

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2008

**TIME:** Wednesday, September 17, 2008

**12:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting – VHSL Office**

**2:30 p.m. New Member Orientation**

**5:00 p.m. Personnel and Operations Committee**

**5:00 p.m. Finance Committee**

**5:00 p.m. Technology/Communications Committee**

**5:00 p.m. Policy and Programs Committee**

Thursday, September 18, 2008

**TIME: 8:30 a.m. -- Full Executive Committee convenes**

**PLACE:** DoubleTree Hotel  
990 Hilton Heights Road  
Charlottesville, Virginia

- I. **Roll Call:** Nelson Simpkins, Bill Owen, Rob Arnold, Mike Lane, Jim Whorley, Lawrence Whiting, E. G. Bradshaw, Cynthia Watson, Pete Koste, Jim Stemple, Mike Campbell, Vanessa Wigand, Charles "Mike" Harris, Charles Turner, Rusty Fairheart, Randy Thomas, Dan Lyons, Anthony Brads, Don Stowers, Jim Thornton, Raymond Kohl, Dan Checkosky, Judy Brinsfield, Clay Moran, Denise Bowman-Scott, Bob Tata, and Ken Tilley.

Members Absent: Gene Kotulka and John Miller.

Also attending were VHSL staff Tom Zimorski, Jim Garman, Joyce Sisson, Tom Dolan, Hannah Catherine Munro, Mike McCall and Lora Bickley, as well as, Marc Cole, representing committeeman Gene Kotulka, but not a voting representative, Orange County High School; Dick Kemper, Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association; Sandra Stewart, Championship Marketing, Inc., Joe Swarm, George Marshall High School; Bill Curran, Fairfax County Public Schools; Ken Wright, Loudoun County High School; Les Cummings, Loudoun County Public Schools; Dave Hembach, Stone Bridge High School; David Corry, John Patterson, Frank Rocco, Todd Campo, Liberty Christian Academy; William Gouldthorpe, Jess Luckett, Amherst County High School; Buck Smith, Warren County Public Schools; Jim Grooms, Warren County High School; Pete Duperrouzel, John Banbury, Oakton High School; Debbie Jackson, Tom Herman, McLean High School; John Lingenfelter, James Madison High School; Andy Muir, West Springfield High School; Roger Collins, Superintendent, Nelson County High School; and Craig Wood, VHSL League Counsel.

- II. **Agenda Approval:** Jim Stemple moved, Denise Bowman-Scott seconded and the committee voted 26-0 to approve the agenda as presented.
- III. **Minutes:** Dan Lyons moved, Denise Bowman-Scott seconded and the committee voted 26-0 to approve the May 7, 2008, Executive Committee Minutes as presented.
- IV. **Appointment of Chairman-elect Selection Committee (Handbook Section 12-1-3) and Action on recommendation therefrom:** Pete Koste moved, Rob Arnold seconded and the committee voted 26-0 to approve the unanimous recommendation of the Group A Selection Committee of Bill Owen, Region A representative and principal of Windsor High School, as the chairman-elect. (Note: Group A chairman will serve back-to-back due to Group AA chairman serving back-to-back when the rotation cycle was altered in 2005-06).

- V. **Announcements and Call for New Business:** League Chairman Nelson Simpkins introduced the new Executive Committee members, noted that Charles Turner is the superintendent from Southampton County rather than Suffolk City, reviewed BoardDocs, referred to the chairman's letter, room arrangements for the remaining meetings, travel vouchers, committee schedule and procedures, phone/email listings by regions and the alternate provisions reminding committee that the alternate must be a principal or superintendent.
- VI. **Concerns from the Public:** **Todd Campo, Superintendent of Liberty Christian Academy**, addressed the committee and indicated his school's desire to seek membership in the Virginia High League. **Sandy Stewart of Championship Marketing** addressed the committee concerning a proposal by Virginia High School Television Network. **John Banbury**, principal of Oakton High School, addressed the Northern Region's redistricting and reclassification proposal.
- VII. **Committee Reports:**

