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## **Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting July 23, 2020**

**Call to Order** — the meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M.

### **Roll Call:**

Region 1 - Ed Lester-Present  
Region 2 – James Sickler-Present  
Region 3 - Dale Ewart-Present  
Region 4 –Megan Hatswell-Present  
Region 5 – Jamie Cabral (for Troy Thain)-Present  
Region 6 – Dan Klein-Present  
AASB – Clarence Daniel -Present  
AASA - Dave Herbert –Present  
AASG – Abigail Jensen-Present

### **Procedural –**

**Quorum established**

### **Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–**

Motion to approve the agenda  
Motion by Region 4, seconded by Region 3  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

### **Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items – None**



**Action Items**– The Board of Directors took action as follows:

➤ **2020 Swim & Diving State Tournament Location Change:** motion “change the location of the 2020 Swim & Dive State Tournament to Anchorage (Bartlett) with Juneau to host the 2021 Swim & Dive State Tournament.”

Motion by Region 4, seconded by Region 3  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **NFHS Rules Modifications:** Motion “to adopt the NFHS Rules Modifications and Official Considerations for the activities of Cross Country, Football, Flag Football, Gymnastics, Soccer, Spirit, Swim & Dive, Volleyball.”

Motion by AASA, seconded by Region 6  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Supplemental Hold Harmless, Release and Waiver of Liability Related to COVID-19 Form:** motion “to require parents and/or adult students to sign the Supplemental Hold Harmless, Release and Waiver of Liability Related to COVID-19 form in order to participate.”

Motion by Region 3, seconded by Region 5  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **2020 Football Schedule:** motion “to adopt the revised football schedule. Schools not able to play are required to notify ASAA immediately upon making that decision or seven days (whichever is greater). School mitigation plans supersede this requirement.”

Motion by Region 3, seconded by Region 2  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **First Contest Dates for Tennis, Cross Country Running, Football, Football Cheer, Coed Soccer and Flag Football:** motion “to change the first contest date for the activities of Tennis, Cross Country Running, Football, Football Cheer, Coed Soccer and Flag Football to August 20, 2020.”

Motion by Region 3, seconded by Region 4  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Special Board Meeting:** motion “to hold a Special Board of Director’s meeting on September 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.”

Motion by Region 6, seconded by Region 2  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



**Board Directives and Discussions** – The Board of Directors had discussions and directed the ASAA Staff as follows:

➤ **Game Contracts:** Discuss the ARTICLE 6 - CONTEST RULES Section 1 - Contracts/Schedules for Contests and Events bylaw which states:

A. Final agreements relating to contests or events between or among member schools must be incorporated into written contracts (may be on forms provided by the Association) or on league schedules. These contracts or league schedules must be executed by mutual consent of the representatives of the respective schools and exchanged or established not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the contest. The contract or schedule may not be canceled or altered except by mutual consent of the schools involved. Breach of contract or league schedule will be considered a rule violation.

B. Contract Violation: A contract violation is a unilateral breaking of a game event contract which was agreed upon in writing or by league schedule with another school. A contract signed by the previous administrator of a school is in forced unless nullified by agreement of both schools' administration. Pulling a team off the floor or field is an intentional contract violation.

The ASAA Board agreed with the Executive Director's interpretation that schools unable to fulfil game contacts due to concerns related to COVID-19 should not be consider to have made an unilateral decision to do so. Schools are asked to operate in "good faith" and to notify the opposing schools as soon as they know they will not be able to play.

➤ **State of Emergency Bylaw:** directed the ASAA Staff to send out the bylaw revision regarding being able to suspend the bylaws in the event of declared emergency such as a natural disaster or other impactful event. The proposed bylaw would read to the effect of:

In the event of declared Federal or State Emergencies, these Bylaws may be suspended for a defined period of time based on the emergency which period of time will be decided by the Executive Director. The suspension of Bylaws shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors or, where circumstances require, the suspension of Bylaws shall be ratified by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors.



- **Digital Ticketing:** ASAA has contracted with GoFan to provide digital ticketing for its state events. As the use of digital ticketing is part of the COVID-19 mitigation recommendations, ASAA encourages its member schools to consider GOFan as their digital ticketing platform.
  
- **Pixellott System:** The NFHS Network has announced a new program that will enable state association member schools that currently lack production capabilities to receive up to two free Pixellott automated production units for use in their primary sports venues. The program is being offered by the NFHS Network, the leader in streaming live and on-demand high school sports, and is created to assist schools facing revenue losses due to restricted attendance at games and other events in light of COVID-19.

The network has allocated more than \$200 million in capital for the nationwide project, which is open to eligible schools whose state high school association is a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

The ASAA Staff will send out additional information as it becomes available.

- **ASAA365 moving to MaxPreps :** ASAA has contracted with MaxPreps to provide the online platform for ASAA365. MaxPreps will help train coaches/AD's on how to use the system. Additionally, MaxPreps will interface with various scheduling and stats programs.
  
- **Practice Requirements:** The ASAA Board of Directors directed the Staff to amend the practice requirements to allow for up to two practices in one day and to allow for a practice the day of competition to count towards the ten days of physical practice required prior to competition.
  
- **2021 Alaska High School Hall of Fame:** discussed the need to determine how to best proceed with the Alaska High School Hall of Fame. Due to COVID-19, the 2020 Class Induction Ceremony was not held and has not been rescheduled. The ASAA Board will take up this issue at the October Board of Directors meeting.



➤ **State Event Formats:** ASAA's staff is working on how the format (number of berths/teams, number of fans, days of competition) can be changed depending on COVID-19's impact.

Plan B (fairly similar to years past with mitigation plans)

Plan C (limits on fans attending)

Plan D (limits on participants)

Plan E (event cancelled)

The hope would be to announce which format would be used roughly a month prior to the event so that conferences can adjust their format if desired. The ASAA Board directed the staff to continue with this project and to report on them in August

**ASAA COVID-19 Website:** discussed the ASAA COVID-19 website and directed the staff to add links to school district COVID-19 websites.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion by Region 3, seconded by Region 4  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)