

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES MARCH 2006

TIME: Tuesday, March 7, 2006

5:00 p.m. -- Finance Committee-- New River Room

6:00 p.m. -- Personnel Committee -- New River Room -- Joint meeting with Finance

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

8:00 a.m. -- Full Executive Committee convenes

PLACE: Holiday Inn Select
Koger South Conference Center
1021 Koger Center Boulevard
Richmond, Virginia 23235

- I. **Roll Call:** Don Bock, Dale Holt, Billy Haun, John Hall, Steve Reedy, Rob Arnold, Mike Lane, Mary Whitley, Perry Pope, Bill Clendaniel, Paul Vecchione, Lou Tonelson, Vanessa Wigand, Charles "Mike" Harris, Dave Stuckwisch, Clint Stables, Randy Thomas, John Walker, Bob Grimesey, Oliver McBride, Gwen Edwards, Pat Ferguson, Mike Davidson, Bryan Gordon, Denise Bowman-Scott, and Ken Tilley.

Members absent: Russ Potts, Wes Saxon and Bob Tata.

Also attending were VHSL staff Jim Garman, Tom Zimorski, Joyce Sisson, Bruce Patrick, Lisa Giles, Hannah Catherine Munro and Lora Bickley, as well as Bruce Phelps, Virginia Beach City Schools; Paul Jansen, Fairfax County Public Schools; Wayne Martin and Bob Robinson, Chesapeake City Public Schools; Les Cummings, Loudoun County Public Schools; Gary Silvey, Newport News City Schools; William Gouldthorpe, Amherst County High School; Jerry Carter, Liberty (Beal) High School; Bill Stewart, Millbrook High School; Todd Hill, Handley High School; Buck Smith, Warren County High School; Francis Dall, Westfield High School; Bobby Pannenbacker, Lake Taylor High School; Dave Nelson, Poquoson High School; Mary Donnellan, VHSL Volleyball Interpreter, Kevin Cole, Oscar Smith High School; Dot McCabe and Rusty Lowery, Freedom High School (Loudoun); Mike McGurk, Robinson Secondary; Ed Starzenski and Joe Breinig, Briar Woods High School; Dale Rumberger, South County High School; Larry Compton, Haysi High School; and George Homewood, VHSL Swim/Dive Interpreter.

- II. **Agenda Approval:** Denise Bowman-Scott moved, Paul Vecchione seconded and the committee voted unanimously to move the McKinney Vento legislation from IX. Committee Reports, C, 2 to VI, Emergency Legislation and the Laptop Debate Policy from VII, Action Agenda, B, to VIII, Consent Agenda.
- III. **Minutes:** John Walker moved, Dave Stuckwisch seconded and the committee voted unanimously to approve the December 7, 2005, Executive Committee minutes as presented.
- IV. **Announcements and call for new business:** Executive Director Tilley noted the schedule for the March meeting, encouraged the committee to attend the basketball games at the Siegel Center, reminded committee members that they would be responsible for paying all expenses and submitting a voucher for reimbursement, and noted that lunch would be in the Court Café, Chesterfield Room.
- V. **Concerns from Public:** Larry Compton, principal of Haysi High School and Region D Chairman addressed the committee concerning the plight the smaller schools in Region D face with growing population in other areas of the state resulting in new schools being built. The areas in southwest are not growing, and Region D supports divisional play and set numbers for classification purposes.
- VI. **Legislation:** Legislative proposals not listed in the original agenda have the entire wording noted:

Emergency Items

19. **54-2-1 Participation Limitation**—To comply with a recommendation from OCR
(Amended – Substitute Executive Committee for district committee)

Adopted 25-0

28-6-2 **Transfer Rule Exception--** Eligibility for students qualifying under the McKinney Vento Homeless Education Act **Adopted 25-0**

(15) Students who qualify under the McKinney Vento Homeless Education Act are eligible provided the school has on file all required documentation substantiating the student's status and provided the student is eligible in all other respects.

