

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

SEPTEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

TIME: Tuesday, September 21, 2004
3:00 p.m. New Member Orientation

Wednesday, September 22, 2004
9:00 a.m. Full Committee convenes

Thursday, September 23, 2004
8:30 a.m. Full Executive Committee convenes

PLACE: VHSL Office
1642 State Farm Boulevard
Charlottesville, Virginia

- I. **Roll Call:** Lou Tonelson, Pete Koste, Perry Pope, William Clendaniel, David Jeck, George Porterfield, Don Bock, Dale Holt, Mary Whitley, Larry Compton, Eddie Campbell, Steve Reedy, Vanessa Wigand, Charles Harris, David Stuckwisch, Clint Stables, David Baker, John Walker, Bob Grimesey, Oliver McBride, Larry Massie (alternate for Gwen Edwards), Dan Cross, Gary Silvey, Mike Davidson, Bryan Gordon, Lynn Terhar, Bob Tata, Karen Whetzel and Ken Tilley.

Members absent: Russ Potts

Also attending were VHSL staff Bob Button, Jim Garman, Tom Zimorski, Joyce Sisson, Bruce Patrick, and Lora Bickley, as well as Bruce Phelps, Virginia Beach City Public Schools; Paul Jansen, Fairfax County Public Schools; Gerald Thompson, Christiansburg High School; Craig Wood, VHSL legal counsel (Wednesday only); Jerry Kim, VHSL intern (Thursday only); Roger Mello, Rappahannock County High School (Wednesday only); and Mark Redden, West Point High School (Wednesday only).

The following individuals were present on Wednesday for the Redistricting and Reclassification appeals: Ina Danko and Barry Reed, Virginia High School; Mike Neal, Hogoheegee District Chairman, Rural Retreat High School; James Holcomb, Prince Edward High School; Jackie Bass-Fortune and Ben Herndon, Chancellor High School; Daryl Chesley and Rick Serbay, James Monroe High School; Mike McCormick, Central (Woodstock) High School; Jerry Black and Bob Myers, Loudoun Valley High School; Jim Person and Dave Hembach, Stone Bridge High School; Chris Courtney, Northwest R&R representative, Brooke Point High School; Bill Pugh, Northwest Region Chairman, Stafford High School; Tim Healey, Cedar Run District Chairman, Osbourn Park High School; Roger Dallek, Cardinal District representative, Gar-Field High School; Dan Meier, Northern Region Chairman, James Robinson High School; Allen Gregory, Bristol Herald Courier and Brian McNally, Northern Virginia Journal.

- II. **Agenda Approval:** George Porterfield moved, Dan Cross seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
- III. **Minutes:** Perry Pope moved, John Walker seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve the May 5-6, 2004, Executive Committee minutes.
- IV. **Redistricting and Reclassification:** Executive Director Tilley reviewed the work done by the R&R Committee in making its proposal. Besides the recommended alignment plan itself, the R&R Committee took the following actions at its May meeting (no action was taken by the Executive Committee on these items):
- By a vote of 9-3-1, recommended that the Executive Committee go to four classes in 2007-08 and 2008-09.
 - By a vote of 5-4-4, supported the Northwest Region's request for financial relief by reducing the share of region net income to the League from 35 percent to 20 percent.
 - By a vote of 11-0-2, recommended that all classes examine travel concerns and bring these to the Finance Committee.

In response to requests to amend the Redistricting and Reclassification Plan, the following actions were taken:

