

4A Conference Committee  
Minutes  
August 23, 2021 @ 9:00am

**Region Rep Attendees:**

Matt Belden, Chair, Jeannine Brandel, AIA Board Rep, Clairinda Weatherwax, AIAAA Rep, Yancey Devore, Grand Canyon, Ron Safcik/Shelley Arredondo, Skyline, Brian Galbreath, Black Canyon, Stacey Spencer, West Valley, Bill Wright, Southwest, , Phil Gruensfelder, Kino, David Humphreys, Gila, Patty Uptain 4A Admin Asst.

**Absent:** Lenica Ruiz, Desert Sky

**Call to Order:** 9:00am

**AIA Staff:**

David Hines – Executive Director

Joe Paddock – Assistant Executive Director

**Meeting Notes for all Conferences:**

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**Executive Board: Ms. Brandel**

1. Discussed Inside Out Initiative, Friday meeting at State Farm Stadium with all Athletic Directors invited to attend.
2. Deer Valley game cancellation; should a change be made to their schedule.
3. Financial report –ended the month with a positive balance.
4. Service charge grid –given to Region reps at meeting.
5. Hardship appeals – discussed the reasoning behind going to one committee for small conferences and one for large council. Also, must attach a copy of 550 form for the hardship appeal and must be accurate.
6. AIA Legislative Conference scheduled March 4. February 4<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to submit for council.
7. New Membership application deadline for approval is November. Plan to vote on all at that time.
8. Discussed volleyball not moving benches in compliance with new policy and procedures.
9. Discussed changes to class weights in wrestling, 12 weight classes for girls and 14 for boys. This is to help build the program.
10. Discussed minimum game requirements to qualify for state; 6 for football and soccer, all other sports are 10.
11. J1 Visa's are currently on the dashboard.
12. In regards to Fall Coaches Workshop, "new hire" coaches can still take the courses as the portal will stay open till Fall sports begin. Notifications have been sent out to those who have not and please make sure that coaches are logging in for themselves, not as their AD.
13. Covid Guidelines was not discussed at Executive, but continue with current mitigation strategies.
14. Cross Country-50% teams at Championships and will be the finishing teams that qualify.
15. Beach Volleyball – increased number of matches to 15, with 3 of those Invitationals. Player "movement" was also discussed.

**AIAAA Report Update: Clairinda Weatherwax**

1. State Conference set for September. Encourage your AD's to attend, if they are interested they will have an opportunity to take the CAA exam at State.
2. Discussed a Mentoring program starting for new AD's, which is not the same as the AIA program.
3. Sister Lynn being recognized for the NAIAAA Hall of Fame in Denver at the National Conference, December 11-15<sup>th</sup>.
4. Discussed Financial modules being online.

## Meeting notes for 4A Conference:

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### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

#### **All-Region & All-State Voting – Football, Basketball, Baseball using Coaches Association**

1. Please meet deadlines. Discussed thoughts on using Association to vote verses our own selections. Or, use the Regions and Conference.

#### **Qualifying for State? Play-in?**

1. Discussed whether the 4A Conference wanted to use Play In games for any sports, except football. The determination was to go with the top 1-16 teams, with no guaranteed spot, for Region Champ in football. All other sports, top 24 for Play In with 1-8 Power Rating for seed and 9-24 play Play In games. Region champ hosts Play In game.

#### **Schedules**

1. Make sure to post October 1 enrollment. Discussed coming back in September and October with what 4A wants regarding regions. We will schedule individual sports first. Please fill out the survey per sport and the only person to fill out surveys should be the AD. Discuss with Erin Coy regarding the list of who receives the survey.

#### **Basketball Advisory Recommendations**

1. Discussed moving to a 3 game tournament option with 17 games total. Tournaments would be extra with regular season games remaining the priority. 4A chose to not take forward to board.

#### **Deer Valley Cancellation request**

1. Discussed request for Deer Valley to cancel competetions with Boulder Creek and Oconner due to over competitiveness. 4A does not approve this request due to the fact it is difficult to make such changes in the middle of a 2 year block.

#### **Number of Games a player can play in football**

1. Discussed the rules of the “6<sup>th</sup> Quarter Rule” and what the effects would be on the athletes. Discussed pros and cons and whether SMAC would approve or not. Region reps to discuss with their specific region and bring issue back to the September meeting for follow up.

#### **Sports Advisory**

1. Discussed sports advisory committeess that need member recommendations from 4A Region reps. An email will go out to those who have been chosen to fill out application. A separate email to 4A Reps will go out to fill open spots.

### **ADD ON ITEMS:**

Future Items: N/A

Good of the order: N/A

Adjourned: 11:45am