A. **Finance:** Chairman Rob Arnold reported on his committee's findings and recommendations.

1. Reviewed the Income and Expense Report and Balance Sheets for the VHSL as of June 30. These reports indicated the VHSL completed FY2008 with an approximate \$36,000 surplus.
2. The audit has been completed with no concerns. Random districts and regions were audited.
3. Recommended the approval of Virginia College Savings Plan (VCSP) and The Official Call as new VHSL sponsors.
4. Recommended a decrease in the membership fee for Mount Rogers High School to \$350 and pay \$30 for each activity for the 2008-09 school year in view of their small enrollment figures and limited programs.
5. Recommended a policy whereby schools will receive team travel reimbursement for state events only when they submit properly completed request form.
6. Recommended the following for the VHSL Foundation Board of Directors: Pete Koste, Nelson Simpkins, Bill Owen (by principals); Betty Lee and Wendell Dick (superintendents); Bryant Stith (by VIAAA); David Paxton (by other representatives). Other members of the Foundation Board are Ken Tilley and Jim Garman, Bert Dodson, Carl Rosberg, Bob Dix, Dan Woolley and John Rymiszewski.
7. Recommended the denial of a request by Colonial Beach High School to waive the late membership fee penalty.

Rob Arnold moved, Dan Lyons seconded and the committee voted 26-0 to approve the finance committee report and recommendations.

Rob Arnold moved, Denise Bowman-Scott and the committee voted 22-1-3 (Thomas voting no; Lane, Whiting and Watson abstaining) to approve the finance committee's recommendation to transfer \$130,000 from the VHSL to the Foundation to retain the services of two consultants to help start the first capital campaign for the VHSL Foundation. Once the Foundation reaches the \$1M milestone, interest will be used to help defray the costs of travel reimbursements and non-revenue sports and academic programs.

B. **Personnel and Operations:** Chairman Bill Owen reported on his committee's recommendations.

**2008-09 goals for Executive Director.**

- A more specific budget calendar be incorporated in the budget timeline to afford all standing committees the opportunity to receive and provide necessary communication, documents, and other relevant information to make sound and informed decisions Specifically, salary and benefit proposals, as well as projected revenue to cover these items will be provided to the Finance Committee in December. A proposed balanced budget will be provided by February. The final budget document will be provided a minimum of one week before the May meeting of the Executive Committee. In addition, budget briefings and narratives will be provided to appropriate committee members in a presentation format which are more succinct and easily understood.
- Ensure that the physical plant meets program and staff needs.
- Develop a process to assess and address identified inequities in the League's existing classification system and develop proposals which ensure equity and fairness of competition for member schools.

- Continue prioritization for years three and four of the strategic plan.

Don Stowers moved, E. G. Bradshaw seconded and the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the goals for the Executive Director.

Don Stowers moved, Clay Moran seconded and the committee voted unanimously that the League Chairman, Personnel Committee Chairman and Executive Director establish a committee to begin the first phase of the physical plant needs assessment.

The new 5-division playoff model will be presented Thursday to the Executive Committee through a powerpoint presentation. If the September Executive Committee recommends moving forward, this presentation will be unveiled to the entire membership at the October Membership Meeting.

The committee discussed financial implications, calendar concerns, the timeline for implementation and governance.

Meetings will be held at the VHSL office on Nov. 6 and 17 inviting regions to send representatives to these meetings. **Note:** It was later decided that four area meetings would be conducted on Nov. 4 (Western Albemarle), Nov. 6 (Lafayette), Nov. 17 (Osborn Park) and Nov. 18 (Salem) so that more people might be inclined to attend.

The committee asked Ken to check with Al Butler of the Superintendents Group (VASS) to see if he can address the superintendents to advise them of the new division concept.