Second-vote Items

SEC. 18-2-1 **Region Councils**—Align regional voting with one school/one vote procedures. **Adopted 24-1**
(Reedy voting no)

SEC. 18-2-2 **Region Councils**—Allows regions to continue using three delegates per district to vote on legislative and region issues. **Adopted 25-0**

70-6-1 (d) **Golf—Determining State Championship**--Second day pairings would be based on scores from the first day. **Adopted 24-0**

70-6-1 (5) **Golf—Determining State Championship**—Limit coach's contact with his/her golfer. **Adopted 19-5-1**
(Reedy, Tonelson, Ferguson, Stables and Stuckwisch voting no)

First-vote Items

68-8-1 **Football Playing System** – Allow regions flexibility in establishing football divisions by other means. **(Amended -- effective in 2007-08)** **Rec. 20-5**
(Grimesey, Walker, Stuckwisch, Stables, Harris voting no)

68-6-1 **Rating Scale** --Award same number of points within each classification. **Rec. 25-0**

27-13-12 **Sportsmanship** -- Establish consistent sanctions when substitute team members or bench personnel enter the playing court/field. **Withdrawn**

30-5-1 (8) **Specific Penalties**-- Strengthen the significance of rules clinic attendance. **Rec. 25-0**
30-5-1 (9) **--include girls swim/dive in list of rules clinics offered—(also, boys/girls lacrosse)**

54-8-2 **Contest Limitations**--Volleyball matches exception **Tabled**

54-8-1 Contest Limitations

No member school may permit its athletes or teams to compete in more than the total number of regular season interscholastic contests, meets or tournaments specified below for each sport either on the varsity or sub-varsity level. In the sport of tennis participants would be limited to three matches per day; in wrestling, the limit is five matches per individual per day over no more than two days.

Policy Manual 54-8-1

- Baseball - 20
- Basketball - 22
- Cheer - 5
- Cross Country - 10
- Field Hockey - 16
- Football - 10
- Golf- 12
- Gymnastics - 10

- Indoor Track - 10
- Lacrosse - 14
- Soccer - 16
- Softball - 20
- Swimming - 10
- Tennis - 16
- Track - 10
- Volleyball - 20
- Wrestling - 12

54-8-2 Exceptions:

(1) Female golfers may participate in no more than three VHSL-sanctioned all-girls invitational golf tournaments in addition to the golf contests permitted in 54-8-1.

(2) In volleyball, schools may participate in a maximum of two tournaments in lieu of two of the 20 matches.

68-4-1

Schedules and Practices (Football)

Allow each region the flexibility to conduct their football playoff as they desire, but under the regulations of the VHSL.

--make effective with the 2007-08 school year--

***Tabled --
Present in
May as
Emergency
Legislation***

68-4-1 (5)--Dates 1 through the 14th football playing weekend shall be regular season dates, and the regional semifinals and championships. Each region may determine its own method for determining regional champions. The 15th and 16th football playing weekends are state semifinals and championships respectively.

68-8-5 Regional Championships--Each region shall determine regional football championships...

(4) In an 8 team play-off, the seeded match ups would be as follows: 1 vs. 8; 2 vs. 7; 3 vs. 6; and 4 vs. 5.

(5) In the semi-finals, the highest remaining seed will play the lowest remaining seed. The remaining two teams will play in the other semi-final contest.

This legislation would simply allow each Region the flexibility to conduct their football playoff, as they desire, but still under the regulations of the VHSL. Exactly as we presently do in every other sport.

	Current 12 Play Dates (VHSL)	Proposed (11 Dates) for 9 or 10 games)	
1.	8/25	8/25	
2.	9/1	9/1	
3.	9/8	9/8	
4.	9/15	9/15	
5.	9/22	9/22	
6.	9/29	9/29	
7.	10/6	10/6	
8.	10/13	10/13	
9.	10/20	10/20	
10.	10/27	10/27	
11.	11/3	11/3	
12.	11/10		
		Regionals	
	Regionals	11/10	
	11/17	11/17	
	11/24	11/24	

