

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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES MAY 2009**

**TIME: Wednesday, May 6, 2009**

**11:00 a.m. Foundation Board Meeting – VHSL Office**

**3:00 p.m. Personnel and Operations Committee -- DoubleTree Hotel  
Finance Committee  
Technology and Communications Committee  
Policy and Programs Committee**

**4:30 p.m. Joint Meeting of Personnel and Finance Committees**

**Thursday, May 7, 2009**

**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, Tony Francis, Lawrence Whiting, Gene Kotulka, E. G. Bradshaw, Cynthia Watson, Pete Koste, Jim Stemple, Mike Campbell, Vanessa Wigand, Charles "Mike" Harris, Charles Turner, Elaine Fogliani (alternate for Rusty Fairheart, Superintendents Region III), Dan Lyons, Anthony Brads, Don Stowers, Raymond Kohl, Dan Checkosky, Judy Brinsfield, Clay Moran, John Miller and Ken Tilley.

Members absent: Keith Rowland, Jim Thornton, Denise Bowman-Scott and Bob Tata.

Also in attendance were VHSL staff Tom Zimorski, Jim Garman, Joyce Sisson, Lisa Giles, Tom Dolan, Hannah Catherine Munro, Mike McCall and Lora Bickley as well as Tom Horn, George Mason High School, Les Cummings, Loudoun County Public Schools, Bill Curran, Fairfax County Public Schools and Buck Smith, Warren County Public Schools.

II. **Agenda Approval:** Bill Owen moved, E. G. Bradshaw seconded and the committee voted 23-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

III. **Minutes:** Pete Koste moved, Mike Lane seconded and the committee voted 23-0 to approve the February 18, 2009, Executive Committee Minutes as presented.

IV. **Announcements and Call for New Business:** League Chairman Nelson Simpkins reviewed the following announcements: Bill Owen recently made the difficult decision to retire from his position as principal at Windsor High School on June 30, 2009. Options for the selection of a new chairman and chairman-elect for the 2009-10 school year were announced. The meeting schedule and procedures were reviewed and Executive Director Tilley reviewed the new Executive Committee items added.

V. **Concerns from the Public:** None.

VI. **Committee Reports:**

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

1. Reviewed the VHSL Financial Review of Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Report through March 31, 2009, and they were in good order and it is projected that the VHSL may end the year in the black.

2. Recommended the following items for approval by the Executive Committee:

- a. No salary increase for staff.
- b. Part-time bookkeeper Denise Marshall's hours will increase from 24 to 30 in order to lend more assistance to the Director of Development.
- c. Team travel for FY2009 will be reimbursed at 100%.
- d. Benefit game income for FY2009 in the amount of \$27,560.53 be contributed to the Foundation.
- e. A \$1 rebate to competing schools on pre-sale tickets for football and basketball state championships (finals only) in 2009-10.
- f. No dues increase for the 2010-11 school year.
- g. Increase indoor track state ticket price from \$5 to \$8.
- h. Table the VHSL banner issue and include in the 2010-11 budget.
- i. Move forward with the NFHS Licensed Product Pilot Program.
- j. Dominion Foundation grant for the Student Leaders Program.
- k. Delete the \$15 two-day pass for the Radford Spring Jubilee.
- l. Revised the requirement in the Financial Policy that the VHSL CFO's name be listed on all district and region accounts to include the CFO or his designees.

3. No report on the Admissions and Pass Policy Study Committee.

4. Reviewed VHSL Foundation, Inc., Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Report through March 31, 2009. It was noted that the Foundation had made good progress through the private sector. New members have been recruited from all areas of the state. While the Foundation has not realized the contributions they would have liked by this date, we are hopeful that by the September meeting we will be at the \$1 million mark. The Foundation is relying on the Executive Committee members to help meet this goal.

5. Reviewed Strategic Planning Financial Critical Issues.

Rob Arnold moved, Dan Lyons seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to approve the recommendations by the Finance Committee and the Finance Committee report as presented.