#### C. Policy and Programs Committee:

1. Committee heard presentation from Liberty Christian Academy concerning their desire to join the league. After questions and much discussion, and due to much concern from membership, the policy committee was not prepared to make a recommendation at this time. Later, the Committee decided not to support allowing membership of independent schools.
2. Sports Medicine Advisory Committee
  - a. Discussed letter sent to Dr. Cannady from SMAC.
  - b. Discussed concerns brought forth by league attorney Craig Wood which should be discussed by SMAC.
  - c. SMAC had asked that one of their members serve on policy committee; policy committee does not recommend this.
3. Coaches Education
  - a. Policy committee recommended moving forward with Coaches' Education training module, possibly looking at state licensure certification.
  - b. Try to provide as much information to funding bodies to make Coaches' Ed part of school program.
4. Recommended Approval of Items 1-11 of Emergency Legislation.
5. Committee did not support increasing membership of executive committee.
6. Committee recommended approval of out of season practice rule and allow membership time to respond with possible amendments.
7. Committee recommended penalty for violation of out of season practice rule.
8. Committee did not support combined dual wrestling team championships.
9. Committee recommended adding scholastic bowl to list of activities for specific penalties for failing to attend state rules clinic.
10. Committee did not recommend new guidelines for ending baseball and softball tournament games.
11. Committee did not recommend additions to sections 111-4-2 and 111-8-4 concerning forensics.
12. Committee recommends support for serious/humorous dramatic interpretations.
13. Action Agenda
  - a. Nelson County High School student participating in Jefferson District for indoor pole vault. The committee appreciates the desire of the student, but cannot support because of Group A school participating in Group AA meet.
  - b. Committee supports recommendation to amend Wachovia points to accommodate football and tennis.

- c. Concerning redistricting and reclassification, policy committee feels as if full committee should consider proposal by Northern Region.
  14. The committee supports the super site concept for state basketball quarterfinals and would ask staff to bring further sites for consideration.
  15. Policy committee would like to commend staff for work on event guidelines. Recommends immediate adjustment of facility requirement to allow variations as noted in waivers.
  16. Committee recommended approval of lacrosse format.
    - keeping the existing format for the VHSL State Lacrosse Tournament.
    - any school wishing to gain inclusion in the 2009 tournament would have to declare their intentions by the December Executive Committee Meeting date.
    - League Staff having the discretion to assign teams based on the best geographic fit.
    - Establishing the following seeding criteria where new teams request participation in a district tournament. (Less than eight schools in the district tournament, new school would be seeded 5<sup>th</sup>; eight or more teams already eligible for the tournament the new team would be seeded 9<sup>th</sup> and play the 8<sup>th</sup> seed in a play-in game.
- The unanimous consent of the committee for 2009-2010 included:
- using the "5 division" concept and numbers to sponsor two state championships (D-5 and D1-4 combined)
  - reconvening the committee in early spring to establish appropriate advancing mechanisms in each division.
17. Committee did not recommend eliminating references to sideline cheer.
  18. Committee did not recommend adoption of Wilson "WAVE" basketball.
  19. Committee feels that staff is doing an excellent job in implementing strategic plan.

Mike Lane moved, Charles Turner seconded and the committee voted 26-0 to approve the Policy and Programs Committee report as presented.

- D. **Technology and Communications:** Chairman Jim Stemple reported on the following from this committee:
1. Assistant Director Joyce Sisson updated the committee on the progress of Clearwired on the redesign of the website.
  2. Heard a presentation by Sandy Stewart of Championship Marketing.
  3. Recommended approval of the following for the 2008 Torch of Honor Awards and the 2008 Regional Award of Merit.

