

2A North Region Conference Meeting Minutes
Teleconference via Zoom
August 18, 2021 10:00 am (MST)

- Call to order: 10:08 AM
 - Motion: Red Mesa (Smith)
 - Second: St. Johns (Bradshaw)
 - Approved: 9

- Roll Call:

Alchesay H.S. – not present	Ganado H.S. – Lynette Lookingback
Greyhills H.S. –Richard Grey/Vaughn Salabye	Holbrook H.S. – not present
Hopi H.S. – Ricky Greer	Many Farms H.S. – Shawn Deschenie
Pinon H.S. – Cameron Timms	Red Mesa H.S. – Frank Smith
Rock Point H.S. – Chris Wilson	Round Valley H.S. – not present
St. Johns H.S. – Dave Bradshaw	Valley (Sanders) H.S. – Tiarra Yazzie

- Approval of Minutes from last meeting
 - Teleconference 7/14/21
 - Motion to approve meeting minutes without revisions: Hopi (Greer)
 - Second: Red Mesa (Smith)
 - Approved: Yes = 8, No = 0

 - Teleconference 7/28/21
 - Motion to approve meeting minutes without revisions: Pinon (Timms)
 - Second: Hopi (Greer)
 - Approved: Yes = 8, No = 0

- Approval of Agenda
 - Motion to approve agenda: Greyhills (Grey)
 - Second: Ganado (Lookingback)
 - Approved: Yes = 9, No = 0

- Treasurer’s Report
 - Balance for the 2A North Region -
 - Bradshaw – \$3,720.41
 - Amount reflected is correct as of last meeting date. Received region dues check from Hopi and St. Johns. Round Valley has a purchase order. Once dues are deposited the ending balance will be updated. Update with deposit will be available at the September 22 region meeting.
 - Motion to approve report: Hopi (Greer)
 - Second: Red Mesa (Smith)
 - Approved: Yes = 9, No = 0

- Old Business
 - Inside-Out Initiative
 - Over 70 AD’s completed the first two orientation trainings in January and February.
 - The program is designed to change the culture inside of our athletic programs from the me centered mentality that has been slowly creeping in throughout the years and put the focus on others, the concept of team, and sports are a means to a greater purpose and life lessons. It is taking place of Victory with Honor and is much more comprehensive.
 - The next Inside-Out Initiative professional development will be held on August 27, 2021 at the Arizona Cardinals Stadium. This will be for athletic directors. Professional development will have two options: zoom meeting link and in-person beginning at 9am.

 - Region Fall Tourney
 - Previous meeting, we approved to continue with region championship sites to be held at:
 - Hopi for Cross Country on Oct. 30, 2021

- Ganado for Volleyball on Oct. 28-30, 2021
 - Coaches meetings for both cross country and volleyball will be at 10am MST/11am DST
 - Clear the gym for the championship game
 - Prices - \$5.00/Single Game or \$8.00 All Day
 - Cut of dates for automatic qualifier for volleyball will be confirmed with David Shapiro (AIA Tournament Coordinator)
 - Digital Ticket vs. Paper
 - Weighed the pros and cons of ticketing for 2021/22 seasons. Limited cell coverage in some rural areas and fees associated with each ticket transaction.
 - Paper tickets will continue to be utilized for spectators that are in favor of this option.
 - Digital tickets have a weekly deposit. Deposits will be directly reflected into region account the following week. Manageable option.
 - Region game management works at each site for the Cross Country and Volleyball tournaments will be paid through region checks and gate revenue on paper ticket sales.
 - Hudl has been the vendor for most school districts supplying paper tickets.
 - Based on each school sites administration in regards to policy and procedure of the health and safety of the students, coaches, and staff, the region would hold off until completion is resumed to get a better understanding of digital tickets vs. paper tickets. Test run would be the first step at region home games before deciding the ticket option for the region tournaments. *Tabled until 9/22 regular region meeting.*
- New Business
 - Minimum Games for Fall Sports
 - Football and Soccer- 6 games
 - Pinion HS is down to 14 games. Other regions have been affected by the couple of regions cancelling fall sports for the SY 21/22.
 - Volleyball- 10 games
 - Minimum games must be played to be eligible for the State Tournament.
 - St. Johns lost some games in volleyball. Greyhills and Many Farms
 - Football Region –
 - 6 games must be played
 - View Master Football Schedule – see attachment with meeting documents
 - Red Mesa football game with Scottsdale Prep will be cancelled and Miami game
 - Rock Point has cancelled one game due to COVID-19 mitigation protocols for specific district.
 - Pinion has a bye week with 9 games for football schedule.
 - Proposal has been suggested that teams needing to fill games from open week may consider competing with a particular region twice in one season. Refer to updated football schedule for region reflecting the cancellation of the two school districts within the region. Alternative option would be competing with regions in the metro/valley area.
 - Cancellation of Fall Sports
 - Update on 2A region schools cancelling fall sports due to district decision on increase of cases.
 - Greyhills Academy – Fall Sports
 - Many Farms – Contact Sports (football and volleyball), Deschenie informed the region that the decision was made at the Administration level. Considered alternative options for full participation of season. Contact sports was not in favor.

