

POLICY BOARD MINUTES

Minutes prepared by Elliott Neff, Secretary of the WSECC Policy Board

April 12, 2007

5:32pm – Using Skype to connect with Board Members...

List of topics to handle:

- a. Should the policy board have the power to vote and enact policy instead of just recommending policy for coaches to vote on at State?
- b. Should the format of the state tournament be changed from grade level to another format?
- c. Should camp tournaments count as state qualifiers?
- d. Should electronic scoresheet devices be allowed at state?
- e. Should the requirements for policy board meetings be changed?
- f. Should the duties/responsibilities of board members be spelled out better?
- g. Should we clarify rule 3.2.5? (restricted section tournaments counting as qualifiers)
- h. (There was some talk about clarifying club teams more...not sure if we need to...section 4.2 of the policies covers this for now)
- i. Should the WECC provide space/e-mails for hosting the state championships tournament website? Alex Corstens and David Merrill have offered through their non-profit to provide generic e-mail addresses and server space...

5:50pm - Brian Talbot, Elliott Neff, Jon Licht, and Larry Clark connected – James Stripes added to call at 6:02pm, connection difficulty with Peter Meisner – John Rader unavailable

General discussion on topic A...

Ideas...items to be voted on presented in printed form by round one of State Championships, with votes turned in by round three and results presented at coaches' meeting in order to speed up coaches' meeting.

General consensus being that existing policy covers purpose of policy board, with some changes necessary.

Larry recommends quarterly meeting, electronic or otherwise... Change 1.4.1 Also meet as needed to determine policy for upcoming year.

Proposed and passed unanimously : Change 1.4.1 to read as follows: “The Policy Board shall conference a minimum of three times per year.”

Proposed and passed unanimously: Change 1.4.2 to read as follows: The Secretary shall determine the time and date of the policy board meetings and shall distribute this information to the members a minimum of seven days prior to the meeting. The Secretary shall call a meeting upon the request of two or more members of the policy board, or as needed to meet the minimum requirement.

Discussion on point B... come back to this later... Tabled till other members of policy board can provide input...

Discussion on point C – Jon mentions potential problem with camps that may adjudicate games...Elliott mentions potential problem with beginner sections...

Proposed and passed unanimously: Change first part of 3.2.7 to read as follows: “The first date to hold a qualifying tournament shall be the first Saturday after Labor Day (US) and the last date shall be two weeks prior to the state tournament.” (rest of the section remains the same)

Item D – General discussion – perhaps leave it up to the tournament organizer to determine whether or not to allow – tabled for now.

Time for next meeting 5:30 Tuesday the 17th tentative until Peter and John ...

End of meeting – 7pm.

April 17th, 2007

5:43pm – meeting start on Skype with all except John Rader present...

Minutes approved from previous meeting.

Continuing discussion on item D...

Proposed and passed unanimously: Create 3.1.9 to read as follows: “The use of electronic recording devices shall be at the discretion of the tournament organizer.”

Proposed and passed unanimously: Change 3.2.5 as follows: Delete the phrase “and points” and add the sentence “Tournaments restricted to players not yet qualified for state will not count as state qualifiers.”

Discussion on item ‘I’, whether www.wsecc.org should be the ‘home’ website for the policy board and provide the main domain for the state championships as well as e-mails for the policy board members. Unanimous agreement that this would be favorable. Elliott will follow up with the appropriate people to move this forward.

Next meeting time: 3:30pm policy board meeting on April 20th on-site at the state championships, to end not later than 5:30pm.

Discussion on point B – Elliott gave John Rader’s suggestions from previous conversation. Several ideas suggested. General agreement that grade level for now is fine, but that adding a U800 or similar rating restriction category or categories, would be beneficial as long as players in the ‘U’ category are allowed to play up into the ‘championships’ category. Recommended that we have team awards for both Championships and Under categories in this case. Possibly leave the Under categories as an option for the tournament organizer to decide on. Possibly add a clause for determining, based on the # of students in a category, whether to have Under categories as well as whether to use accelerated pairings. Jon Licht will

do some research as to current #s of students per category and present that information at the board meeting on Friday. Tabled till then.

Adjourned at 6:55pm till Friday the 20th at 3:30pm.

Policy Board meeting at State, Ridgefield, WA

Meeting called to order at 3:43pm, April 20th, 2007

Present: Peter Meisner, Jon Licht, James Stripes, Larry Clark, Elliott Neff

Proposed and passed unanimously: Change 1.4.2 to read as follows: The Secretary shall determine the time and date of the policy board meetings and shall distribute this information to the members a minimum of seven days prior to the meeting, unless agreed to by all members of the Policy Board. The Secretary shall call a meeting upon the request of two or more members of the policy board, or as needed to meet the minimum requirement.

Discussion on team codes...

Discussion on the issue of insurance, schools not allowing kids to represent schools at tournaments...tabled for new policy board to look into. Ideas for potentially WSECC holding insurance policy to cover events...

Unanimous agreement on the following four items:

- a. **Change 3.1.7 to read as follows: "The format of the Washington State Elementary Chess Championship Tournament shall use grade level divisions with the option of restricted ratings divisions within each grade at the discretion of the tournament organizer. These divisions shall use a minimum U800 restriction. If ratings restrictions are implemented, they must be implemented across grades 1-3 and/or 4-6. "**
- b. **Change 3.1.8 to read as follows: "Players are required to play within their grade section."**
- c. **Change 3.5.2 to read as follows: "Top scoring school teams for grades 1-3 combined and 4-6 combined. Kindergarten section shall not be included in calculation of team scores for 1-6."**
- d. **Change 3.5.3 to read as follows: "If ratings restrictions are implemented, team trophies shall be calculated and awarded for both the 'open' categories and the ratings restricted categories separately."**

Meeting adjourned at 5:12.