

VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE  
1642 STATE FARM BOULEVARD  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA 22911

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL CALLED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 30, 2003

**PLACE:** VHSL Office  
1642 State Farm Boulevard  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22911

I. **Roll Call:** Karen Whetzel, Larry Compton, Mary Whitley, Rob Carpenter, Lou Tonelson, Charlie Ostlund, Pete Koste, Perry Pope, George Porterfield, Paul Custis, Dave Jeck, Vanessa Wigand, Lee Wise, Charles Turner, Clint Stables, Dave Baker, John Walker, Gary Silvey, Gerald Thompson, Bryan Gordon, Lynn Terhar, Delmer Botkin and Ken Tilley.

Members absent: Tom Fitzgibbons, Bob Grimesey, Steve Koleszar, Oliver McBride, Russ Potts, Bob Tata and Mike Willis.

Also attending were VHSL staff Bob Button, Hannah Catherine Munro and Lora Bickley, as well as VHSL intern Rebecca Pine, Alvera Undue-Parris and Leonard DeLoatch, Greensville County High School; Arthur Utley, Richmond Times-Dispatch; Coach Richard McFee and William Stokes, Huguenot High School; Brian Sinkoff and John Linko, WTKR; and Greg Burton, Channel 6.

II. **Agenda Approval:** John Walker moved, Dave Baker seconded and the committee voted 20-0 (Wigand absent for vote) to approve the agenda as presented.

III. **Minutes:** Minutes from the September 17 Executive Committee meeting and the special called meeting will be available for approval at the December meeting.

IV. **Action Agenda:**

A. **Requests to extend football season:** After discussion and verification that all sites would be available to accommodate the extension, Lou Tonelson moved: because of the extreme and dire circumstances caused by Hurricane Isabel, including widespread and prolonged damage, displaced families, loss of electricity, lack of communication, school closings and inability to practice or play games, that the dates for the state football playoffs be moved one week later with state semifinals played Dec. 6 and state finals to be played Dec. 13. Charles Turner seconded and the committee voted 21-0 to adopt the motion. The new deadline for completing district football schedules is Nov. 15, with the regional deadline being Nov. 29.

B. **Request concerning all-girls golf competitions:** Charlie Ostlund moved, Mary Whitley seconded and the committee voted 4-17 (Baker, Ostlund, Terhar, Whetzel voting yes) to extend the contest limitations for female golfers only to participate in up to two additional all-girls matches. Thus the request was denied. Further consideration may be given in the future to matters concerning girls golf participation.

C. **Motel reimbursement policy for winter basketball:** The region representatives were asked to take back to their regions for discussion specific hotel information in order for the committee to set a policy for reimbursement of basketball teams staying overnight if they do not use the hotels secured by the League.

D. **Sunday Waiver Request:** Lou Tonelson moved, Perry Pope seconded and the committee voted 11-10 (Compton, Gordon, Jeck, Pope, Porterfield, Silvey, Stables, Thompson, Tonelson, Walker, Whitley voting yes) to allow Nansemond River to participate in a basketball tournament in New York on Sunday, January 18, 2004. A two-thirds favorable vote was necessary to approve the request, and the vote failed to meet that requirement; thus, participation is denied.

Region representatives were asked to discuss with their regions the possibility of revising the Sunday Rule to establish specific criteria or guidelines by which schools would be permitted to participate in a tournament game on Sunday if their local school division allows such Sunday play.

V. **New Business:** George Porterfield received a request for Group A athletes to participate in the Group AA region and state indoor track meet. This item was referred to the Group A and Group AA Boards for consideration at the October 15 meeting.

VI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.