

4A Conference Committee
Minutes
February 24, 2020 @ 9:00am AIA Office

Region Rep Attendees:

Matt Belden, Chair, Jeannine Brandel, AIA Board Rep, Rod Huston, Desert Sky, Ron Safcik/Shelley Arredondo, Skyline, Brian Galbreath, Black Canyon, Bill Wright, Southwest, Missy Townsend, Grand Canyon, Stacey Spencer, David Humphreys, Amphitheater HS, Patty Uptain 4A Admin Asst.

Absent: Ty Cephers, Kino

Guests:

Call to Order: 9:00am

AIA Staff: Joe Paddock – Assistant Executive Director

Meeting Notes for all Conferences:

Executive Board: Ms. Brandel

- Audit complete with good results
- April 13th is Athletic Directors meeting. Principals and Superintendents are welcome to join; you can also bring two students for the S.L.A.C meeting and one for the Unified. You can also preregister.
- State Wrestling Tournament was successful. Girls wrestling has seen a huge improvement.
- Inside Out Initiative is coming up with the intent to replace Victory with Honor.
- Opioid Course will be one of two ways. First option is online similar to Brain book or Register My Athlete, the other option is the State Mandated one which is a 53-page course and you can sign off on it.
- Two new schools were balloted and approved.

AIAAA: Rod Huston

- Have been spending time putting together conference for next year.
- Awards for conferences are supposed to be chosen as well.

AIA Report: Joe

- Summit this year will have four different breakout sessions with the first two being repeats. Five topics to choose from with a cap of 65 per topic. One consistent topic deals with school culture and creating positive atmosphere at your school. Closing speaker is Steven Mackey.
- Inside Out - We cannot continue to use "Pursing Victory with Honor". Inside Out is designed to support culture in all sports in the same way as Pursuing Victory with Honor.
- Opioid course will be available in Spanish. The holdup is getting the course on the servers with a start date of June 10th.
- NIAAA Certification Committee has been doing the Certified Masters Athletic Administrators presentation, which in the past, has been presented in paper like a thesis, but now oral presentations have been reviewed.

Region Reports:

Skyline –
Black Canyon –
Gila –
Southwest-
Desert Sky –
Kino –
Grand Canyon –
West Valley –

Meeting notes for 4A Conference:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Missy - 15.10.1.4 Nathan Slater Proposal.
 - The idea behind this proposal is that a student from a “sports” school could attend a “non-sports” online charter and then go back to the same sports school without penalty of a first transfer.
 - Currently, it is a double transfer, which means the student sits for a year.
 - The proposal could be approved with the idea of a transfer happening one time without penalty.
- Missy - Wrestling Official Fees
 - The question was asked are the wrestling fees so high because there are a limited amount of wrestling officials? Fees seem to be out of control. Brian should have reduced those fees and there is a cap of \$250 per night, per official. The cap does not apply to Varsity and JV; they are separate.
- Missy – Soccer Overtime rules
 - The question is does each Conference decide on how it is applied or is it across the board? The response is that it is across the board and in the AIA rules. The concern is why you can’t stop at regulation if a game, after the two ten minute overtimes, still ends in a tie. This should be taken to the Soccer Advisory Committee to address a change in the format.
- Bill – Lower Level Football schedules
 - It was asked if 4A could do a survey in regards to lower level games. Yes, Matt to create one and send out to 4A AD’s for approval and discussion.
- Bill – 12.1.6 Proposal and Language
 - Asking that the language read differently. Would like it to be changed so that it reads head-to-head region champions and second overall power rating and all that to be the determining factor for section champs/automatic qualifiers. Discussed a rationale being brought to Executive Council Meeting for change.
- Matt – Football schedule update
 - Due to possibly two court cases, football schedules are on hold until April (at least). Schools should not be publishing schedules and if you are sending them please express that it is a draft-our message needs to be consistent to the idea that it can change.
- Matt - All Region Conference Teams
 - Get in your Winter Teams by the end of this week so we can get the All Conference posted.
- Matt - Region/4A AD of the Year – **MISSY TOWNSEND**
- Matt - Newcomer – **JOE KINNEY**
- Matt - Hall of Fame -

ADD ON ITEMS:

- Jeannie-Wanted to discuss schedules for Canyon View and the 4A’s responsibility to setting those up. Joe with AIA spoke in regards to this and mentioned that Canyon View struggled getting schools in their conference to support a schedule so they went with schools that were willing to play.
- Shelly – Officials department is scheduling games beyond the 6-week window causing the schedules to lock and schools cannot change games etc. Joe Paddock to address this concern in their next meeting.
- Rod – Exhibition in Individual sports. Discussed putting together a draft for Executive Council to review a rule that allows two teams already playing each other to have a non-scoring scrimmage game with those athletes that are not competing.

Future Items:

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All Good

Adjourned: 12:16pm