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

Don Stowers moved, Mike Campbell seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to go into executive session under 2.2.344A (7) to discuss matters pertaining to personnel.

Mike Harris moved, Mike Lane seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to return to public session and verified that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements were discussed.

Bill Owen reported that his committee:

1. Conducted the evaluation review of the executive director with the executive committee and recommended that the executive director be reappointed, noting that he had provided effective leadership.
2. Recommended no salary adjustments for 2009-10.
3. Recommended to increase the hours for Denise Marshall from 24 to 30 hours to lend additional assistance to the Director of Development.
4. Reviewed Emergency Legislation proposal #2 relative to Executive Committee membership and officers and recommended approval.
5. Reviewed Strategic Planning Operations/Personnel Critical Issues.

Bill Owen moved, Rob Arnold seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to accept the recommendations of the Personnel (and Operations) committee and the Personnel Committee as presented.

C. **Policy (and Programs):** Chairman Mike Lane commended the Personnel and Finance Committees for their excellent insights and their work for the best interest of the students.

The following legislation and items were discussed or voted on:

- In regard to coaches' education, specific penalties, and volleyball contest limitations, each was discussed in detail, but committee felt that since they were second vote items that committee had shown prior support.
- Voted 6-0 in favor of executive committee membership amendments.
- Voted 6-0 in favor of legislation to cover the adoption and termination of state tournaments.
- Voted 1-5 against adopting emergency legislation to allow Group A to begin division play in volleyball, baseball, and softball. Committee felt it should be introduced as a first vote item.
- Voted 6-0 in favor of legislation to adjust basketball pairings so teams from same regions will not meet in semi-finals.
- Voted 6-0 in favor of legislation to individually draw and post weight classes in wrestling.
- Voted 6-0 in favor of legislation to adopt state tournament postponement policy.
- Voted 5-0-1 to accept bid from UVA to host AAA state football championships.
- Voted 4-2 in favor of two division format for lacrosse.
- Voted 5-0 in favor of field hockey state quarterfinal site change.
- Voted 6-0 to deny Grundy High School change from Group AA to Group A in the middle of the two-year cycle.
- Continued support for using supersites for state quarterfinal basketball. Maybe need to consider supersites for semifinals.

The Executive Committee commended Mike Lane for his excellent work in serving as chairman of the Policy Committee.

Mike Lane moved, Bill Owen seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to approve the accept the Policy Committee reported as presented.

D. **Technology and Communications:** Chairman Jim Stemple reported his committee's findings:

- Clearwire update: Joyce has moved the responsibility of posting items on the website to Mike McCall and Sharon Condoulis. There are still items that have not been posted on the new site.
- MVP: There have been changes in the development staff but Joyce is confident we can move on getting VHSL on line with MVP. There is no definite timeline to have us up and running.
- Joyce is working with school divisions to obtain the name of their IT individual.
- Mike is working to promote the Foundation and provide a VHSL media kit.
- Discussions are underway with company for broadcasting and webcasting state championships
- Supported the purchase of VHSL banners to display in each member school.

Jim Stemple moved, Peter Koste seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to approve the Technology (and Communications) report as presented.

VII. **Consent Agenda:** Dan Checkosky moved, Lawrence Whiting seconded and the committee voted 16-8 (Francis, Campbell, Lane, Wigand, Brads, Fogliani, Watson, Stemple voting no) to move the Coaches Ed legislation to the Action Agenda.

