kelli Stargel)

FHSAA Staff Present:
Justin Harrison, Associate Executive Director for Athletic Services
Ashton Moseley, Public Relations Specialist
Jamie Rohrer, Associate Executive Director for Administrative Services
George Tomyn, Executive Director

B. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Introductions
   - Mrs. Rohrer introduced Ashton Moseley to the committee as this was Ms. Moseley’s first meeting.

2. Welcome to New Members
   - There are no new members, therefore, this item was skipped.

3. Sectional Appeal Hearings
   i. Section 1 – December 6th – Richard Myhre
      - Mr. Myhre confirmed he will attend the sectional appeal hearings on this date.
   ii. Section 1 – January 7th – Brenda Dickinson
- Ms. Dickinson confirmed she will attend the sectional appeal hearings on this date.

iii. Section 2 – October 2nd – Lyle Livengood/Danya Harris
- Mr. Livengood and Ms. Harris described the hearings as very typical and stated no members of the public were present.

iv. Section 3 – March 12th – Kurt Browning
- Mr. Browning confirmed he will attend the sectional appeal hearings on this date.

v. Section 4 – TBD – Chris Cowart (Finalize Date)
- The date of the Section 4 Appeal Hearings is April 3rd, 2020, Mr. Cowart confirmed he will attend.

C. ADOPTION OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 MINUTES
- The September 23, 2019 meeting minutes were adopted as presented, 10-0. Motion: Livengood, Second: Summers

D. PLAC CORRESPONDENCE (SEPT. 23-NOV. 17)

1. E-Sports
- Mrs. Rohrer explained that as an athletic association, the FHSAA’s interests do not align with the type of games E-Sports currently offers. The committee agreed that the name “E-Sports” is confusing as the games available are not actually sport-based. It was stated that the Association would be willing to entertain the thought of adding E-Sports if E-Sports were to include sport-based options.

2. Cross Country Meet Concerns
- Mrs. Rohrer went over the chain of emails from an anonymous student-athlete concerned with start times of meets. There is no record of other schools complaining about this concern. It was said that start times are often set in consideration of travelling schools. Brenda suggested schools holding a coach’s conference call the night before a meet to help start races earlier on the day of. The student-athlete also raised an issue of the host site not having available resources to aide with heat exhaustion. However, administrators proclaimed that there was a sufficient amount of resources and athletic trainers present.

3. Varsity Letter
- An ice hockey student-athlete requested for the Association to require his school to provide him with a varsity letter and cord. The FHSAA does not sanction ice hockey nor does it get involved with the distribution of letters and cords. Mrs. Rohrer advised the student-athlete to contact his local administration. The committee agreed with the Association’s response and had no further comments.

4. Scoring & MaxPreps
- Ms. Moseley reviewed the inquiry of how margin of victory may affect a team’s MaxPreps ranking. As stated in her email, margin of victory is not included in the Florida MaxPrep’s ranking, therefore, the ranking cannot be
manipulated by this factor. There was no further contact with the emailer and no discussion from the committee.

5. Participation at Another School

- Ms. Moseley went over the email questioning if a student may play a sport at a school other than the one they attend, when the school they attend does offer that sport. The Association's policies do not permit such an act, thus, there was no further discussion on this topic.

6. Officials Grievance

- Mrs. Rohrer explained that a grievance was received which claimed to be the second complaint submitted on the matter. However, the FHSAA only received the latter complaint. Ms. Dickinson confirmed that there was a previous email sent to the group. Mrs. Rohrer requested further information about that allegations, but the sender did not respond. The committee felt this was handled in the proper manner.

E. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- Mr. Livengood brought up a concern about E-Sports. They are getting a lot of inquiries in his county. Ms. Harris brought about the thought of creating a club for gaming, like other non-sanctioned sports do. Similarly, Ms. Dickinson suggested to offer E-Sports as an extra-curricular activity, such as chess club, Latin club, etc. Mr. Myhre expressed that the desire for E-Sports is continually growing, and if FHSAA does not want to sanction it, another organization will come along to do it. He proposed that the FHSAA could get in front of the issue by offering sports games rather than the violent games that are currently offered. It was mentioned that E-Sports might be in the process of adding games that are more focused on athletics.

F. Adjournment

- The committee agreed to adjourn the meeting, 10-0.
  Motion: Summers, Second: Livengood