- A. Perry Pope moved, Bob Grimesey seconded and the committee voted 0-27 to approve a request from Lee High School to play down in Group A, Region D, Lonesome Pine District. Thus, the motion failed.
- B. Perry Pope moved, Larry Compton seconded and the committee voted 8-19 (Campbell, Compton, Holt, Davidson, Wigand, Massie, McBride and Walker voting yes) to approve a request from Virginia High School to be placed in Group A, Region C, Hogoheegee District. Thus, the motion failed.
- C. Bob Grimesey moved, Larry Massie seconded and the committee voted 27-0 to approve a request from Prince Edward County High School to be placed in Group AA, Region I, Southside District instead of Group AA, Region I, Battlefield District.
- D. Pete Koste moved, Don Bock seconded and the committee voted 27-0 to approve a request from Chancellor High School to be placed in Group AA, Region I, Battlefield District instead of Group AAA, Northwest Region, Commonwealth District.
- E. Don Bock moved, Perry Pope seconded and the committee voted 2-25 (Whitley and Stables voting yes) to approve a request from James Monroe High School to remain in Group A, Region A, Northern Neck District. Thus, the motion failed. James Monroe will be in Group AA, Region I, Battlefield District.
- F. Perry Pope moved, Bill Clendaniel seconded and the committee voted 0-27 to approve a request from Central (Woodstock) to remain in Group A, Region B, Shenandoah District. Thus, the motion failed. Central will be in Group AA, Region II, Northwestern District.
- G. Perry Pope moved, Bill Clendaniel seconded and the committee voted 3-22 (Clendaniel, Pope and Terhar voting yes) to approve a request from Loudoun Valley High School to remain in Group AA, Region II, Dulles District. Thus, the motion failed.
- H. Perry Pope moved, Bill Clendaniel seconded and the committee vote 3-22 (Clendaniel, Pope and Terhar voting yes) to approve a request from Stone Bridge High School to remain in Group AA, Region II, Dulles District. Thus, the motion failed.
- I. Pete Koste moved, Mike Davidson seconded and the committee voted 24-1 (Silvey voting no) to allow Lee and Virginia High Schools specifically to work with Regions C, D and IV to develop a plan which creates a combination A/AA district in Region D and Region IV. The plan must be in the League office no later than Oct. 11 for consideration by the Executive Committee on Oct. 13. If no combination district proposal is forthcoming, Lee and Virginia would remain in Highlands District, Region IV, Group AA.
- J. Pete Koste moved, John Walker seconded and the committee voted 25-0-1 (Jeck abstaining) to allow Loudoun Valley and Stone Bridge High Schools specifically to work with Region II, Northern Region and Northwest Region to form a plan which creates a combination AA/AAA district in Region II, Northern and possibly Northwest Region. The plan must be in the League office no later than Oct. 11 for consideration by the Executive Committee on Oct. 13. If no combination district proposal is forthcoming, Loudoun Valley would be assigned to the Concorde District and Stone Bridge would be assigned to the Liberty District, Northern Region, Group AAA.
- K. John Walker moved, Dan Cross seconded and the committee voted 25-0-1 (Jeck abstaining) to approve the R&R Plan as a whole as previously amended.

The VHSL Executive Committee will meet in special session on Wed., Oct. 13, at 8:30 a.m. to act on any combination district plans developed as a result of the action taken in items I and J above.

The committee approved by a vote of 26-0 a request to form a Group AA Committee to study the inequity in Group AA regions and develop plans for playoff representation. The proposed representation would be to permit four schools from Region II, three schools from Regions I and II and two schools from Region IV to advance to a 12-team state playoff, rather than two teams from each region in an eight-team field.

The Policy Committee will explore the feasibility of an outside entity providing a study and analysis of Redistricting and Reclassification.