Jim Stemple moved, Pete Koste seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items as noted:

A. **Legislation: Legislation: Second-vote Items – see VIII. below.**

B. **March 2009 Group Board Minutes:** As presented by respective groups.

- C. **Colonel Charles E. Savedge Scholarship/Virginia Student Journalist of the Year:** This is the only scholarship that is given from specially designated League funds (established in honor of Virginia’s legendary yearbook adviser). After reviewing 31 nominations, the scholarship selection committee unanimously recommended that Kendra Johnson of Varina High School be the recipient of this \$500 award. Kendra was singled out for professional writing and interviewing skills.
- D. **Appeals Overview:** An addition to the Independent Hearing Officer Appeal overview has been included to reflect the requirement for the appellant to submit a \$350 deposit prior to the scheduling of any hearing.

VIII. **Legislation:**

A. **Second vote items:**

<p>27-2-5 27-2-6 27-2-7 30-5-1</p>	<p><b>Coaches Education Requirement State and Local Knowledge Requirement Penalty Specific Penalties (17) FINES.</b> Provide the means whereby all coaches in VHSL schools are trained in fundamental coaching competencies.</p>	<p><b>Adopted 21-3</b> (Harris moved, Wigand seconded, Campbell, Whiting, Checkosky voting no)</p>
<p>30-5-1</p>	<p><b>Specific Penalties (13)</b> – To include an official VHSL Warning to specific sports programs when substitute players or bench personnel enter the playing field/court.</p>	<p><b>Adopted 24-0</b> (Stemple moved, Koste seconded)</p>
<p>54-8-1</p>	<p><b>Contest Limitations</b> – Will enable volleyball teams to play in tournaments that are played in a “set” format rather than a “match”.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p>	<p><b>Not Adopted</b> 11-13 (Francis moved, Stemple seconded, Simpkins, Lyons, Francis, Harris, Lane, Wigand, Brads, Fogliani, Kotulka, Miller, Stemple voting yes)</p>
<p>86-1-1</p>	<p><b>Volleyball schedules</b> In order to play volleyball in a tournament format conducive to rally scoring.</p>	

D. **Emergency vote items:**

<p><b>Section 12: (various sections)</b></p>	<p><b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE --</b> to clarify and allow for more flexibility in selecting Executive Committee officers</p>	<p><b>Adopted 23-1</b> (Koste moved, Arnold seconded, Miller voting no)</p>
<p><b>SECTION 54: ATHLETIC PROGRAM</b></p>	<p><b>54-5-1 Adoption and Termination of State Tournaments --</b> To establish procedures for possible termination of state tournaments</p>	<p><b>Adopted 24-0</b> (Lane moved, Bradshaw seconded)</p>
<p>54-5-3</p>	<p><b>State Tournament Postponement Policies --</b> expands circumstances that might warrant a schedule adjustment.</p>	<p><b>Adopted 24-0</b> (Stemple moved, Harris seconded)</p>
<p>56-8-1(Baseball) 79-8-1(Softball) 86-3-1 (Volleyball)</p>	<p><b>Determining State Championships --</b> allows Group A schools to use a two-division format beginning in 2010-11</p>	<p><b>Adopted 18-6</b> (Lane moved, Moran seconded, Arnold, Koste, Brads, Whiting, Watson, Brinsfield voting no)</p>

