Class A Meeting
Columbia, SC
March 10, 2013

I. Call To Order – Joey Haney

II. Invocation – Russ Schneider

III. Pledge – Donald Addis

IV. Roll Call – Absent: Tamassee-Salem, Gov School, Great Falls, Lamar, Lewisville, McBee, Wagener-Salley, Baptist Hill, Cross, Lincoln, Carvers Bay, East Clarendon, Timmonsville, and Creek Bridge

V. Classification Officers
President – Joey Haney
Vice President – Mike Beasley
Secretary/Treasurer – Brandy Huggins

VI. Executive Committee Report – Mickey Pringle, Denmark Olar
   A. Please utilize the new website of PlanetHS, it has more options than just the eligibility.
   B. This year out of 45 appeals, 38 were heard by committee and 4 to 5 of those were on 5th year players.
   C. There will be a compliance team put together for next year to audit records at schools twice a year.
   D. Looking into hiring a public relations person to get the positive information out about the high school league.
   E. Please review and read the league handbook.
   F. Take ownership of the league rules when you don't abide by them.
   G. By adopting the amendment for the appellate board, there will not be a 5 person team put together to hear appeals next year.
   H. If you ever have any questions, concerns or thoughts, please email Mr. Pringle. His email address is mpringle@bellsouth.net.
   I. The next executive committee meeting is set for April 3, 2013.

VII. Class A President – Joey Haney, Whitmire
   A. Each Region was presented a Class A Sports Committee Chairpersons information sheet. Each region is asked to fill out the information on the sheet and get turned back into Joey before you leave the conference. Region 3 has not turned in their sheet.
   B. Playoff Brackets for 2013-2014 for Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Volleyball and Boys Soccer needs to be turned in. Volleyball only playoff bracket not turned in.
   C. Wrestling – We have 11 schools, so will continue as is in 2A
   D. Girls Tennis – We have 12 schools, as of right now will remain the same. Region 3 wasn't present to know if they have schools for girls tennis. Joey will check with region 3 and get with High School League.
   E. Boys State Golf – Stoney Point Greenwood, host school Ware Shoals.
   F. Upper State Track – Southside Christian
   G. Lower State Track – Whale Branch

VIII. SCAAA – Mike Beasley, Blackville-Hilda

A. Take a poll on whether Class A wants to keep Spring Conference in Charleston or move to Columbia.
    1. Charleston from Sunday through Wednesday – 30 in favor
    2. Columbia from Wednesday through Sunday – 4 in favor
B. SCAAA board openings; one for the upper state and one for the lower state.
    1. Upper State – Chas Crenshaw – Greer Middle College Charter
    2. Lower State – Carlos Cave – Whale Branch High School

IX. Class A – Joey Haney, Whitmire
A. Closed Season Practice – 28 in favor, 11 against
B. Volleyball Proposal – 3 in favor, 35 against, Below are Coaches concerns:
    1. Will not have student's final grades to know whether or not they are eligible to tryout for volleyball.
    2. Will students who transfer in be allowed to tryout for the team in August, since they weren't at school when tryouts were held in May?
    3. If you have tryouts in May and a student makes the team, and then decides to transfer out to another school in August, you may have cut a student who would have made the team.
    4. If you change volleyball tryouts then you should change other Fall sports tryout dates.
C. A motion was made for Class A **not** to have an appeals committee. – 33 not in favor of committee, 5 in favor of committee. Below are Coaches concerns.
    1. Coaches felt that with any type of situation, that school is going to look out for themselves and thought that the executive committee needed to handle any appeals because they would be biased.
D. Realignment Proposal
    1. A motion was made to table realignment till next year. 12 in favor, 23 against
    2. 3 Classification Proposal – 11 in favor
    3. 4 Classification Proposal – 20 in favor
    4. 5 Classification Proposal – 0 in favor
E. Contest Limitations – 1 in favor, 35 against Below are Coaches Concerns
    1. How would you do your regular season games?
    2. You don't have enough time in the season to add those extra games, because it is hard enough now to play 16/18 regular season varsity games along with playing jv games.
    3. Would people try to use dates instead of games.
    4. What about just adjusting the combination options for games/tournaments.
F. Transgender Participation
    1. Go by the birth certificate
    2. Let the court make the decision
    3. Have the parents declare the sex of the child at the beginning of their initial eligibility by a typing a letter and have it declared on their physical form
    4. Would need to have a separate restroom/locker room for them.
G. Participation of student athletes with physical disabilities. (Swim/Cross County/Track & Field/Wrestling)
    1. Guidelines would need to be set in place for those students.
    2. There are a varsity of levels of disabilities
    3. Must go through the same physical and be approved by a doctor to play.
    4. Coaches brought up that other states, like Georgia, allows a student with disabilities to participate in a separate competition to win a medal.
H. Contact Practice Limitations for Football
    1. Don't limit it anymore than it already is now.
I. April 17, 2013 will be a seminar on PlanetHS at the High School League.

J. Please be thinking about Playoff bracket adjustment for forfeitures.

X. Meeting Adjourned