	State	State	
	12/1	12/1	
	12/8	12/8	

Positives

1. Allows twice as many schools/students the opportunity to participate in the VHSL football playoffs, while NOT extending the season.
2. The starting date of practice does NOT need to be earlier. With the recent change to 68-4-2, schools are permitted between 15 and 20 practice dates. For the dates above ALL state schools could begin practice on August 8, and have 15 days of practice for a Aug. 25 game (20 days for a Sept. 1 game).
3. All 8-2 and 9-1 teams will qualify for playoffs. This problem is compounded at the AAA level where approximately 130 schools compete (as opposed to approximately 90 in A and AA respectively).
4. More money to each Region.
5. More money to the VHSL.
6. Any one game in itself, would not be as crucial (even 2 games).
7. Those schools not qualifying for the playoffs would actually have a one week break between the regular season and the start of winter tryouts.
8. Many more schools can keep their hopes alive that they may qualify for the playoffs, until the last week or two of the season. In turn, athletes will find it easier to stay motivated, which translates in to less discipline issues, etc.

Negatives

1. Occasionally, teams with losing records might qualify for the playoffs (but much less than the number that currently occurs in all other sports). This tradeoff seems very minor rather than not having room for all the 8 and 9 win teams in the playoffs.

2005 Expanded Play-Off Scenarios

EAST					
Division 6			Division 5		
1. Landstown	28.9	10-0	1. Phoebus	27.7	10-0
2. Oscar Smith	28.7	10-0	2. Hampton	27.1	9-1
3. Salem	25.5	8-2	3. L. Taylor	24.9	9-1
4. Kellam	25.5	8-2	4. Maury	24.9	9-1
5. Kempsville	25.5	8-2	5. Indian River	24.1	6-4
6. Deep Creek	25.3	8-2	6. Kecoughtan	23.7	7-3
7. Hickory	24.1	7-3	7. Warwick	22.2	6-4
8. W. Branch	23.8	7-3	8. Heritage	21.4	5-5
CENTRAL					
Division 6			Division 5		
1. Meadowbrook	27.6	9-1	1. Matoaca	28.0	9-1
2. L.C. Bird	27.3	8-2	2. Deep Run	24.2	8-2
3. P. Henry	26.3	10-0	3. Huguenot	23.2	7-3
4. H. Springs	26.1	8-2	4. Col Heights	22.0	7-3
5. Varina	25.8	9-1	5. Henrico	21.5	6-4
6. T. Dale	25.2	7-3	6. J. Marshall	18.9	4-6
7. Clover Hill	23.7	8-2	7. Petersburg	18.6	4-6
8. Godwin	23.4	6-3	8. Armstrong	18.4	5-5
NORTH					
Division 6			Division 5		
1. Oakton	28.7	8-2	1. Stonebridge	28.0	9-1
2. Westfield	28.3	9-1	2. Loudoun Valley	25.7	9-1
3. Robinson	28.2	8-1	3. Edison	25.3	9-1
4. Centreville	25.7	8-2	4. Madison	23.4	7-3
5. Annandale	24.5	7-3	5. Yorktown	21.6	7-3

6. Herndon	23.5	6-4	6. T. Jefferson	20.7	5-5
7. Lee	22.7	6-4	7. Falls Church	20.4	6-4
8. Lake Braddock	22.5	6-4	8. Marshall	19.4	5-5
NORTHWEST					
Division 6			Division 5		
1. Hylton	27.8	10-0	1. Massaponax	27.0	10-0
2. Osbourn	26.5	9-1	2. Glass	23.8	6-4
3. Franklin County	25.4	8-2	3. Brooke Point	23.7	7-3
4. Woodbridge	25.4	8-2	4. Halifax	23.6	8-2
5. Osbourn Park	24.1	8-2	5. Potomac	21.8	5-5
6. North Stafford	23.1	7-3	6. Col. Forge	21.0	7-3
7. George Washington	21.8	5-5	7. Fauquier	19.4	4-6
8. Stonewall Jackson	20.8	5-5	8. P. Henry/Roanoke	18.6	3-7

54-6-4 (1) (b) Jamborees – Allow two jamborees for flexibility in scheduling options prior to the regular season. **Rec. 25-0**

54-6-4 (1) (b) Jamborees--A member school may participate....

~~54-6-4 (1) (b) No member school may participate in more than one jamboree in each sport allowed or in a jamboree which includes more than eight teams.~~
Member schools may participate in two jamborees in each sport allowed with each jamboree being in lieu of a permitted scrimmage(s) or benefit game.