**58-7-2 (Basketball) Pairings** -- To avoid having teams from the same region face each other in the semifinals.

**Adopted 23-0**  
(Kotulka moved, Bradshaw seconded, Harris absent for vote)

**88-5-2 Wrestling Pairings** -- Pairings will be determined using a rotation similar to all other VHSL activities

**Adopted 19-4**  
(Stemple moved, Kohl seconded, Francis, Stowers, Bradshaw, Watson voting no; Whiting absent for vote)

IX. **Action Agenda:**

A. **State Sites for 2009-10**

## 2009-10 VHSL STATE TOURNAMENT SITES

SPORT/ACTIVITY	GROUP AAA	GROUP AA	GROUP A
Cheerleading	Siegel Center	Siegel Center	Siegel Center
Cross Country	Great Meadows through 2011	Great Meadows through 2011	Great Meadows through 2011
Field Hockey	NTC (Host-Cox, Eastern)	NTC (Host-Cox, Eastern)	NTC (Host-Cox, Eastern)
Football	UVA	Liberty Univ. (Host-Amherst)	Salem Stadium- (Host Salem)–through 2010
Golf	Franklin County hosts	<i>Williamsburg National (Host- Jamestown)</i>	Rotation – Region B Independence Golf Club –Strasburg will host
Girls Golf	Heritage HS, Newport News	Heritage HS, Newport News	Heritage HS, Newport News
Volleyball	Siegel Center	Siegel Center	Siegel Center
Basketball	Siegel Center	Siegel Center	Siegel Center
Gymnastics	Osborn Park High School	w/AAA	w/AAA
Indoor Track	Boo Williams Sportsplex	Liberty U. (Host-Staunton River)	N/A
Swim & Dive	Princess Anne Rec Ctr	Old Dominion	Old Dominion
Wrestling	Robinson Secondary	Salem Civic Center	Salem Civic Center
Lacrosse	Westfield H.S. (w/Jubilee)	Westfield HS	Westfield HS
Spring Jubilee	Westfield H.S.	Radford University	Radford University
Outdoor Track	Sports Backers and VCU	Harrisonburg H.S.	Radford University
Theatre	Dickinson Center	MLK Performing Arts Center	MLK Performing Arts Center
Scholastic Bowl	William & Mary	William & Mary (A/AA/AAA)	William & Mary (A/AA/AAA)
Forensics	Harrisonburg H.S.	Harrisonburg H.S. (A/AA/AAA)	Harrisonburg H.S. (A/AA/AAA)
Debate	Liberty University	Liberty University (A/AA/AAA)	Liberty University (A/AA/AAA)

- Bill Owen moved, Jim Stemple seconded and the committee voted 23-0 (Fogliani absent for vote), to approve the state sites for 2009-10 and approve keeping the state basketball format for the 2009-10 school year and for staff to bring back other formats for future tournaments for consideration.

- B. **Chairman/Chairman-Elect:** Since Bill Owen recently made the decision to retire from his position as principal at Windsor High School on June 30, 2009, he will not be able to serve as Chairman of the League for the 2009-10 school year. Staff and legal counsel advised the committee to exercise authority at the May meeting to select a new chairman in accordance with 12-3-1, "The Executive Committee may take such emergency action that it deems necessary as a result of legal exigencies or other significant extenuating circumstances."

Rob Arnold moved, Pete Koste seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to approve Jim Stemple as League Chairman for the 2009-10 school year and E. G. Bradshaw as the chairman-elect.

- C. **Lacrosse Championship:** Jim Stemple moved, Ray Kohl seconded and the committee voted 16-3-5 (Bradshaw, Whiting, Brads voting no; Simpkins, Francis, Turner, Harris, Watson abstaining) to table the change in the playoff model for lacrosse championships.
- D. **Field Hockey Quarterfinal Site:** Jim Stemple moved, Mike Campbell seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to approve Group AAA field hockey state quarterfinal games to be held at regional sites on Saturday prior to the weekend of the state semifinals and finals.
- E. **Grundy High School Alignment Request:** Bill Owen moved, Ray Kohl seconded and the committee voted 23-0 (Kotulka absent for vote) to **deny** Grundy High School's request to be reclassified from Group AA, Region IV, Southwest District, to Group A, Region D, Black Diamond District, for the 2010-11 school year.
- F. **Calendar Date Change:** Pete Koste moved, Rob Arnold seconded and the committee voted 23-0 (Kotulka absent for vote) to approve moving the Group A Golf on October 12 and 13 to October 19 and 20 due to a facility conflict. The Girls Open is moved to October 26 and 27.

