

Board of Control Meeting, December 2-3, 1938

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Phoenix Hotel, Lexington, on December 2-3, 1938, with Vice-President Russell Bridges, Secretary-Treasurer T. A. Sanford, and Directors W. B. Owen, Matt Sparkman, and John Dotson present.

Russell E. Bridges, acting as chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:30, Friday evening, December 2. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

T. A. Sanford reported on the selection of officials for the all-star game, explaining the reason for some of the officials not having been chosen from the list submitted by the board at its previous meeting. W. B. Owen moved, seconded by Matt Sparkman, that the action of the secretary in selecting the officials be sustained. The motion was passed unanimously.

W. B. Owen moved, seconded by Matt Sparkman, that in view of the probable small amount of gate receipts for the all-star game, and because of the worthiness of the cause, the five per cent of the net proceeds of the game, previously asked by the Board of Control for the K. H. S. A. A., be declined this year. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. James B. Deweese, principal and coach of Sedalia High School, appeared before the board and asked permission to change the certification on one of his players, Dewey Adolph Edwards, to the birth date of November 29, 1919, from the date of November 29, 1918. Mr. Deweese claimed that the original certification was incorrect, and submitted several old census records, and presented other arguments in an attempt to prove his point. After Mr. Deweese had retired, the board carefully considered his case. Matt Sparkman moved, seconded by T. A. Sanford, that the birth date of Dewey Adolph Edwards, of Sedalia High School, be accepted as being November 29, 1919, based on the oldest available census record, in the absence of an accurate record in the Bureau of Vital Statistics. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. LeRoy Elrod, coach of the Breckinridge County High School, appeared before the Board in an effort to avert the possible suspension of his high school from the association for the playing of Carroll Sills in football after he became twenty years of age. Mr. Elrod stated that he believed Sills to be nineteen years of age during the season just closed, but that subsequent information which he had obtained assured him of the fact that Sills was twenty. After Mr. Elrod had retired, John Dotson moved, seconded by Matt Sparkman, that the Breckinridge County High School, at Hardinsburg, be suspended from the Kentucky High School Athletic Association until July 1, 1939, for the playing of Carroll Sills in football after he became twenty years of age according to the State Bureau of Vital Statistics and further conclusive evidence furnished by the Hardinsburg school, and for additional changes in the certifications of numerous players without authorization of the president of the association, the suspension date to become effective on December 5, 1938. The motion was passed unanimously.

W. B. Owen moved, seconded by Matt Sparkman, that upon written evidence submitted by coach Andy Anderson of the St. Catherine Academy, the twenty day rule be waived in the case of Joe Beitz, who entered school thirty-six days late because of an operation. The motion was passed unanimously.

W. B. Owen moved, seconded by John Dotson, that J. Rice Mountjoy, of Danville, be named as a delegate to the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations annual meeting, being the Kentucky representative for 1939. The motion was passed unanimously.

John Dotson moved, seconded by W. B. Owen, that W. W. Campbell of Middlesboro, who has refused to make proper remittance for his officials' cards, be notified to pay by December 10 or he shall be suspended from the officials' division of the K. H. S. A. A. and his name published in the December issue of the association magazine. The motion was passed unanimously.

Matt Sparkman moved, seconded by W. B. Owen, that the four officials of the Little Sixteen area who have failed to complete their application cards shall be notified that these cards must be in the office of the secretary by December 10 or they will be suspended from the association and their names published in the December issue of the magazine. The motion was passed unanimously.

Matt Sparkman moved, seconded by John Dotson, that all bills as recorded and read by the secretary from October 28, 1938 through December 2, 1938, be allowed. The motion was passed unanimously.

On the following morning, December 3, at 10:00 o'clock, the Board continued its meeting. Mr. Adams, of Lawrenceburg, Mr. Daniel, of Shelbyville, and Mr. Ryan, of Lawrenceburg, Ky., appeared before the Board and discussed the possible removal of Anderson and Shelby Counties from Region 7. All members of the Board expressed their desire to do something about the situation in the Louisville Region but felt that no additional redistricting could be done for the current school year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Russell E. Bridges Vice-President

Thos. W. Langford Secretary

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