- V. **Appointment of Chairman-elect:** Dave Jeck moved, David Stuckwisch seconded and the committee voted 26-0 to approve the unanimous recommendation of the Group AA Selection Committee of Don Bock, Region I representative and principal of Poquoson High School as the chairman-elect.
- VI. **Announcements and Call for New Business:** Executive Director Tilley reviewed the following items: Executive Committee notebooks; chairman's letter; Policy Manual; Leaguer; room arrangements; travel vouchers; committee schedule and procedures; phone/email listing; alternates; and Hall of Fame plaques.
- Call for New Business:** Two items were identified and are noted under XV below.
- VII. **Concerns from the Public:** None.
- VIII. **Legal Report:** Legal counsel Craig Wood reviewed the following items:
- A. **Legal Seminar:** In conjunction with VASS, Craig Wood and Ken Tilley presented a seminar on "Avoiding Legal Claims in Public School Athletics," which included review of the Fair Labor Standards Act, Title IX and students with disabilities.
- B. **Possible Infringement on Wrestling Patent:** Craig Wood, Ken Tilley and Assistant Director Bruce Patrick have been working on a claim that the VHSL's wrestling weight management program in CD-ROM format might infringe on a wrestling patent application of the National Wrestling Coaches Association.
- C. **Appeals:** Craig Wood gave an overview of the appeals procedure and stressed the importance of having defined criteria in place. By having and adhering consistently to the defined criteria, the League has experienced fewer cases being prosecuted in court and has prevailed in the few cases that have gone to court. Another positive aspect of the appeals procedure has been the independent hearing officer.
- IX. **Finance Committee:** Executive Director Tilley and Assistant Director Jim Garman reported on the following:
- A. The VHSL finished FY2004 in the black by \$62,872.44.
- B. The Century Club membership is at 100. Committee members have agreed to raise a minimum of \$1,000 each for the VHSL Foundation by the end of the year.
- C. Early indications are that the Foundation Golf Tournament netted between \$10,000 - \$20,000.
- D. Several FY2005 membership payments are still outstanding, and Mt. Rogers has decided not to join the League for the FY2005 school year.
- E. Jim Garman reported that the auditors have completed the audit for FY2004, and the CPA Audit found the League finances in sound order. Copies of the Independent Auditor's Reports of the VHSL and the VHSL Foundation were distributed.
- F. Work will continue on these Finance Committee recommendations approved by the full Executive Committee last May:
1. Develop a six-year long-range vision for the League with input from staff.
 2. Consider developing an RFP for professional services to conduct a study of area compensation, including salaries and benefits, comparing staff salaries at VHSL and similar organizations.
 3. Review procedures for travel reimbursement and not replace VHSL vehicles.
 4. Develop procedures for allocation of professional development funds.
 5. Continue practice of providing cost analysis before acting on new programs, legislation or modifications to present programs.
 6. Develop capital improvement plan; conduct assessment of future facility needs to include a feasibility/cost analysis for expansion of current site as well as possible relocation of VHSL office.
 7. Conduct a feasibility study for electronic submissions of forms, signatures and out-going information.
 8. Review new sources for generating revenue.

- G. League staff has aggressively pursued upgrading current sponsorships and creating new partnerships to offset tournament expenses. Specific events with promising prospects include cross country, football, wrestling, indoor track, basketball, swim/dive, soccer and baseball.

X. **Committee Reports**

- A. **Sportsmanship:** Assistant Director Tom Zimorski reported on the following items:

1. Wachovia/VHSL Sportsmanship, Ethics, Integrity Award – noted a new SEI Award School Assessment Form and congratulated the 11 schools that qualified for the award in 2004.
2. Wachovia Citizenship Scholarship Winners
3. VHSL Sportsmanship Resource Guide
4. Work continuing on the Stay in the Game Awards
5. Stone Bridge High School participated as one of 11 schools nationwide in a pilot Parents for Good Sports Program, and the PGS program will now be tested by the Dulles District.
6. Student/Principal exchange on sportsmanship – Committee member Bill Clendaniel responded to a student's letter concerning sportsmanship at Langley High School.
7. Highlighted a Best Practice report by Stonewall Jackson High School (Q) in regard to a cross country participant.

- B. **Appeals:** The appeals matrix was supplied for committee members.

- C. **Sports Medicine:** Assistant Director Bruce Patrick reported the committee had met and referred to the minutes of the September 15 meeting. The following items were noted.

1. The Spanish version of the physical form still needs further clarification before being placed on the web page.
2. Schools are required to have appropriate emergency plans to address sports risks. The committee is developing a template that will be made available to member schools.
3. The HIPAA statement will be included on the new physical forms for the 2005 school year.
4. Dr. Vito Perriello is the chairperson of the National Federation Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.
5. Jon Almquist is the recipient of the Larry Johnson SMAC Award.

- D. **Coaching Education:** Assistant Director Patrick reported on the following:

1. A DVD prepared by Fairfax County is available on Coaching Ed.
2. A Coaches Education Class will be held on Oct. 24 and 25.
3. A Coaches Education Instructors Class will be held on Dec. 6.
4. Gatorade provided funds that allow the League to reimburse schools \$60 for each qualified individual taking the Coaches Ed course.
5. An update for Coaches Ed instructors will held in conjunction with the Membership Meetings on Oct. 13.