#### **2008 TORCH OF HONOR**

Pete Koste, Manchester High School

#### **2008 REGIONAL AWARD OF MERIT**

##### **Group A**

##### **Region A**

School Administrator – Bob Fraser, principal, West Point HS

Coach – Lynn Amos, track, Essex HS

Contributor – Alan Beswick, Tidewater District, community supporter

##### **Region B**

School Administrator – Dr. Morgan Phenix, principal, Page County HS

Coach – Glenn Proctor, football, track, Strasburg HS

Contributor – None

##### **Region C**

School Administrator – Nelson Simpkins, principal, Eastern Montgomery

Coach – Steve Bull, debate, Auburn HS

Contributor – Steve Austin, PA announcer/statistician, James River HS

**Region D**

School Administrator – Mike Lane, principal, Twin Springs HS  
Coach – Larry Shortt, retired boys track coach, Castlewood HS  
Contributor – Jon Bowerbank, president, EMATS, Inc.

**Group AA**

**Region I**

School Administrator – Paul Kirby, athletic director, Grafton HS  
Coach – Doug Baggett, baseball/basketball, Tabb HS  
Contributor – William Dillon, volunteer, Southside District

**Region II**

School Administrator – Joe Breinig, Sr., athletic director, Briar Woods HS  
Coach – Walter Barr, retired football coach, James Wood/Sherando HS  
Contributor – Dr. Randy Bashore, MD, team physician, Fluvanna County HS

**Region III**

School Administrator – Larry Carter, retired athletic director, Lord Botetourt HS  
Coach – Bob Martin, golf and tennis, Amherst County HS  
Contributor – Dr. Jay Hopkins, team physician, Heritage HS and other Central Virginia HS

**Region IV**

School Administrator – Thomas Hagy (deceased), principal/administrator, Richlands HS & Tazewell County

Coach – Mary Parks, basketball/softball, Laurel Park, Drewy Mason, Fieldale Collinsville, Bassett  
Contributor – Carl York, publisher of “Crunch”

**Group AAA**

**Eastern**

School Administrator – Emilie Tilley, retired principal and administrator, Frank W. Cox & VBCPS  
Coach – Debi Strausbaugh, gymnastics, Kellam HS  
Contributor – Joe Langston (deceased), football and track coach, I.C. Norcom HS

**Central**

School Administrator – Robert “Bob” Tyson, former principal, Hermitage HS  
Coach – Frank Threatts, basketball, John Marshall HS  
Contributor – Art Utley, sportswriter, Richmond Times Times-Dispatch

Jim Stemple moved, Raymond Kohl seconded and the committee voted 26-0 to approve Pete Koste, past VHSL chairman and principal at Manchester High School, as the 2008 Torch of Honor recipient.

- VIII. **Legal Report:** Legal Counsel Craig Wood addressed the committee on their responsibilities as Executive Committee members as it relates to appeals. He noted that we completed another year without having to go to court. This is attributed to the VHSL having clearly defined criteria for appeals and applying those criteria in a consistent manner. He also commented that Virginia’s defined criteria for appeals are being mirrored in other states due to our success in staying out of court.
- IX. **Redistricting and Reclassification:** Refer to XII Action Agenda, Item (C).
- X. **Consent Agenda:** Randy Thomas moved, Bill Owen seconded and the committee voted 26-0 to exclude item (B) Advisory Committees and approved the following consent agenda items:

**A. October Meeting Schedule:**

|             |              |               |                        |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 8:00 - 8:30 | Register     | 9:30 - 10:15  | Breakout Sessions      |
| 8:30 - 9:15 | Group Boards | 10:30 - 12:00 | Membership             |
|             |              | 12:15 - 1:00  | Q&A/Finance/Coaches Ed |

**Note for Group AA:** Region I proposes that the Group AA state tennis tournament expand entries to include both champion and runner-up teams. This will be an agenda item for the Group AA Board.