27-2-4 State Clinic Attendance – Add boys lacrosse and girls lacrosse to apply the same state rules clinics standards and expectations to lacrosse as apply to other VHSL sports and activities. **Rec. 25-0**

27-2-4 State Clinic Attendance Requirement -- Any school sponsoring an interscholastic activity in any of the following sports or academic areas shall require at least one member of that activity's coaching staff to attend a VHSL sponsored rules clinic for that activity in each year that one is offered: Baseball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Cheer, Field Hockey, Football, Girls Gymnastics, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Softball, Boys Swim and Dive, Girls Swim and Dive, Boys Track, Girls Track, Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball, Wrestling, Theatre, Forensics and Debate. Failure to attend will result in a penalty as stated in 30-5-1.

68-8-4 Regional Representation (Football) **Rec. 25-0**
 Add steps to avoid random draw.

68-8-4 Regional Representation (football)

(1) District champions will advance to the regional play-offs in the division to which their size qualifies them,.... All ties, including seeding ties, between or among any teams eligible to participate in the regional semifinal or region final football play-off series shall be resolved by applying the following provisions in the order listed:

(a) The Rating Scale-Consider all regular season game played against public schools and scheduled in accordance with the provisions of 68-6-2.

(b) The winner of any games between the two tied teams if only two teams are involved. If more than two teams tied, and one of the tied teams beat all other tied teams, that team shall advance.

~~(c) The team with the highest rating scale average, counting points only for the VHSL rating scale recognized opponents defeated. In the case in which one team is undefeated, that team would advance or receive the higher seed. The team with the better record against all common opponents.~~

~~(d) The regional chairman, or his/her alternate if his/her school is involved, shall draw by lot to determine the playoff representative. The team with the highest winning percentage against rating-scale-recognized opponents.~~

~~(e) The team with the higher average rating of all of each team's opponents.~~

~~(f) The regional chairman, or his/her alternate if his/her school is involved, shall draw by lot to determine the play-off representative.~~

VII. **Action Agenda:**

- A. **Playoff Sites 2006-07:** Wayne Martin, Chesapeake City Schools, and Mike McGurk, Robinson Secondary, each made a presentation for hosting the Group AAA State Wrestling Tournament in their area of the state (Great Bridge and Robinson respectively).

Bob Grimesey moved, Denise Bowman-Scott seconded and the committee voted 25-0 to make a decision on the state wrestling site at the May meeting based on staff recommendation.

It was the recommendation of committeemen Grimesey and Walker that future bid presentations should be made directly to the VHSL staff following specific timelines, and staff should make a recommendation at the May meeting for final vote by the committee.

- B. **Request for VHSL schools (National Capital Area Scholastic Rowing Association)** to participate in the US Rowing Youth Invitational Championship on June 10-11, 2006. Denise Bowman-Scott moved, Mike Harris seconded and the committee voted 25-0 to permit schools to attend provided the meet is properly sanctioned, and this exception needs to be requested each subsequent year.

- C. **Request for Briar Woods and Freedom High Schools** to be eligible to qualify in Region II football as "Wild Card Teams". Bob Grimesey moved, Bill Clendaniel seconded and the committee voted 25-0 to permit this if their rating allowed qualification into the playoffs.

- D. **Request for libero to serve under experiment in volleyball:** John Walker moved, Denise Bowman-Scott seconded and the committee voted 23-1-1 (Hall voting no; Grimesey abstaining) for Virginia to be a National Federation experimental state for allowing libero to serve.

The request to require line judges in regular season matches was withdrawn for further consideration.

- E. **Football Mercy Rule Survey Results:** Bob Grimesey moved, Charles Harris seconded and the committee voted 24-1 (Haun voting no) to change the name of this rule to the Football Point Rule and effective at half-time the Football Point Rule will apply when a thirty-five (35)-point differential is reached; the game clock will continue to run anytime there is an incomplete pass or the runner goes out of bounds. If the point differential subsequently is reduced to less than thirty-five points, games officials will discontinue use of this timing adjustment.

VIII. **Consent Agenda:** Billy Haun moved, Denise Bowman-Scott seconded and the committee voted 25-0 to remove the Football Mercy Rule from the Consent Agenda and vote on the remaining items.