X. **Legal Report:**

- A. Ken Tilley reported on the Annual NFHS Summit and Legal Meeting which he and Craig Wood attended on April 16-18. Agenda items included:
- A summary of cases filed nationwide in 2008-09
  - Public-Private School Membership Issues
  - Record Retention and Electronic Discovery
  - Upholding Sanctions
  - Dealing with On-court Violence
  - Issues Regarding Media Relations
  - Inappropriate Communication through the Internet
  - ADA Amendments
  - Catastrophic Sports Injuries

XI. **Discussion and Information:** The following items were noted:

- A. **Achievement Awards:** One hundred ninety three (193) students from 85 schools were nominated to receive the League's highest individual honor. Below is a list of the state winners.

**Group A**

Female Athlete: Chelsie Kenley, Auburn  
Male Athlete: Howard Ray, Appomattox County  
Academic Activity: Claire Jackson, Madison County

**Group AA**

Female Athlete: Sarah Fisher, James Monroe  
Male Athlete: Brock Hanna, Marion Senior  
Academic Activity: Krystle Henninger, Harrisonburg

**Group AAA**

Female Athlete: Paige Johnston, Midlothian  
Male Athlete: Chris Weil, Oakton  
Academic Activity: Carlo Basilio, Ocean Lakes

**Courageous Achievement Award**

Kimberlee Anne Meyer, Mountain View

- B. **VHSL Student Leaders Conference:** Approximately 550 students and 100 adults from more than 40 schools registered to attend the Thirteenth Annual VHSL Student Leaders Conference and Sportsmanship Summit at Denbigh High School on April 24-25.
- C. **Appeals:** The matrix of appeals cases heard as provided..
- D. **VIAAA Conference:** VHSL staff was involved in the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual VIAAA Conference, "The Shining Stars of the Past, Present and Future," on March 26-31, 2009, in Roanoke. Joyce Sisson is the VHSL liaison to the VIAAA. Ken Tilley, Joyce Sisson, Tom Dolan and Mike McCall gave a VHSL Q&A Update. The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual VIAAA Conference will be held on March 23-27, 2010, in Norfolk at the Waterside Marriott.
- E. **Hall of Fame:** The selection committee met on May 4 to choose the Class of 2009 (to be honored in October) to the Virginia High School Hall of Fame. The formal announcement will take place later this spring and will be included in Weekly Update.
- F. **VASSP Summer Conference:** This year's conference is scheduled at the same time as the NFHS Summer Conference, so no VHSL session will be offered.
- G. **Creative Writing:** Down from 48, a total of 46 schools entered the state championship in creative writing this year, representing 12 of 95 Group A schools, 14 of 87 Group AA schools and 20 of 130 Group AAA schools. Five schools entered for the first time (at least since data has been collected in 1997) and they are Battlefield, Patrick Henry-Roanoke, Matoaca, Princess Anne and Waynesboro: The folders have been delivered to judges at the University of Virginia and results are anticipated early May.
- H. **Tentative Sites for 2010-11 State Events:**

