

South Dakota High School Baseball Association
Board Meeting
Sunday, February 13, 2011 – 3:00 pm
Cabela's Meeting Room – Mitchell, SD

Board Members Present:

Brad Schramm, Ryan Bauer, Phil Johnson, Derrion Hardie, Jason Gault, Malloy Dial, Bud Jenniges and Greg Ford

Board Members Not Present:

Todd Anderson

1. Call to Order:

President Schramm called the meeting to order.

2. Minutes of January 9 Meeting:

Secretary Hardie presented the minutes from the January 9, 2011 SDHSBA board meeting. Jenniges motioned to approve January 9 minutes. Ford seconded. The minutes were approved.

3. Financial Report

Secretary Johnson distributed the financial balance sheet as of February 13, 2011. The Association is in good standing. No approval needed.

4. Report from Umpires Meeting:

President Schramm reported the following information from the most recent Umpires Meeting:

- (1) The umpires agreed to buy the NFHS rule books that will be distributed to the high school head baseball coaches prior to the season.
- (2) Discussion was held about the umpires keeping track of pitch counts. They're not interested in pitch count administration.
- (3) Umpire mileage for high school baseball playoff games has been increased. As before, the SDHSBA pays the umpire fee and the host school pays mileage. The host school will now pay .50 a mile, both ways, to one umpire.

5. Bat Survey:

President Schramm began the discussion by reviewing the coach's responses to the bat survey. He and the other board members thanked the coaches for a positive turn-out in responses, as they were quite helpful in our decision making process.

Each member of the board was given the opportunity to respond to the surveys and share their thoughts about the use of BBCOR and/or wood bats. Thoughts and detailed discussion included safety, cost, impact on Legion and VFW baseball, umpire administration, collegiate recruiting and player fundamentals.

In addition, a question and answer session was held with the regional directors and a baseball equipment vendor in attendance.

The board decided to table any action until the end of the meeting, so each board member could assess what had been discussed.

After other business was held the BBCOR and/or wood bat outcome was revisited. Vice President Bauer motioned to adopt a wood bat only policy starting in 2012. Bauer's motion was seconded by Jenniges. After a public acclamation vote (aye or nay) was held, a wood bat only policy starting in 2012 was approved.

6. Scheduling Reports:

Board discussion was held about their decision to move Lennox High School from Region 3B to Region 1B. In addition, Coach Robbie Sweeter, Lennox's head coach shared his rationale for wanting to be moved back to Region 3B, citing history in the region and resolution to conflict as his main incentives.

Greg Ford motioned to move Lennox back to Region 3B from Region 1B. The motion was seconded by Jason Gault. Approved.

7. Regional Director Reports:

By visiting with the Regional Directors and coaches in attendance, it was determined by the Board that all Class A and B teams have completed their regional scheduling. Teams are scheduling non-region games at this time.

The Board would like to remind coaches that schedules are due with the Association by March 15th.

8. Coaches Clinic:

The board would like to remind coaches that the SDHSBA Clinic will be held February 20, 2011 at the Avera Sports Institute located in Sioux Falls. High school coaches should have received the brochure for the clinic via e-mail from the Association, but if you did not, please contact a board member.

9. State Tournament Bids:

Class A State Tournament

Bids were presented by the Mitchell Baseball Association and by John Ratzloff, on behalf of Sioux Falls O’Gorman High School and the Sioux Empire Baseball Association. Sioux Falls was approved as the host of the 2011 Class A State High School Baseball Tournament. However, Malloy Dial motioned not to accept the 100% proceeds back to the SDHSBA that Sioux Falls was offering because we only require 15%. In addition, the board doesn’t want future State Tournament decisions based on monetary reasons. Malloy’s motion was seconded by Bauer. Approved.

Class B State Tournament

A bid was presented by Rick Weber, on behalf of the Flandreau Baseball Association. St. Thomas More had informed the SDHSBA that they would be presenting a bid, but later informed the Association they were no longer interested in the 2011 State Tournament. By default, Flandreau, was selected to host the 2011 Class B State High School Baseball Tournament.

10. Other Business:

The board conducted business via e-mail prior to February 13. Business conducted included:

- (1) Beresford co-oping with Centerville. Approved.
- (2) Hanson co-oping with Bridgewater-Emery. Approved.
- (3) Allowing membership to Faulkton after registration deadline. Approved.

11. Next Meeting:

Sunday, October 2, 2011 – Chamberlain High School – 2:00 pm

12. Thank You

The SDHSBA would like to thank Cabela’s for letting the board and its membership use their conference room for its meeting.

President Schramm made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Hardie. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Derrion Hardie
SDHSBA Secretary**