**C. Emergency Legislation and Editorial Changes (to become effective immediately):** Refer to XI, Legislation.

XI. **Legislation:**

**Emergency**

- 28-14-1**

**Due Process Rule and Appeals --** Increased from three to five days the time a district has to conduct a hearing.

**Adopted 26-0**  
(Thomas moved  
Owen seconded)
- 77-5-1**

**Lacrosse –** Develop criteria for ending a tournament game in lacrosse similar to other spring sports.

**Adopted 26-0**  
(Thomas moved,  
Turner seconded)
- 27-123-12**

**(Academic Sportsmanship) Statement of Policy –** Identify discretionary forfeitures as sportsmanship violations.

**Adopted 26-0**  
(Thomas moved,  
Turner seconded)
- 101-2-2**

**Theatre –** All schools must be notified when there are fewer than four judges, but their consent is not required.

(Legislation amended to delete “unanimous”)

**Adopted 26-0**  
(Thomas moved,  
Turner seconded)
- 111-8-3**

**Forensics –** School representatives are responsible for presenting proper verification if a selection is challenged.

**Adopted 26-0**  
(Thomas moved,  
Turner seconded)
- 111-8-4**

**(Forensics) Forfeits –** A student or duo team taking a discretionary forfeit will not advance to next level of competition.

**Adopted 26-0**  
(Thomas moved,  
Turner seconded)
- 112-5-3**

**Extemporaneous Speaking –** Clarifies that participants must not consult with anyone or use previously prepared notes.

**Adopted 26-0**  
(Thomas moved,  
Turner seconded)
- 113-3-2;  
115-2-1;  
116-4-1;  
116-3-1;  
116-5-1;  
116-6-1;  
116-7-1**

**Original Oratory –** Time signals are only permitted in extemporaneous speaking and impromptu speaking.

**Adopted 26-0**  
Thomas moved,  
Turner seconded)
- 117-10-3**

**Debate –** A student or team taking a discretionary forfeit will not advance to the next level of competition.

**Adopted 26-0**  
(Thomas moved,  
Turner seconded)
- 117-10-3**

**(Debate) Penalty –** Ensures that not following prescribed rules will result in disqualification.

**Adopted 26-0**  
(Thomas moved,  
Turner seconded)
- 117-9-1**

**Student Congress Rules and Regulations –** For uniformity and preparation for state competition, regional procedures should mimic state procedures.

**Adopted 26-0**

**117-7-2 Student Congress** -- If there is minimal competition in Contemporary policy debate (including Group AAA), qualifiers will be combined into one state competition in Classic and/or Contemporary policy debate. **Adopted 26-0**  
(Thomas moved, Turner seconded)

**Editorial**

**66-3-1 Field Hockey: Interrupted Tournament Games** – to avoid confusion **Adopted 26-0**  
(Thomas moved, Owen seconded)

**78-5-2 Soccer: Interrupted Tournament Games** -- to avoid confusion **Adopted 26-0**  
(Thomas moved, Owen seconded)

**117-9-4 Debate -- Student Congress (Clerk of Congress)** **Adopted 26-0**  
(Thomas moved, Owen seconded)

**First Vote Legislation**

**8-1-1; 10-1-1; 26-6-1 Membership Eligibility, Classification and Transfer Rule** – To allow independent schools to join the VHSL with specific exceptions. **Died for lack of motion**

**12-1-1; 12-2-1 SECTION 12: Executive Committee** – To give the DSA/ADs a greater representation on the Executive Committee. **Not. Rec. 6-20**  
(Whorley moved, Bowman-Scott seconded; Whorley, Tata, Campbell, Moran, Brinsfield, Checkosky voting yes)

**27-8-1 Out-of-Season Practice Rule** – To provide more definitive guidelines and set dead periods for out-of-season activities. **Rec. 12-11-3**  
(Lane moved, Bradshaw seconded; Simpkins, Arnold, Koste, Whorley, Owen, Moran, Brinsfield, Thomas, Checkosky, Kohl, Thornton voting no; Turner, Whiting, Watson abstaining)

**27-8-3 Out-of-Season Practice Rule Penalty** – To allow for consistent application of disciplinary action. **Rec. 26-0**  
(Lane moved, Tata seconded)

**88-5-3.1 SECTION 88: Combined State Dual Team Wrestling** – To further enhance the sport of wrestling. **Not. Rec. 1-24**  
(Stemple moved, Koste seconded; Stemple voting yes)