**2010-11 VHSL STATE TOURNAMENT SITES (4-14-09)**

<b>SPORT/ACTIVITY</b>	<b>GROUP AAA</b>	<b>GROUP AA</b>	<b>GROUP A</b>
Cheerleading	<b>Siegel Center</b>	<b>Siegel Center</b>	<b>Siegel Center</b>
Cross Country	<b>Great Meadows through 2011</b>	<b>Great Meadows through 2011</b>	<b>Great Meadows through 2011</b>
Field Hockey	<u>Rotation - Northern</u>	<u>Accepting Bids</u>	<u>Accepting Bids</u>
Football	<i>UVA, Norfolk State, ODU or VA Tech</i>	<b>Liberty Univ. (Host-Amherst)</b>	<b>Salem Stadium- (Host Salem)</b>
Golf	<u>Rotation – Eastern</u>	<u>Rotation – Region III</u>	<u>Rotation – Region A</u>
Girls Golf	<u>Rotation – Z1 (Region D, III, IV, Northwest)</u>	<u>Rotation – Z1 (Region D, III, IV, Northwest)</u>	<u>Rotation – Z1 (Region D, III, IV, Northwest)</u>
Volleyball	<b>Siegel Center</b>	<b>Siegel Center</b>	<b>Siegel Center</b>
Basketball	<b>Siegel Center</b>	<b>Siegel Center</b>	<b>Siegel Center</b>
Gymnastics	<u>Rotation – Eastern</u>	<u>w/AAA</u>	<u>w/AAA</u>
Indoor Track	<u>Rotation - Northern</u>	<i>Liberty U. (Host-Staunton River)</i>	N/A
Swim & Dive	<u>Rotation – Eastern</u>	<u>Rotation – Region I/A</u>	<u>Rotation – Region I/A</u>
Wrestling	<u>Rotation – Northwest</u>	<u>Salem Civic Center</u>	<u>Salem Civic Center</u>
Lacrosse	<u>Northern/II/B</u>	<u>Northern/II/B</u>	<u>Northern/II/B</u>
Spring Jubilee	<u>Accepting Bids</u>	<b>Radford University</b>	<b>Radford University</b>
Outdoor Track	<i>Sportsbackers/VCU</i>	<u>Harrisonburg H.S.</u>	<u>Radford University</u>
Theatre	<u>Dickinson Center</u>	<u>MLK Performing Arts Center</u>	<u>MLK Performing Arts Center</u>
Scholastic Bowl	<u>William &amp; Mary</u>	<u>William &amp; Mary (A/AA/AAA)</u>	<u>William &amp; Mary (A/AA/AAA)</u>
Forensics	<u>Rotation – Region A Harrisonburg H.S.</u>	<u>Rotation – Region A Harrisonburg H.S.</u>	<u>Rotation – Region A Harrisonburg H.S.</u>
Debate	<u>Liberty University</u>	<u>Liberty University (A/AA/AAA)</u>	<u>Liberty University (A/AA/AAA)</u>

**Bold – Sites Approved**

*Italics – Sites with Proposals and Staff Recommends*

Underlined – Sites Pending or No Site

- I. **Articles on activities:** Staff shared positive publicity that had recently been given to Salem's successful forensics program and the Varina student journalist who was the Savedge Scholarship winner.

XIII. **Meeting Dates for 2009-10**

September 23, 2009	Executive Committee
October 5, 2009	Hall of Fame
October 6, 2009	Group Boards/Membership
December 2, 2009	Executive Committee
February 24, 2010	Executive Committee
March 11, 2010	Group Boards
March 12, 2010	Membership
May 6 (Thurs), 2010	Executive Committee

Mike Campbell moved, Lawrence Whiting seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to accept the meeting schedule as noted above and to conduct an abbreviated February meeting to act on legislation only.

- XIV. **Executive Committee Recognitions:** Executive Director Ken Tilley and League Chairman Nelson Simpkins recognized the following retiring Executive Committee members with a VHSL Desk Piece: Rob Arnold, Mike Lane, Cynthia Watson, Bill Owen, Randy Thomas, and Clay Moran. Executive Director Tilley honored retiring League Chairman Nelson Simpkins with the chairman's plaque and a special recognition for committee member Jim Whorley who passed away in December.

XV. **Business from the Floor:**

- A. **Norfolk State unsanctioned meet performance times:** Cynthia Watson moved, Lawrence Whiting seconded and the committee voted 4-20 to deny a request for teams participating in an unsanctioned meet in track to allow the schools to use the qualifying times for district, region and state meets.
- B. **State Basketball at VCU:** E. G. Bradshaw asked staff to work with VCU concerning sportsmanship issues and the spot for principals and athletic directors on the floor to best address sportsmanship concerns.
- C. **15-Run Rule in Softball:** Bill Owen addressed the disparity in the 15-run rule in softball and 10-run rule in baseball. He questioned if competing teams agreed, could they use the 10-run rule in softball?

- XVI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 1:42 p.m.