John Walker moved, Bob Grimesey seconded and the committee voted 25-0 to approve the Consent Agenda which included approval of requests from Liberty (Beaeton) and Patrick Henry (Roanoke) high schools to schedule lacrosse games with "outside" teams and an addition to Policy Manual to allow the use of laptops in debate.

IX. **Committee Reports:**

A. **Finance:** Finance Chairman Mary Whitley reported on the following.

1. Recommended denial of request from Gloucester High School to waive the penalty fee for late payment of dues.
2. Recommended we defer Hurricane Katrina assistance until the May meeting.
3. Noted Element H²O and Jamestown 2007 as two new corporate sponsors.
4. The 2006 Century Club has 43 members.
5. Staff has conducted one workshop on the new District and Region Financial Procedures and a second workshop will be held in conjunction with the League meetings on Friday.

Perry Pope moved, Mike Lane seconded and the committee voted 25-0 to accept the Finance Committee report.

B. **Personnel:** Personnel Chairman John Hall reported on the following:

1. Director of Finance Jim Garman gave an excellent overview of the proposed budget.
2. Executive Director Ken Tilley gave an update on the progress of his evaluation goals for the year, noting all were on or ahead of target. The committee discussed using Ken's goals as a template for other staff in their evaluations beginning in July. Director Tilley will present an MBO model to the Personnel Committee at its May meeting. Staff objectives are to reflect their specific job descriptions and overarching requirement of a six-year plan.
3. Executive Director Tilley reported from his consultation with legal counsel that employment contracts are not always used in the private, non-profit sector and are not required with the VHSL.
4. Director Tilley presented the preliminary confidential report conducted for VHSL by VASS. The final report will be presented to the personnel committee at its meeting on May 2, in Charlottesville.
5. A copy of the VHSL Employee Policy Manual was distributed to members, and they were encouraged to review the manual carefully prior to the May meeting.

Bill Clendaniel moved, Mary Whitley seconded and the committee voted 25-0 to accept the Personnel Committee report.

C. **Policy:** Policy Chairman Dale Holt report on the following:

1. Contest Limitations: Recommended no change in VHSL's contest limitations after concluding that Virginia is generally in-line with or is more restrictive than most other states; that local school divisions may opt to limit the number of contests; that restricting games only to certain days of the week creates numerous problems with transportation, facility use, officials and postponements; and that other methods exist for reducing travel and missed class time.
2. Transfer Rule:
 - a. Transfers Between Divisions: Seek input from VSBA; continue studying this issue; consider incorporating into the exceptions for Transfer Rule waivers contiguous school divisions that have agreements in place to alleviate special concerns such as geographic or neighborhood consideration; keep General Assembly advised of progress on this issue. Recommended superintendents on Executive Committee take this issue back to their respective regions to discuss and bring back findings for further consideration.
 - b. Foreign Students: Recommended continued monitoring of foreign students and maintain dialogue with National Federation and CSIET.
 - c. Home-School Students: The committee recommends a proactive approach to home-school students and involvement by superintendents in future discussions.
 - d. Recruiting: After review of Kentucky's rule and transfer form, committee felt our rule is satisfactory and we do not need to develop a form for each transfer student. VHSL needs to conduct workshop for guidance counselors with assistance from DOE.
 - e. McKinney Vento Act (homeless): Information should be included in VHSL Policy Manual to address homeless students. (Note: This item was subsequently voted on and passed as Emergency Legislation to be included in the Handbook.)

3. Policy Manual Review:
 - a. Criteria for Hosting State Events: Recommended that the League staff entertain offers from any region to underwrite the event but allow the host region to submit a bid as well.
 - b. TV Broadcasting: Recommended to include in Policy Manual broader references to digital images.
4. Redistricting and Reclassification: Recommended the formation of a Study Committee in 2006-07 to examine all aspects of divisional play in sports other than football. The committee should be comprised of 12 members (one from each region) and should be in place by September 2006. The Executive Committee should set parameters for this committee as it did for the R&R Committee.
5. Organization/Governance:
 - a. Appeals: Directed staff to draft legislation giving the Executive Director authority to waive penalties.
 - b. Conducting League Meetings: Committee discussed ideas for future membership meeting which included the need for two meetings a year; professional development and promoting "piggy backing" on other conferences (VIAAA, VSBA, VASS, VHSCA); and to consider webcasting, Power Point presentations, etc.
6. Event Concerns:
 - a. Sportsmanship: Recommended increasing the membership on the Sportsmanship Committee to include a representative from each region and do a comprehensive assessment of the Sportsmanship Section of the Handbook, our resources, process and effectiveness.
 - b. Officiating: Recommended continuing efforts to recruit and retain officials and to provide a quality program.

