

# Sandhills Valley Sports Cooperative Committee Meeting

March 9, 2021 in Tryon

Rich Burside called the meeting to order at 6:53 pm.

**Members Present:** Lana Watson, Kim Kramer, Howard Gaffney, Rich Burnside, Todd Ascherl, Toni Powers & Tim Vanderheiden

**Members Absent:** Frank Kramer.

**Also Present:** Jason Wehnes (Athletic Director)

Watson moved to excuse F. Kramer from the meeting. K. Kramer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Voting: Aye- Watson, K. Kramer, Burnside, Ascherl, Gaffney, Powers & Vanderheiden. Nay- None. Motion carried.

T. Powers read the minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting. No meeting was held in February due to lack of agenda items. No changes were made. Burnside moved to approve the minutes. K. Kramer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Voting: Aye- Burnside, K. Kramer, Watson, Ascherl, Gaffney, Powers & Vanderheiden. Nay- None. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. **(Pole Vault)** The committee discussed different options for pole vault pits and standards. Mr. Wehnes is looking into used equipment from Arapahoe that would be 15-20 years old for around \$500-\$1000. Mr. Gaffney will make some phone calls regarding standards and safety with older equipment. The committee discussed coaches and alternate locations to practice. Powers moved to offer pole vault this track season if administration can find an alternate location to practice that is already equipped for pole vault and find a coach to assist. Watson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Voting: Aye- Powers, Watson, Burnside, K. Kramer, Ascherl, Gaffney & Vanderheiden. Nay- None. Motion carried.
2. **(Sports Awards Banquet)** It was decided on by the committee that we will have the sports awards banquet in Stapleton. This banquet will be for the full year instead of just the winter seasons. Administration will coordinate and determine the best possible date for both schools to attend.
3. **(Athlete's Handbook/Code of Conduct)** This is tabled until next meeting due to Mr. Wehnes and Watson have not been able to collaborate on it yet.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. **(Athletic Director Position)** AD Wehnes informed the committee that he has been offered and accepted a position at another school. He turned in his resignation to the committee. The committee would like to thank Mr. Wehnes for his long hours and hard work with the cooperative and wish him the best of luck in the future. Per the cooperative agreement, Stapleton School Board will choose the next AD.
2. **(Head Coaches Evaluation)** Mr. Wehnes has completed the evaluations for the head coaches except for track and golf. Based on his evaluations he recommends the following for rehire: Cross Country-Eric Kloeke, Volleyball-Dakota Myers, Football- Luke Connell, Wrestling-Jason

Minutes submitted by Toni Powers, Sandhills Valley Cooperative Secretary

Phelps, Boys Basketball- Tim Karn, Girls Basketball- Meka Melvin. The committee will vote on coaches at the April meeting.

3. **(Summer Programs)** After a long discussion the committee would like to see a set weight program, camps and open gym schedule from the coaches and AD. The committee feels that this is especially important for the growth of our student athletes and a chance for students from both schools to interact more than just in practice during the school year. Mr. Wehnes will have a plan to present at the next meeting.
4. **(Assistant Golf Coach)** Due to the number of golfers being over 10 participants, golf will need to hire an assistant coach. The head coach will pick his own assistant. Jason Phelps will be offered the position per Mr. Wehnes.
5. **(Junior High Practice Schedule)** Some of the coaches would like to see the Jr. High practice 5 days a week for the last period of the day instead of just 2 days a week for 2-hour practices. Most of the committee was against taking the students out of class 5 days a week to practice. They feel like coaches can work on fundamentals and conditioning on the days they are not practicing together and during the 2-hour practices work on plays and scrimmaging. Administration will work with principals and coaches to make this work.

**Discussion Items:** Mr. Wehnes stated that the NSAA is leaving protocols up to each individual venue for track season.

Next meeting will be April 13, 2021 in Stapleton at 7pm.

Powers moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Burnside 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Voting: Aye- Powers, Burnside, Watson, Ascherl, Gaffney, K. Kramer, & Vanderheiden. Nay- None. Motion carried.