

**Combined Tournament Committee
February 23, 2011
Valley City, North Dakota**

The Tournament Committee met via conference call on February 23, 2011 in Valley City. Athletic administrators present were Ed Lockwood, Fargo; Jim Roaldson, Jamestown; Todd Olson, Grand Forks; Lorell Jungling, Mandan; Pat McNally, Minot; and Jim Haussler, Bismarck. Members of the NDHSAA Board of Directors were David Looyesen, Minot; Clarke Ranum, Des Lacs-Burlington and Steve Swiontek, Devils Lake, chair of the committee. NDHSAA staff in attendance were Executive Secretary, Sherman Sylling, Sheryl Solberg, Matt Fetsch, Brian Bubach and Brenda Schell.

The committee reviewed options for hosting the 2011 Dakota Bowl and the possibility of changing the site from Fargo to Grand Forks because of possible schedule conflicts. Olson indicated the Grand Forks Alerus facility is available. Lockwood has been in contact with the FargoDome and there are basically two options in which the Dakota Bowl may be held at the FargoDome. Option #1 is all four games on Friday. Option #2 is three games on Friday and one on Saturday. Different start times were discussed.

The Executive Secretary indicated the network had previously suggested two games on Friday and two games on Saturday. KVLY will be contacted to inquire about news times and their network affiliation with the national news broadcast. In response, Lockwood stated currently the cost is approximately \$5,000 per day for staff, rent, etc. If this event can be held in one day, it would be at a lesser cost.

Motion by McNally to play all four games on Friday at the FargoDome. Second by Ranum. A roll call vote was taken: Olson – yes, Swiontek – yes, Jungling – yes, Haussler – yes, Looyesen – yes, McNally – yes, Lockwood – yes, Roaldson – yes, Ranum – yes. Motion carried, unanimously.

The Executive Secretary clarified this will be presented to the NDHSAA Board of Directors for final action. Also discussed would be the order of divisions and times. This will be addressed immediately upon action by the Board at the March 11 meeting.

The Executive Secretary shared concern about the managers of venues receiving pressure from communities to host events such as sports shows. Groups have indicated they wish long-term contracts to rent venues. This is making it increasingly difficult to secure these venues on an inconsistent basis. Next year, Region 5 has a conflict with State Wrestling. Lockwood suggested a roundtable discussion at the NDIAAA Spring Conference to address these concerns. This will take place the weekend prior to the Large Tournament Committee meeting April 6th in Carrington.

The Executive Secretary suggested a meeting with the television people to discuss how schedules can be organized.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheryl Solberg, Recorder
Asst. to the Exec. Sec.