Perry Pope moved, Paul Vecchione seconded and the committee voted 25-0 to accept the Policy Committee report.

D. **Sport Medicine Advisory (SMAC):** Assistant Director Bruce Patrick reported on the following recommendations from the SMAC:

1. The Wrestling Task Force will examine the issue of weight changes between meets and develop and recommend a monitoring and educational strategy to address the issue.
2. The Wrestling Task Force will develop a process to require correlation and examination of the current weight form, the weight form from the last meet, and the Coach's Official Team Report.
3. In wrestling, mouth guards will be required over dental braces in an attempt to decrease bleeding injuries.
4. The Skin Lesion Policy will be clarified to state that lesions can be covered but not in lieu of being properly treated, and all lesions must be addressed by the properly completed required form.
5. Regarding proposed fall "Pre-season Practice Guidelines," the "Pre-season" will be defined in the policy and the revised draft policy will be presented to the Executive Committee in May.
6. To study the incidence and determinants of eye and face injuries associated with field hockey.

Director Tilley announced that Virginia had applied to be one of four states in the nation to conduct a *Sports Illustrated* ATLAS and ATHENA Conference focusing on drug prevention and health promotion in sports.

Perry Pope moved, Denise Bowman-Scott seconded and the committee voted 25-0 to approve the SMAC report.

E. **Football Ratings Scale:** Assistant Director Bruce Patrick gave an oral overview of the meeting, noting items brought forward as legislation.

F. **Redistricting and Reclassification:** Executive Director Tilley reviewed the report of the February 28 R&R Committee meeting, noting that the committee modified the original plan by moving Central (W) from Valley District North, Region II, Group AA to Northwestern District, Region II, Group AA and approving the restructuring of Region D based on the region schools redistricting themselves with unanimous support of every school in the region.

Paul Vecchione moved, Mike Davidson seconded and the committee voted 24-1 (Haun voting no) to approve the current draft of the 2007-08 and 2008-09 R&R Plan.

Pat Ferguson left the meeting at this time and Gary Silvey filled in for him for the remainder of the meeting.

- G. **Swim and Dive Advisory:** Assistant Director Patrick provided the Impact Statement on the mandatory use of Hy-Tek Software by teams submitting state entry information. Bob Grimesey moved, Perry Pope seconded and the committee voted 22-2-1 (Silvey, Davidson voting no, Stables abstaining) to include this provision in the Policy Manual and not the Handbook.
- H. **Coaches Education:** Assistant Director Patrick gave a brief overview of the status of Coaches Education program.
- I. **Equity:** Executive Director Tilley reported that an Equity Open Forum will be held on Friday morning prior to the Membership meetings.
- X. **Legal Report:** Dale Holt moved, John Walker seconded and the committee voted 25-0 to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing 2.2-3711A(7) pertaining to probable litigation.
- Paul Vecchione moved, John Walker seconded and the committee voted 25-0 to reconvene into public session.
- Paul Vecchione moved, John Walker seconded and the committee voted 25-0 by individual certification that during the executive session only such public business matters as were identified in the executive session motion were heard, discussed or considered.
- XI. **Unfinished Business:**
- A. **Criteria for Hosting State Events:** Covered under Policy Committee report.
- B. **Status of Dual Team Wrestling Proposal:** It was determined that there is not enough interest at this time to organize and implement a state-wide Dual Team Wrestling Tournament.
- C. **Out-of-Season Practice Rule:** Assistant Director Tom Zimorski noted the staff was directed to continue studying this issue and regions were asked to advise schools that any specific areas of concern or regulation changes should be directed to him; however, no suggestions were submitted.
- XII. **Discussion and Information:**
- A. **Student Leaders Conference and Sportsmanship Summit:** Ken Tilley noted that the registration information and a tentative schedule are available at <http://www.vhsl.org/specprog.htm>, and workshop sessions will be posted when they are confirmed. Committee members are asked to encourage attendance at their local meetings.
- B. **YTB Marketing Material:** The VHSL has partnered with YTB Travel to create www.vhsltravel.org. The travel website operates like many on-line travel booking agencies, offering flights, car rentals and hotel stays. A portion of the proceeds from reservations made on the site will benefit the League. Executive committee members are encouraged to use the site for business, as well as personal travel. Feel free to share the web address with anyone interested in supporting the League through travel.
- C. **New Accounting Procedures Meetings:** Approximately 50 individuals attended the New Accounting Procedures meeting held at the VHSL office on Feb. 15. 55 individuals signed up to attend the meeting to be held on March 10 in Richmond at the Holiday Inn, Koger Center.
- D. **VIAAA Award Recipients:** The following VIAAA award winners were announced and were recognized at the VIAAA's annual conference banquet in Norfolk on March 31.