- Rock Point – Week 1 and 2 football games
- District site update on continuing with sports – As of today the North 2A Region is the only region to cancel a program for the season: Greyhills HS (all fall sports) and Many Farms High School (contact sports). Remaining North 2A Region ADs have expressed that the decision for participation for fall sports is a week by week determination. District protocols are site specific and will be cancelled if need be. Cancellation would be one game due to quarantine for exposure and/or confirmed positive case.
- Transfer Appeal
 - AIA has requested a Hardship Committee for 1A – 6A. The Hardship Committee will be divided into Small School and Large School.
 - Small School – 1A, 2A, and 3A
 - Large School – 4A, 5A, and 6A
 - Representatives for 2A: Conference Chair, Eric Dall and Donna Antonio
 - Hardship Appeals
 - Football/Soccer
 - 1 one hardship appeal has been submitted for football and will be meeting with the small school committee
 - Remaining Fall Appeals
 - Deadline for submission – August 16, 2021
 - Hearing – August 23rd-25th, 2021
 - Winter Sports
 - Deadline for submission - October 18, 2021
 - Hearing – October 25th – 27th, 2021
- AIA Declaration Statement
 - Statement may be reviewed and printed through your AIA admin dashboard. Submit no later than September 1, 2021 to Tayler Coady.
- Executive Board Update – Ricky Greer
 - AIA Recommended Guidelines for Returning to Athletic Activity
 - This is a draft and living document from the SMAC committee. It is up to the individual school site to handle return to athletic activity. Recommendations are not mandatory guidelines. Emails have been received from parents with these concerns. Athletic AD's and districts may update and inform parents and student-athletes of site specific guidelines for return to athletic activity.
 - Be sure to share your site mitigation plan for traveling schools if you are hosting in a timely manner.
 - SMAC committee meets on Thursday. There guidance for spring season are the main concern with the younger youth with the surge in cases of the new strain variant.
 - Basketball Proposal to Allow 3 Tournaments for 2021/22
 - This proposal has not been presented to the AIA Executive Board for review. This proposal is in the survey phase and most likely to begin in the next 2-year block – 2022. Reclassification from the 1A – 6A for next 2-year block is based on school site enrollment. October 1st is when the enrollment survey will be open and submitted through the AIA admin dashboard.
 - Basketball Shot-Clock
 - Each state can utilize one shot clock for games. Proposal is in effect with AIA and NFHS. School districts have ample amount of time to update scoreboards and/or purchase a shot clock system that will be used in the next 2-year block.
 - Fall Mandatory Coaches Meeting
 - Upon completion of the fall mandatory coaches meeting for football and volleyball was test link for coaches that reflects the officiating scenarios for that specific sport. Coaches and AD's were not aware of this update. Not sure if this would be a mandatory assessment and if not completed would this be considered a violation?

- Eligibility on Transfer Students – J1 Visa / F1 Visa: if the student is within your attendance zone they are eligible to participate and only at the JV level.
 - Wrestling: Boys – 14 weight classes / Girls – 12 weight classes.
 - Beach Volleyball will refer to Article 32 on AIA website.
 - Cross Country – 50% will qualify to state meet.
- In- Person 2A North Region Meetings
 - Favorable decision to continue with zoom meeting for regular region meeting date for September 22nd through January 19th, 2022. Greer will be the facilitator sending out meeting zoom links in a timely manner.
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 - Greyhills – Grey updated the region on contractor’s renovation for Greyhills Academy. Renovation goal is to have sufficient ventilation for the building. Worst case scenario, renovation might go into winter season. He will update accordingly on timeline.
 - Winter Schedules are updated and posted in each of your AD AIA dashboard.
 - Hopi -Greer has updated the football master schedule in excel and will share with all region athletic directors to view who have an open week to schedule a game in place of the two-member region schools that have cancelled a fall season.
 - Many Farms – Deschenie requested to share cross country invitational that will be taking place on the Navajo Reservation. Many Farms will continue with Cross Country season for 2021.
- Upcoming Meetings
 - Sun. Sept. 12th – Prescott Resort Granite Mountain Room
 - Wed. Sept. 22nd - 10am via zoom/El Rancho Restaurant in Holbrook
 - Wed. Oct. 20th - 10am via zoom/El Rancho Restaurant in Holbrook
 - Fri. Oct. 29th – Mandatory Coaches Meeting for Winter Sports (AIA School Dashboard)
 - Wed. Dec. 1st – 10am via zoom/El Rancho Restaurant in Holbrook
 - Wed. Jan. 19th - 10am via zoom/El Rancho Restaurant in Holbrook
 - Wed. Mar. 2nd - 10am via zoom/El Rancho Restaurant in Holbrook
 - Wed. May 11th - 10am via zoom/El Rancho Restaurant in Holbrook
- Meeting adjourned: 11:45 PM
 - Motion: St. Johns (Bradshaw)
 - Second: Red Mesa (Smith)
 - Approved: Yes = 9, No = 0