

Class A Meeting
Columbia, SC
March 15, 2016

- I. Call To Order – Paul Anderson
- II. Invocation – Joey Haney
- III. Pledge – Derek Youngblood
- IV. Roll Call – Absent: SCSSDB, Timmonsville, Low Country Leadership, Royal Live Oaks, CE Murray, East Clarendon
- V. Executive Committee Report – Joey Haney, Whitmire
 - A. Asked each region to break out and go over items for feedback that has to be taken back executive committee meeting.
- VI. 2016-2018 Legislative Delegate and Alternate
 1. Joey Haney, Whitmire Paul Anderson, Ware Shoals
 2. George Poole, Lamar Rusty Pemberton, Lewisville
 3. Dr. Sterling Harris, Blackville Hilda Joel Mitchell, Williston Elko
 4. Brett Phillips, CMS Shayne Ross, Palmetto Scholars
 5. Adrian Bush, Cross David Hess, Branchville
 6. Jason Cox, Green Sea Floyds Scott Cook, East Clarendon
- VII. Sports Committee Chairs Updates
 - A. Football – Shawn Wright, Cross
 - B. Volleyball – Gail Johnson, Ridge Spring-Monetta
 - C. Tracy Kineset – Green Sea Floyds,
 - D. Basketball – John Smith, Great Falls
 - E. Baseball – Kip Herlong, Lake View
 - F. Softball – Brandy Huggins, Lake View
 - G. Track – Daniel Brooks, Richland Middle College
 - H. Boys Golf – Willie McKnight, CE Murray
 - I. Soccer – Bryan Gamble, Dixie
- VIII. Playoff Proposal for New Realignment – Jason Cox, Bracket Committee
 - A. Bracket committee took the feedback from the last meeting and made some minor adjustments to brackets. A vote was called upon for proposal.
 - B. 41 school: 28 Yes, 5 No and 8 schools absent when voted
- IX. High School League Discussion Items – Jerome Singleton, Paul Anderson, Mike Beasley
 - A. Did a poll for the following sports to see if Class A would be able to hold state championship
 1. Cheer – A/AA/AAA
 2. Tennis – A, AA, AAA
 3. Boys Golf – A
 4. Wrestling – A/AA
 5. Girls Soccer – A/AA
 6. Girls Golf – A/AA Green Sea Floyds would be a host site. Teams must have a 425 or less to advance. Top four individuals scores advance

7. Competitive Cheer – A/AA/AAA, There will be only ¼ of teams taken but no more than 16 teams. One option is for A/AA to have an invitational instead of a state championship.
 8. Wrestling – duals combined with A/AA – Dennie McDaniel, St. Johns will be representative for Class A.
 9. Soccer State Championship will be played by Classification for new realignment.
 10. Cross Country – 14 male teams, 9 female teams. The females will have to compete A/AA
 11. Track Host Sites – Lower State - Richland Middle college, Upper State no one volunteered
 12. Basketball – a motion was made to take a vote to possibly reduce the number of seating capacity for 3rd round of playoffs to 1,000 seats. 26 schools in favor of change and 7 schools to remain the same
 13. Baseball/Softball – inquiring about changing the way coaches can appeal rules. A poll was taken if would like to stay the same: 12 yes, 17 no
- B. Suspension Period for Players ejected from the final game of the season
1. Currently includes scrimmages & jamborees in next game(s) suspension, but does not count as serving next game(s) suspension.
 2. 20 schools say leave the same, 6 schools want change
- C. Guidelines to address postponed contest due to weather conditions
1. Let each region determine what to do.
 2. Let league make decision based on impact on schools.
 3. No games on Sunday
 4. End regular season early to prevent delaying playoffs.
- D. Reclassification/Realignment Cycle
1. 2 year cycle – 16 schools in favor
 2. 4 year cycle – 17 schools in favor
- E. National Events
1. 32 schools in favor of opening up.
 2. Concerns include that taking away athletes from the next sport.
- F. Central site ideas and times for selected sports playoffs and final events
1. Volleyball – Coker College a possibility
 2. Football – 32 schools voted for Class A to be played on Friday at Benedict College
 3. Basketball – try to keep locations where it has been held in prior years. Do a rotating schedule though for Friday night and Saturday morning.
- G. Baseball pitch count for pitchers
1. 29 schools voted to pursue a new option.
 2. Concerns with the Alabama High School, who is going to be responsible for making sure schools don't go over pitch count? Will it be required to turn in?
 3. Would like more information on pitch counts?

X. Meeting Adjourned