Activities Administrator of the Year

A: none selected

AA: Gary Walthall, William Byrd High School

AAA: Winfrey Y. Johnson, III, CAA, Huguenot High School

Indep: Janet Rice, CAA, The Steward School

Distinguished Service Award (Outside the field of Athletic Administration)

Sandra Martin, Poquoson High School
Janis Sweeney, Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation
Bill Hilliard, Kempsville High School

John C. Youngblood Lifetime Award of Merit

Delmer Botkin, Retired

Outstanding Service Award

Dr. Carol Chory, CMAA, Kempsville High School

John C. Youngblood Scholarship

Catherine Hartman, Thomas Jefferson Science & Technology High School
Chance Dye, Honaker High School
Brett Batten, Jamestown High School

Claudia Dodson Scholarship

Grace McGee, Kellam High School

VIAAA Outstanding Leadership Award

Bruce Bowen, CMAA, Hermitage HS

NIAAA State Award of Merit

Richard " Dick " Overton, CMAA, Midlothian High School

NFHS National Citation Award Nomination

Sandy Hadaway, CMAA, Salem High School

NIAAA Distinguished Service Award Nomination

Bruce Phelps, CMAA, Virginia Beach Public Schools

- E. **Virginian named 2006 Sports Ethics Fellow:** The Institute for International Sport at the University of Rhode Island, administrator of National Sportsmanship Day, announced that Mike Murray, an assistant baseball coach and sociology teacher at Yorktown High School in Arlington, had been selected as one of National Sportsmanship Day's Sports Ethics Fellows for 2006. Congratulations to Mike for his selection as an ambassador of ethics and sportsmanship who will assist with the expansion and promotion of National Sportsmanship Day.

- XIII. **Review October Group Boards and Membership Meeting and Preview of March Meetings:** Ken Tilley and Lora Bickley met with the group board officers to go over the procedures for the group board and membership meetings.
- XIV. **2006-07 Meeting Dates:** The meeting dates for 2006-07 were noted, and the committee will vote on them at the May meeting.

2005-06 Meeting Dates

September 21-22, 2005
Oct. Group Boards/Membership -- Oct. 12, 2005
December 7, 2005
March 8, 2006
March Group Boards -- March 9, 2006
March Membership -- March 10, 2006
May 3, 2006

Proposed 2006-07 Meeting Dates

September 20-21, 2006
Oct. Group Boards/Membership -- **Oct. 18, 2006**
December 6, 2006
March 7, 2007
March Group Boards -- March 8, 2007
March Membership -- March 9, 2007
May 2, 2007

XV. **New Business:**

Mary Whitley and Mike Lane noted that the Executive Committee meeting, March Membership meetings and state basketball tournament are in conflict with the state testing dates for reading. Vanessa Wigand will work with DOE and the VHSL to try to avoid this conflict in the future.

Members of the committee noted that changes needed to be made in the agenda in order for the meeting to run more efficiently. Executive Director Tilley noted these concerns and will work to streamline future meetings

XVI. **Adjournment:** There being no future business, the committee adjourned at 2:50 p.m.