- E. **Scholastic Publications:** Assistant Director Bob Button noted the minutes included in the pre-mailing. Most of the committee meeting consisted of planning for the workshop and how to increase attendance at the workshop. The committee is working hard on getting attendance up for this school year.

Regional representatives were asked to encourage their schools to attend the Publications Workshop in Richmond on Oct. 30-31.

- F. **Debate, Dramatics, Forensics Advisory:** Assistant Director Button referred the committee to the minutes included in the pre-mailing. The proposal concerning double entries in forensics will be discussed at the speech rules clinics to obtain feedback before voting on the issue in December. VHSL will host the Virginia Association for Speech and Debate Coaches in Charlottesville on Oct. 2.

- G. **Approval of 2004-05 Committee Appointments:** Bill Clendaniel moved, Perry Pope seconded and the committee voted 27-0 to approve the following appointments:

Finance

*Don Bock
 Dan Cross
 Gary Silvey
 David Stuckwisch
 Lynn Terhar
 John Walker
 Karen Whetzel
 Mary Whitley
 Lou Tonelson

Personnel

*George Porterfield
 Eddie Campbell
 William Clendaniel
 Gwen Edwards
 Bryan Gordon
 Bob Grimesey
 Charles Harris
 Russ Potts
 Lou Tonelson

Policy

*Larry Compton
 Dale Holt
 Oliver McBride
 Perry Pope
 Clint Stables
 Vanessa Wigand
 Lou Tonelson

Crisis Management

*Mary Whitley
 David Baker
 Dan Cross
 Mike Davidson
 David Jeck
 Pete Koste
 Bob Tata
 Lou Tonelson

*Chairman

- H. **Swim and Dive:** Assistant Director Patrick reported the committee reviewed the NFHS rules changes; thanked Terry Caldwell, Virginia High School, for a well run Group A/AA State Meet; and is currently working on participation criteria.
- I. **Subcommittees:** Perry Pope moved, Mary Whitley seconded and the committee voted 27-0 to give the executive director approval to contact regions concerning representation on VHSL subcommittees prior to making the appointments for the 2004-05 school year.

XI. **Unfinished Business:**

- A. **Non-school sponsored events** (refer to X. Action Agenda, B. Legislation #4)
- B. **Girls Tennis Season:** Several communications were provided to the committee from individuals unhappy with the tennis seasons decision.
- C. **Out-of-Season Practice:** Assistant Director Zimorski reported work continues on this rule.

XII. **Action Agenda:**

- A. **Goals for Executive Director:** Larry Compton moved, Larry Massie seconded and the committee voted 27-0 to approve the following goals developed by the executive director and League chairman.
1. Implement Finance Committee recommendations relative to long-range plans and six-year vision for the League, staff salaries and compensation, travel reimbursement, professional development funds, a capital improvement plan and new sources of revenue.
 2. Develop a crisis management plan.
 3. Revive VHSL Equity Committee to identify equity concerns at all levels of the League's operation and provide direction and appropriate responses to those concerns.

B. Legislation

Emergency -- effective immediately

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| (1) | 68-4-1 | Football Schedule and Practices
The first official play date shall be the Friday preceding the Friday of Labor Day weekend (schools may actually play on Thursday instead of Friday) | Adopted 26-0 |
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First-vote Items

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| (2) | 27-1-6 | Master Eligibility Lists
To eliminate the requirement of schools sending MELs to VHSL office | Not rec. 6-21 |
| (3) | 27-2-1 | Coaches Rule
To eliminate the requirement of certifying non-faculty coaches annually | Rec. 27-0 |
| (4) | 27-4-2 | State Sanction Rule
To provide proper oversight and protect participating schools' interests | Rec. 27-0 |
| (5) | 28-2-1 | Grade Rule
To allow overage 8 th grade students to participate on the varsity level | Not rec. 7-19-1 |
| (6) | 28-6-1 | Transfer Rule
To match the approval period for a foreign exchange program with the academic year | Not rec. 11-13-3 |
| (7) | 80-4-1 | Swimming and Diving:
To consider Swim and Dive as separate sporting events for district, region and state play on the A/AA level | Not. rec. 1-25 |
| (8) | 12-1-1 (7) | Supervisor of athletics/activities Executive Committee membership
Change the term for supervisors of athletics/activities from two years to three years | Rec. 26-0 |
| (9) | 27-7-1 | Sports Season Rule: Team selection cannot occur prior to the start of the season in which contests will take place. | Rec. 16-9-1 |

C. **King's Fork Football Divisions:** Gary Silvey moved, Larry Massie seconded and the committee voted 26-0 to authorize King's Fork to be moved to Division 5 if staff determines conclusively that its numbers are Division 5.