**30-5-1 Specific Penalties** – To add Scholastic Bowl to the list of activities in which a school's coach is penalized for not attending a rules clinic **Rec. 26-0**  
(Lane moved, Bowman-Scott seconded)

- 56-5-1 Baseball** -- To ensure that during playoff competition teams have the opportunity to play seven (7) complete innings. **Died for lack of motion**
- 79-5-1 Softball** -- To ensure that during playoff competition teams have the opportunity to play seven (7) complete innings. **Died for lack of motion**
- SECTION 111 Forensics Double Entries** – To allow programs to become more competitive and allow greater opportunity to those who wish to participate in forensics. **Died for lack of motion**
- 116-5-1 Serious Dramatic Interpretation –**
- 116-6-1 Humorous Dramatic Interpretation --**
- 116-7-1 Duo Interpretation of Literature –**  
To prohibit the use of manuscripts **Rec. 20-5**  
(Lane moved, Stemple seconded; Bradshaw, Moran, Brinsfield, Stowers, Checkosky voting no, Whiting absent for vote)

XII. **Action Agenda:**

- A. **Nelson County High School student participating in Jefferson District for indoor pole vault:** Randy Thomas moved and E. G. Bradshaw seconded to approve this item. Jim Whorley moved, Denise Bowman-Scott seconded and the committee voted 18-8 (Koste, Stowers, Bradshaw, Lane, Wigand, Brads, Fairheart, Lyons voting no) to table this item and place on the Group AA Board Agenda and bring back in December for action.
- B. **Wachovia Cup Points (Policy Manual):** Cynthia Watson moved, Lawrence Whiting seconded and the committee voted 26-0 to revise the Wachovia Cup Points that in the semifinals in football and tennis for each region should split the available Wachovia points for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place.
- C. **Redistricting and Reclassification:** Mike Campbell moved, Jim Stemple seconded and the committee voted 25-0-1 (Checkosky abstaining) to accept Plan B presented by the Northern Region for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years.

**Concorde District**

Centreville  
Chantilly  
Herndon  
Oakton  
Robinson, James  
Westfield

**Liberty District**

Fairfax  
Jefferson, TJST  
Langley  
Madison, James  
Marshall, George  
McLean  
South Lakes  
Stone Bridge

**National District**

Edison, Thomas  
Falls Church  
Hayfield  
Mount Vernon  
Stuart, JEB  
Wakefield  
Washington-Lee  
Yorktown

**Patriot District**

Annandale  
Lake Braddock  
Lee, R. E.  
South County  
West Potomac  
West Springfield  
Williams, T. C.  
**Woodson, W. T.**

