

# Sandhills Valley Sports Cooperative Committee Meeting

July 14, 2020

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

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

**Members Absent:** None. McPherson County board informed the committee that they are short one committee member at this time. Luke Connell resigned from the school board at McPherson County to take on a teaching job at the school. The board president will appoint a new committee member at their July 20 meeting.

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

T. Powers read the minutes from the June 9, 2020 meeting. No changes were made. Burnside moved to approve the minutes. K. Kramer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Voting: Aye- Burnside, K. Kramer, Watson, Vanderheiden, Gaffney, Powers & F. Kramer. Nay- None. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. **(Live Streaming of Home Games)** Mr. Wehnes researched 3 live streaming options, HUDL, NFHS Pixellot, and STRIV. Mr. Wehnes recommends STRIV for our cooperative because it is flexible, and a lot of conference members already use it. Powers moved to purchase the Bronze STRIV package at \$1975/year and purchase a device for each school to stream the home games at around \$500 each. Watson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Voting: Aye- Powers, Watson, Burnside, K. Kramer, Vanderheiden, Gaffney, & F. Kramer. Nay- None. Motion carried.
2. **(Eligibility Policy)** The administrators of both schools got together and rewrote the cooperative eligibility policy to their liking. The committee reviewed the new policy and clarified some aspects of it. Powers moved to approve the updated policy with the changes the committee made. K. Kramer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Voting: Aye- Powers, K. Kramer, Watson, Burnside, Gaffney, Vanderheiden & F. Kramer. Nay- None. Motion carried.
3. **(Co-op Goals/ Policy Document)** The new eligibility policy was added the document. The committee discussed the number of participants for cross country, wrestling, and golf. Burnside made a motion to change the wording in the document to state "If there are less than 5 high school participants on the NSAA eligibility date, this sport will be reevaluated by cooperative committee and this sport will possibly not be offered for that year. If the committee decides to drop this sport for a certain year, the coaches will not be paid. Coaches must get numbers to the AD before the NSAA eligibility date." Watson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Voting: Aye- Burnside, Watson, Powers, K. Kramer, Gaffney, Vanderheiden & F. Kramer. Nay- None. Motion carried.
4. **(Pole Vault)** This item will be tabled until Mr. Wehnes can get some information from Luke Connell regarding St. Pats coach's participation in our program.
5. **(Pile Ons)** AD Wehnes ordered new pile ons for the football fields.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. (Assistant Coaches for 2020-2021 school year)** AD Wehnes presented the committee with a list of assistant coaches. K. Kramer moved to approve the list. Burnside 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Voting: Aye- K. Kramer, Burnside, Watson, Vanderheiden, Gaffney, Powers & F. Kramer. Nay- None. Motion carried.
- 2. (Part-time assistant compensation for wrestling)** Mr. Gaffney and AD Wehnes would like to pay an assistant hourly to stand by at wrestling meets even if there are less than 10 participants due the possibility that a wrestler may need to be taken to the hospital and that would leave no coach for the other participants. Also with inclement weather and leaving early it is better to have 2 people to drive. Powers stated that is was not fair to cross country or golf to have no assistants, but we will pay one for wrestling on the off chance of a what if. Injuries can happen in the other sports too. The committee has stated that coaches should not have to drive to games or meets so a bus/van driver should be provided anyway. It was also mentioned that there is supposed to be an administrator at every NSAA event and since we now have 6 administrators that should not be an issue for someone to be there to take a possibly injured student to the hospital if parents are not available and leave the other person to supervise at the meet. K. Kramer moved to table this discussion until a later date. Burnside 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Voting: Aye- K. Kramer, Burnside, Watson, Vanderheiden, Gaffney, Powers & F. Kramer. Nay- None. Motion carried.
- 3. (Compensation of coaches during Covid-19)** Both school boards have already agreed to pay coaches if any season is canceled due to Covid-19. Most coaches have already signed their extra duty contracts and are relying on that money. Burnside made a motion to compensate coaches during the 2020-2021 school year, full pay, if any season is canceled due to the pandemic. Powers 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Voting: Aye- Burnside, Powers, Watson, Vanderheiden, Gaffney, K. Kramer & F. Kramer. Nay- None. Motion carried.
- 4. (Updates from NSAA and Safety recommendations regarding Covid-19)** AD Wehnes passed out new guidelines from NSAA regarding safely during this pandemic. There is a strong possibility that some games may need to be canceled or postponed during this school year. The committee has given the AD and both superintendents the right to make decisions, together as a group, regarding this issue and the committee fully backs the administrators and believe that they have the best interest at heart for our student athletes.
- 5. (SHV Code of Conduct)** AD Wehnes will put together an Athletic Handbook with rules, policies, and code of conduct to be handed out to everyone at the start of the school year. This will bring uniformity between the schools regarding issues that arise during the sports seasons with parents, student athletes and coaches.

## Discussion Items:

1. The committee discussed that football camps are now being attended. Mask will be provided for the kids during the van rides and at camp where needed. All student athletes riding in school vans must wear their seat belts.

Next meeting will be August 11, 2020 in Tryon at 7pm.

Powers moved to adjourn at 8:41 pm. Watson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Voting: Aye- Powers, Watson, Vanderheiden, Burnside, Gaffney, K. Kramer, & F. Kramer. Nay- None. Motion carried.