D. **Rappahannock County Football:** Gary Silvey moved, John Walker seconded and the committee voted 4-20-2 (Clendaniel, Porterfield, Silvery, Walker voting yes; Wigand, Cross abstaining) to allow Rappahannock County High School to be eligible for consideration for a playoff berth in football by virtue of a "wild card" berth even though they are not playing a full district schedule in their first year of varsity competition. Thus, the motion failed.

- E. **Varina High School Out-of-State Football Opponent:** Pete Koste moved, Bill Clendaniel seconded and the committee voted 25-0 to allow the new figures submitted by the District of Columbia to be used to determine the divisions for Ballou High School and the DC opponents on their schedule. These new figures included ungraded students that were not sent initially to the VHSL office. Ballou's division changes from Division 4 to Division 5.
- F. **Pre-sale Ticket Rebate:** Bob Grimesey moved, Pete Koste seconded and the committee voted 26-0 to approve schools in the state football finals and state basketball semifinals and finals to receive a \$1.00 rebate for pre-sale tickets sold as an incentive to generate strong sale.

XIII. **Consent Agenda:** Pete Koste moved, Mike Davidson seconded and the committee voted 22-0 to remove Item B (Sanctioning of Cheer Events) for individual vote and approve the following items as presented:

- A. **Foundation Board Appointments:** Approval of VHSL Foundation Board of Directors, designated in accordance with the By-laws, as follows: Karen Whetzel, Lou Tonelson and Don Bock (by principals); Mark Krebs and Johnny Newman (by superintendents); Chuck Boone (by AD's); and Emilie Tilley (by other representatives).
- B. **Western Albemarle Lacrosse:** Approved Western Albemarle's request to include a club team in its regular season lacrosse schedule.
- C. **State Forensics Calendar Change:** Approved moving the State Forensics date from March 26 to April 9 to avoid conflicts with spring break.

Dave Jeck moved, Pete Koste seconded and the committee voted 12-4-6 (Harris, Koste, Tonelson, Gordon voting no; Cross, Whitley, Pope, Davidson, Holt, Reedy abstaining) to designate November 20 as the last day that VHSL competition cheer squads may participate in a "regular season" competition even if their district competition is held earlier than that date.

XIV. **Discussion and Information Agenda:** The following items were presented to the committee:

- A. **NFHS Summer Meetings and Committee Members from Virginia:** Ken Tilley, Lou Tonelson and Karen Whetzel gave a brief oral report on the NFHS Summer Conference.

Virginians serving on 2004-05 NFHS Committees include:

State softball rules interpreter Joe Hicks serves on the NFHS Softball Rules Committee; boys lacrosse state rules interpreter John Titus and Langley coach Earl Brewer are on the Boys Lacrosse Rules Committee; and Tom Zimorski, state football rules interpreter and VHSL assistant director, serves on the Football Rules Committee. In addition, Charlene Tiller of Charles City, VHSL state forensics tournament director, is on the NFHS Speech Committee, and Dr. Vito Perriello of Charlottesville is chairman of both the VHSL and the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committees. Ken Tilley, VHSL executive director, serves on the NFHS Annual Meeting Advisory Committee and will chair the National Presence Subcommittee of the Strategic Planning Committee for the Federation.

- B. **New ADs Workshop:** The seventh annual VIAAA/VHSL New Athletic Directors Workshop drew 32 administrators who completed an intensive day-and-a-half review July 28 and 29 at the VHSL office. VIAAA instructors included Jeff Dietze, past president of the VIAAA and director of student activities at West Potomac High School; Deb Tyson, VIAAA secretary and AD at Albemarle High School; Donna King, NIAAA secretary and director of activities at Chantilly High School; and Sandy Hadaway, VIAAA past president and athletic director at Salem (S) High School. The workshop also featured sessions conducted by VHSL Executive Director Ken Tilley and VHSL Assistant Director Tom Zimorski.
- C. **New VHSL Principals:** We are inviting the new principals to meet with Tom Zimorski at their Area Eligibility Meeting for a brief VHSL orientation session.

