

4A Conference Committee  
Minutes  
October 26, 2016 @ 9am AIA Office

**Region Rep Attendees:**

Matt Belden, Chair, Ron Safcik, Skyline, Jim Denton, Black Canyon, Randy Walker, Gila, Shelley Arredondo, Desert Sky, Rob Roberson, Southwest, Joe Paddock, Kino, Mark Faust, West Valley.

Absent: Eric Freas, Michael Fowler, Jeannine Brandel

**AIA Staff:**

David Hines, AIA Asst. Executive Director

**Meeting Notes for all Conferences: none**

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**AIA Executive Board Report Update:**

David Hines gave the AIA Executive Board update.

- Discussion of cancellations, the length of time taken by the board to discuss, and how they affect all schools. This has gone from mostly smaller schools and varsity directed, to now the larger schools and lower level directed. The board has asked that a committee be formed to address cancellation issues. Mr. Hines talked about the discussion that will take place regarding schools requesting to move to 1A from 2A due to, among other reasons, size of school. This issue goes hand in hand with the cancellation of games issue. Three (3) members from the 4A Conference Rep Committee were asked to volunteer for the committee on cancellations. Mr. Belden, Mr. Roberson, and Mr. Paddock volunteered to serve on this committee.
- Reminder from Sister Lynn that the AIAAAA National Conference will be hosted in Phoenix at the Convention Center. The Marriot and the Hyatt will most likely be the hotels used. The host committee is looking for help with organization. Attendance at the State Conference versus the National Conference and the cost for attending both was discussed.
- AIA bylaw violations were discussed. 5A bracketing could be affected if an appeal is turned in by one school that was placed on probation for 2 counts. No forfeits involved and they are out of playoffs. They have been removed from the power point rankings list and they have been placed at the bottom. The games they played will count for their opponent. There was a 3<sup>rd</sup> violation for the same school which may be heard in November.
- Mr. Hines discussed the legislative issue of having seasonal meetings on the Saturday prior to start of season for coaches and ADs for all sports annually (in the spring, for the following year). These meetings would be mandatory to give coaches information on new rules, points of emphasis, and questions for officials. The goal would be to make these meetings meaningful, not all day, and well organized. Mr. Hines asked for support from the 4A Conference Reps in moving forward with this. This will be voted on in March as an addition under Article 2, school responsibility.

*Possibilities:*

- Football meeting may be held as their own entity due to zero week games.
- AIA would like to start with everyone in a central location.
- Venue driven.
- Xavier would be likely as they can accommodate the large group and break out session with 6-7 groups.

*Suggestions/Concerns:*

- There is discussion about consequences for coaches/ADs that choose not to show up for their scheduled meeting.
- Logistics of such a meeting with a possibility of 1000 attendees. Can the message really be heard effectively and discussion be heard by all.
- Even years have 1 big meeting and odds years have region meeting. The big meeting could be more like a professional development with speakers and vendors.
- Development of a usable agenda would be beneficial and will add meaning to the meeting.
- Would Podcast or Webinar be an option?

- Buy in would be needed from ADs and coaches.
  - Expense is a concern for outlying attendees
  - Time away from family.
  - Compensation.
- Schedules for individual sports have fallen off the radar. Mr. Paddock indicated the reason individual sports have struggled is due to being in divisions/sections instead of conferences/regions. Nobody was in charge of scheduling those sports. Mr. Roberson talked about scheduling for individual sports suggested that the 4A Conference Reps look at building those schedules for their schools. Mr. Paddock gave an example of how to do individual schedules as a conference. Mr. Hines is open to any plan that accomplishes getting this done. Schools should not have any access except viewing until all schedules are completed and submitted.
  - Scorebird will be rolled out for the 6A through 2A football tournament. This device is connected through cell service and plugs into the scoreboard comptroller (every school in State will get one for free). Scorebird will need to know what comptroller each school uses. Cords will be provided to fit different types of scoreboards. This device tracks on an app, in real time, scores, time left in game, possession, anything that shows on the scoreboard will show on your smartphone. Scorebird will automatically send final scores to MaxPreps. B/G Basketball (varsity) will roll out for this season, then baseball/softball. Next fall Volleyball will roll out and winter 2017 will be B/G Soccer. This will be a requirement to keep scores current and accurate. A second Scorebird box can be purchased for \$150 annually to cover cellular fees. In the event you have two varsity sports happening at the same time, this would take care of score reporting for both. In the event of a tie in football (OT) there is a way to address this – more information will be given when received. Inaccuracy with score reporting has been an ongoing issue. This will alleviate that problem.

