

Sandhills Valley Sports Cooperative Committee Meeting

April 13, 2021 in Stapleton

Frank Kramer called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jason Wehnes (Athletic Director)

T. Powers read the minutes from the March 9, 2021 meeting. No changes were made. Consensus of the committee was to approve the minutes as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **(Athletic Handbook/Code of Conduct)** Mr. Wehnes handed out a copy to each committee member for them to take home and bring their suggested changes to the next meeting in May.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **(Letter from the SV Student-Athletes)** AD Wehnes informed the committee that he had received a letter from some student athletes that had concerns about the volleyball coaching staff. The coaches, AD, nor superintendents were notified about these issues before the letter to the committee was presented. After much discussion, the committee would like to reiterate to the public, staff, parents, and students, that all complaints must follow the chain of command. The committee will not hear issues that have not first been taken to the coaches, then athletic director, both principals and then finally to both schools' superintendents. All complaints must be in writing and complainants must wait for a response to the complaint or 5 days, whichever occurs sooner, before going to the next link in the chain if it has not already been resolved. Only when it has gone through all the steps to the superintendents and the complaint still is not resolved will the committee decide if it is an issue they need to handle, or it needs to be taken to both school boards.
2. **(Head Coaches for 2021-2022)** Football- Watson moved to approve Luke Connell as head football coach. Vanderheiden 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye- Watson, Vanderheiden, K. Kramer, Burnside, Gaffney, Powers, & F. Kramer. Nay- None. Motion carried.

Volleyball- K. Kramer moved to open the head volleyball position and take applications. The Athletic Director and both Superintendents will bring a recommendation to the May meeting. Watson 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye- K. Kramer, Watson, Vanderheiden, Burnside, Gaffney, Powers & F. Kramer. Nay- None. Motion carried.

Cross Country- Powers moved to approve Eric Kloke as head cross country coach. Burnside 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye- Powers, Burnside, K. Kramer, Watson, Vanderheiden, Gaffney & F. Kramer. Nay- None. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Toni Powers, Sandhills Valley Cooperative Secretary

Girls' Basketball- Watson moved to approve Meka Melvin as head girls' basketball coach. Vanderheiden 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye- Watson, Vanderheiden, Burnside, K. Kramer, Gaffney, & Powers. Nay- F. Kramer. Motion carried.

Boys' Basketball- Burnside moved to approve Tim Karns as head boys' basketball coach. Powers 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye- Burnside, Powers, Watson, K. Kramer, Vanderheiden, Gaffney & F. Kramer. Nay- None. Motion carried.

Wrestling- F. Kramer moved to approve Jason Phelps as head wrestling coach. Vanderheiden 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye- F. Kramer, Vanderheiden, Watson, Burnside, K. Kramer, Gaffney & Powers. Nay- None. Motion carried.

Boys' & Girls' Track- Watson moved to approve Renee Connell as head track coach. Powers 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye- Watson, Powers, K. Kramer, Vanderheiden, Burnside, Gaffney & F. Kramer. Nay- None. Motion carried.

Golf- Powers moved to approve Gary Halstead as head boys' & girls' golf coach. Watson 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye- Powers, Watson, Gaffney, Burnside, K. Kramer, Vanderheiden & F. Kramer. Nay- None. Motion carried.

3. **(Summer Programs)** Powers moved to add to the by-laws that it is mandatory for each athletic program to have a set summer or off-season session coordinated by the head coaches. K. Kramer 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye- Powers, K. Kramer, Burnside, Vanderheiden, Gaffney, Watson, & F. Kramer. Nay- None. Motion carried. Powers moved to see a proposed summer program from each coach by the May 2021 meeting. Watson 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye- Powers, Watson, K. Kramer, Burnside, Vanderheiden, Gaffney, & F. Kramer. Nay- None. Motion carried.

Discussion Items: No NSAA updates

Next meeting will be May 11, 2021 in Tryon at 7pm.

Watson moved to adjourn at 8:17 pm. Powers 2nd the motion. Voting: Aye- Watson, Powers, Burnside, Gaffney, K. Kramer, Vanderheiden & F. Kramer. Nay- None. Motion carried.