D. **Prince William In-service:** Prince William County has expanded a program to support academic activities as part of its in-service preparation for the school year. Julie Clark, a retired theatre director, has met for three years with theatre and forensics coaches and expanded that program this year to include debate. The mandatory VHSL rules clinics for theatre, forensics and debate coaches is part of the program, with coaches from other counties invited to participate. This year for the first time, Julie Clark and Cathy Hailey, magazine adviser at Woodbridge, also coordinated a meeting for publications advisers from all county schools to hear about VHSL services and deal with county-wide concerns.

E. **Virginia Beach City Public Schools Coaches In-service Program:** On Sept. 1, VHSL staff participated in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools Coaches In-service Program. Assistant Director Zimorski kicked off the program by presenting the Opening General Session. The topic was VHSL Athletic Eligibility.

In addition, Assistant Directors Zimorski and Patrick conducted concurrent breakout sessions regarding the Out-of-Season Practice Rule and the Role of the Team Captain. The VHSL staff is always pleased to have the opportunity to participate in member school in-service initiatives.

F. **VHSL Basketball Officials Camp:** Fifty-two officials attended the 16th annual VHSL Basketball Officials' Camp at VCU July 19-22. Ed Smith, commissioner of Central Virginia Basketball Officials Association, and Jimmy Jones, former Stafford athletic director and VHSL official directed the camp, held in conjunction and in cooperation with the Paul Webb Team Camp. Each camper received daily classroom instruction and on-court evaluations and was provided with a critiqued videotape of his/her performance. Presenters and camp evaluators included successful NBA, collegiate, and high school officials, all of whom volunteered their services for one or more days of the camp. VHSL Assistant Director Joyce Sisson was on site all four days of the camp, and provided basketball rules clinics to coaches and area officials. This camp has become an exceptional teaching camp for basketball officials.

G. **NASO Conference:** VHSL staff member Joyce Sisson attended the 2004 National Association of Sports Officials (NASO) Summit on Officiating in Arlington, VA, August 7-9. Approximately 200 leaders in sports officiating from across the country attended the conference. Twelve attendees were from Virginia officials associations. Twenty-seven state associations were represented. NFHS Executive Director Bob Kanaby was one of the presenters. This year's topic was "The Official's Role in Improving Sportsmanship." Michael Josephson, founder of "Character Counts!," was the keynote speaker. Presentations included an analysis of NASO's "Officials and Sportsmanship" survey, defining the official's role with regard to sportsmanship, a case study of Arizona's implementation of the "Pursuing Victory with Honor" program and the role officials play in that program, providing secure game environments, officials and the media, and background checks for officials. There were also a number of "round table" discussions on various topics. Past summit topics have included training and technology, recruitment and retention, evaluating officiating performance and accountability in officiating.

H. **NFHS Make the Point:** The League is partnering with Special Olympics Virginia to repeat last year's Make the Point promotion with one major exception: half the funds raised by each school can be kept by the school, and half of the proceeds go to Special Olympics Virginia. Schools are encouraged to consider participation in the Make the Point program which supports Virginia Special Olympics and allows schools to keep 50 percent of funds raised from the program.

I. **VHSL Student Leaders Conference 2005:** Stone Bridge High School in Ashburn will host the ninth annual VHSL Student Leaders Conference on April 8-9. Region representatives are asked to encourage schools to participate. The success and national renown of the VHSL conference helped to secure a \$1,000 grant from the NFHS Foundation for support of the 2005 event.

J. **Photographic Agreement:** VHSL has reached an agreement with 20-20 Photographic out of Michigan to produce championship posters for the top teams in all League state athletic events. The posters will include team photos and action shots, as well as team schedules and rosters. The full-color posters, as well as photographs of all League tournaments, will be available for League use and may be purchased by school officials, athletes and fans, with the League getting a percentage of all sales. The agreement does mean that tournament directors will need to support 20-20 in setting up team photos and providing access to competition.