**Region Reports: - none**

**AIAAA Report Update: see above**

**Meeting notes for 4A Conference:**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. RANKINGS – WALKER**

Why do we wait until the end of August to get team rankings. Mr. Hines explained that until we have 3-4 games in the system, the information is inaccurate due to the lack of data to compare. It compares results (win/loss) to all other schools and becomes more accurate the more games that are in. Mr. Hines will discuss this with Brian to see if a change should be made.

**2. ALL-REGION/ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM SELECTIONS - BELDEN**

Are there timelines indicating when region meetings need to take place for these selections to be made? Mr. Hines explained that typically, in the past, we held the meetings at end of season for that sport before the conference met, prior to next season beginning. AIA will send 8 ½ X 11 certificates to region reps for disbursement to schools. They will also send a template for the certificates, including Coach of the Year. The teams will show online as soon as the region rep enters the names. Mr. Belden asked if we need to design the certificates. Mr. Hines said it can be done if the conference wants to. Region team selection meetings need to be done by Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> for each region. Teams will be posted at that time. The athlete's name must be listed on a roster in MaxPreps to be recognized by the system when teams are posted. All Conference team selections for Volleyball will be done by Mr. Faust. Mr. Roberson will take football. First and Second Team selections for regions will be made online. Those athletes would be eligible for the All Conference first and second team selection. All Conference team selection should not be decided until the conclusion of the State tournament. The AD of the Region Champs for football and volleyball should be the AD running the region meeting for team

selection. Tournament coordinators will send out plaques for football and volleyball. Again, region meetings should be held by **November 12<sup>th</sup>**.

### **3. TRACK SCHEDULES - BELDEN**

Mr. Belden emailed spreadsheet from survey and reviewed the lineup. Ms. Arredondo will take Southeast with Mr. Denton, Northeast will be done by Mr. Safcik. Mr. Belden, Mr. Faust, and Mr. Roberson will take Southwest. There will be five (5) regular meets and seven (7) invitational meets for twelve (12) opportunities. At next meeting, 4A Reps will solidify based on how many meets the schools want.

Northern – Prescott, Bradshaw Mtn., Mingus

Arredondo/Denton - Southeast – Seton Catholic, Tempe, Combs, Higley, Marcos, Apache Jct.

Safcik - Northeast – Saguario, St. Mary's, Shadow Mtn., Cactus Shad.

Farwest – Lee Williams, Mohave, Yuma, Gila Ridge.

Belden/Faust/Roberson - Southwest – Sunrise Mtn., Peoria, Cactus, Dysart, Estrella FtHills, Youngker, Buckeye, Greenway, Cortez, Washington, Thunderbird, Moon Valley.

No Schedule – Coconino, Flagstaff

The schools listed were the school that responded to the survey. There were three or four that did not respond. The assumption is they do not want a track schedule. GUHSD already has a track schedule, running against sister schools.

### **4. NUMBER OF WRESTLING TOURNAMENT OPPORTUNITIES – FAUST**

Mr. Faust asked about number of tournaments that can be played. This came from the AIA Executive Board minutes dated 8/15/16. Wrestling can attend five (5) tournaments.

Mr. Roberson had a problem entering a schedule for frosh, David advised him to call Robin to have the lower level options added.

### **5. REGION TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES - DENTON**

Mr. Denton received clarification on this item from Mr. Halbach. Mr. Faust asked for clarification for region championship tie break.

*Article 12:1:6 -*

For purposes of determining the region/section champion/automatic qualifiers for the state tournament, it is based first on win percentage within region/section games only. Therefore, the region/section standings are sorted based on region/section win percentage.

If teams are tied on region/section win percentage, the tie breaker is as follows, and will be noted on the standings pages as such:

1. Head to Head in Region/Section Games
2. Conference/Division Win Percentage
3. Overall Win Percentage
4. Overall Power Ranking
5. Coin Flip if simply to break a tie for seeding
6. Mini playoff if to go into the tournament

**Additional Items: none**

**Future Items: none**

**Good of the order: none**

**Adjourned: 12:50p**