XIII. **Discussion and Information:**

- A. **NFHS Summer Meeting:** Virginia showed an incredibly strong presence at the 2008 NFHS Summer Conference in Washington, D.C. The VHSL co-hosted the conference along with the Maryland and D.C. associations. **VHSL students** were featured on three different occasions: (1) as **opening presenters** at the annual luncheon where their remarks were so popular that the NFHS plans to use them in a 60-second PSA to be distributed to all associations, (2) **four debaters** during a workshop session on the topic of whether non-public schools enjoy a competitive advantage over public high schools, and (3) **an alumnus of the VHSL and NFHS Student Leaders Conference** sharing ideas on how to use such experiences to make a difference at their schools. **Hannah Catherine Munro** presented a workshop session on innovative programs to boost revenues, **Dr. Vito Perriello** led a workshop session on dealing with concussions safely, **Mike Harris** performed various duties in conjunction with his role on the NFHS Board of Directors, **Ken Tilley** secured and introduced the FCA Breakfast speaker (former Washington Redskin Ken Harvey), and Churchland H.S. Field Hockey Coach **Diane Dennis** was recognized as the Section 2 recipient of the first Spirit of Sports Award. No other state association had a more prominent leadership role or presence at the conference than the VHSL.
- B. **VHSL Staff on NFHS Committees:** Assistant Director **Joyce Sisson** is the chair of the NFHS Field Hockey Rules Committee and Assistant Director **Lisa Giles** is a new member of the NFHS Speech Committee; Assistant Director **Tom Dolan** is in his second year on the NFHS Athletic Directors Advisory Committee; **Dr. Vito Perriello's** term as chair of the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee has been extended; Executive Director **Ken Tilley** serves on the NFHS Student Leadership Conference Planning Committee and is the NFHS representative on the CSIET (foreign exchange) Board of Directors; and Deputy Director **Tom Zimorski, Debbie Turlip** and **Mary Donnellan** serve on the Football, Gymnastics and Volleyball Rules Committees respectively.
- B. **Hall of Fame:** The Banquet is scheduled for Monday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m., and staff encouraged Executive Committee members to attend. The eleven honorees are Martha Akers, Roger Bergey, Shelly Blumenthal, Jeff Dietze, Thomas Jones, Ralph Law, Megan McCarthy, Patricia Mitchell, Jim Rike, Calvin Talford and Charlene Tiller.
- D. **2008 NFHS National Student Leaders Conference:** Hannah Catherine Munro and Mike McCall accompanied seven (7) VHSL students (Sam Bartel, Grassfield HS; Ida "Alex" Henderson, Washington & Lee HS; Emily Campbell, Liberty H.S. (Beal); Garrett Moran, Kettle Run H.S.; Jenny Miller, Radford H.S. , Ebony Brown, Orange Co. H. S., Corithia Alford, I. C. Norcom H.S.) to this event which was a rewarding and worthwhile learning experience. It can be the basis for engaging more students in VHSL awareness and advocacy this year and beyond.
- E. **VASSP Conference:** Approximately 25 administrators attended a VHSL round table discussion ("What Every Principal Should Know About the VHSL") given by Ken Tilley for the second year at the Annual VASSP Summer Conference. Bill Owen attended this session and could provide comments.
- F. **Section 2 and Section 3 NFHS Meetings:** NFHS Section Meetings give staff a great opportunity to share ideas and compare programs with other state associations. Ken Tilley attended the Section 3 (NC, SC, TN, GA, AL, MS, LA) meeting on September 6-9; Ken, Tom Zimorski, Joyce Sisson and Tom Dolan attended the Section 2 (VA, WV, DC, MD, DE, OH, PA) meeting September 14-16. Among the scheduled topics are:

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Strategic Planning                  | Championship Formats         |
| Coaches Education                   | Dealing with High Gas Prices |
| Effective Technology                | Classification Processes     |
| Partnerships with Colleges and CVBs | Marketing Techniques         |
| Foundations                         | Ethics                       |
| Athlete Safety                      |                              |

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

**Five Division Playoff Model:** Staff presented a powerpoint presentation describing this concept, which has been developed in response to input from the membership through the R&R and Division Playoff Committees. It

reflected an attempt to meet the third goal of the Executive Director for 2008-09. The plan would allow schools to retain their existing regular season alignment (or choose a different option better suited to their needs) while affording more playoff opportunities that are based on geography and more equitable consideration for the size of schools. If this concept is eventually adopted, it would likely not go into effect before the 2011-12 school year.

XV. **Business from the Floor:**

Authorized League Chairman and Executive Director to work with region chairmen in filling new 2008-09 Advisory Committee positions. Also, approved the following:

**Crisis Management Committee**

|                |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Cynthia Watson | Group AAA Chair         |
| Jim Whorley    | Group AA Chair          |
| Bill Owen      | Group A Chair           |
| Dan Checkosky  | VIAAA                   |
| Charles Turner | At-large Superintendent |
| Ray Kohl       | At-large VSBA           |
| Vanessa Wigand | At-large DOE            |

There was consensus among members to begin future subcommittee meetings at 3:00 p.m. instead of 5:00 to allow for more thorough consideration of agenda items.

XVI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.