- K. **Assignment of New Schools for 2005-06:** VHSL By-Laws Section 10-1-2 provide that, "Any school which begins its initial year of operation shall be assigned by the executive director to its appropriate district and group according to its first year's projected membership." New schools for which we anticipate recommending assignments in December are two Loudoun County schools named Briar Wood and Freedom, Mountain View in Stafford, and South County in Fairfax.
- L. **Status of Lacrosse:** Based on 2003-04 VHSL sports participation figures, there were 61 schools that fielded boys lacrosse teams and 54 schools with girls lacrosse teams. At some point in the not-distant future, it is likely that the League will need to consider a true VHSL State Lacrosse Championship for boys and girls.
- M. **VHSL Fall Sports Rules Clinics:** VHSL clinicians conducted thirty-seven statewide rules clinics in football, volleyball, field hockey and cheer this summer. Approximately 1000 coaches and 1800 officials attended these mandatory clinics. In addition, rules clinics for softball, soccer, wrestling, and basketball were included as sessions at the VHSCA's annual conference in Hampton this past July. Clinics for winter sports and activities will begin in October.

VHSL Rules Interpreters and Clinicians are listed below:

SPORT	RULES INTERPRETER	CLINICIANS
Baseball	Joe Hicks	Joe Hicks
Basketball	Joyce Sisson	Joyce Sisson, Charlie Chloe
Cheer	Bill Ahern	Bill Ahern, Courtenay Carrel, Jim Lord
Debate, Drama, Forensics	Bob Button	Bob Button
Field Hockey	Joyce Sisson	Joyce Sisson
Football	Tom Zimorski	Tom Zimorski, Charlie Chloe
Golf	Tom Dolan	
Gymnastics	Karen Poindexter	Karen Poindexter
Lacrosse (Boys)	John Titus	
Lacrosse (Girls)	Sandy Hadaway	
Soccer	George Grzenda	George Grzenda
Softball	Joe Hicks	Joe Hicks
Swim & Dive	Alice Gooley	Alice Gooley, Mark Storm, Ron Price, Mike McGee, Phyllis Cook, George Homewood, Terry Caldwell, Blaine Pearsall
Track & Field	Jim Holdren, Bill Long	Bill Long, Jim Holdren, Bill Stewart, Mike Dobson, Don Mollenhauer, Stan Pope, Joe LaRocco, Phil Robbins, J.J. Updike, Rod Camden, Joe Curcio, Cap Pace
Volleyball	Mary Donnellan	Mary Donnellan
Wrestling	Larry Hall	Larry Hall

- N. **VHSL Joins Battle Against Gangs:** On Oct. 6, Ken Tilley and Bruce Patrick will meet with representatives of Virginia Police Chiefs, the secretary of public safety and the secretary of education to discuss ways that the League can assist efforts in curbing gang activity. Staff welcomes input from the Executive Committee and membership.
- O. **Friday Night College Football Telecasts:** League staff is concerned that colleges continue to telecast selected football games on Friday night to the detriment of the sport at the high school level.
- P. **State Association Reaps Lucrative TV/Marketing Deal:** Noted a recent agreement whereby the Minnesota State High School League signed a 10-year \$20.3 million television and marketing contract.

Q. **October Meetings Preview:** The tentative schedule for the fall (one-day) meetings to be held at the Doubletree Hotel (not the Theatres) is as follows:

Tues., Oct. 12	7 p.m.	Hall of Fame Banquet, DoubleTree Hotel
Wed., Oct. 13	8-9:30 a.m.	Issue Credentials and Coffee/Danish, DoubleTree Hotel
	8:30-9:30 a.m.	Coaches Education Instructor Update
		Open Forum
	9:30-10:30 a.m.	Group Boards
	10:30-11:15 a.m.	Break
	11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Membership Meeting

XV. **Consideration of New Business Items:**

A. **Change in the date for state cheer competition in 2005-06 and 2006-07:** Region representatives were asked to get input from their respective regions regarding changing the date of the state cheer competition in 2005 and 2006 -- either one week earlier or one week later in order to avoid the Thanksgiving weekend.

B. **Bay River's District Swim/Dive Meet:** Larry Massie moved, Dale Holt seconded and the committee voted 22-0 to allow their district meet to be held on February 5.

XVI. **Adjournment:** 1:15 p.m.