**Roll Call of Exec Staff Present:**

Mike Harris - KSCA President

Larissa Maranell - KSCA 1st VP

Steve Harrel - KSCA Representative to KSHSAA

Curtis Shepard - 5A Class Rep

Andrew Bauer - Following year 3A Rep

Betsy Dutton - 2A Class Rep

Daniel Dawson - 3A Class Rep

Melissa Reyolds - 4A Class Rep.

Megan Henry - 1A Class Rep

Aaron Schopper - KSCA Secretary

Eric Scogland - Upcoming 6A Class Rep.

Craig Mantuffel - KSHSAA Rep

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**MEETING STARTS at 9:15am**

Goals working on increasing our transparency and improving the process

This committee works in 2 different functions

1. Class reps for each 1A, 2A, etc - This committee works with the exec committee and they met twice a year.
2. Functions as an advisor to KSHSAA. This extends beyond members of KSCA. Any coach in KS with concerns. WE ONLY ADVICE. IF they decide to ask us, they come back and ask us.
3. Problem: Not a clear line of communication between KSHSAA and the Reps
	1. The Reps take the brunt of criticism because of lack of understanding
4. Coming up in the fall, we’ve created a form for coaches to fill out. So concerns can be put in writing. We advice using the Rule book. This allows for better documentation for us.
	1. This issue is we often get information informally and that creates issues with information being lost.
	2. With a formalized process we can discuss the issue more easily and fully.

**Daniel Dawson introduced to run the meeting after an introduction from Mike Harris.**

We will go to KSHSAA in April with any recommendations. Anything discussed at that meeting must be submitted by the end of March.

**Four survey questions and their rationale**

1. **Judges as timekeepers.**
	1. This has been a regular concern
	2. Rational: Allowing would eliminate issues that result in grievances.
		1. Instead of cards, hand signals could be used.
		2. This puts more on the coaches to ensure performances are in time.
2. **Festival Qualifications to add more numbers**
	1. Every 6-10 entries 1st-2nd finalists qualified for Festival
	2. 11-15 3rd and 4th finalists qualified for Festival
	3. 16-19 5th finalists qualified for Festival
	4. 20+ all 6 finalists qualified for Festival
3. **Change Extemp Question for State**
	1. Proposal to extend the window of time for when is fair game for news items that can show up as questions in State Champs.
		1. Digital world makes it more feasible.
		2. News moves quicker.
			1. This would lead to better quality questions
			2. This would add 2 weeks to the existing deadline.
4. **Independent Debate Travel**
	1. Background: Questions were raised by KSHSAA, which is why there was a quick survey. We looked to members to get advice.
	2. There were tons of concerns regarding the speed
	3. The is contradicting existing language in the rulebook with regards to when the season ends.
	4. Other concerns
		1. A 52 page report was sent to KSHSAA that included all the questions and correspondents.
			1. If you want to give us information, it needs to be e-mail.
				1. Social media is not an official channel.
				2. That also means we can’t be responsive to social media.
	5. We spoke to Craig at the business meeting on thursday.
		1. The season ends at the State Tournament for Debate.
			1. That said - if a student wants to compete without school backing - is being currently discussed.
			2. Refer any questions about post season travel please send to KSHSAA.
		2. The question about 4N6 during the fall, that is a Craig question as well.
	6. What does school involvement in travel looks like? What is a resources?
		1. Handbook says “not allowed” but what does that mean in a world of technology?
		2. Survey item: 2 questions
			1. What do you believe a school resource looks like?
			2. What is defined as “coaching”?
		3. Note: Changes are not made by Bill Faflic and Craig Mantufell. It’s THEIR executive board (KSHSAA not KSCA). They just enforce what policies are in place.
		4. Question: Is the result of the survey be based on a consensus or just a collection of information.
			1. Answer: This survey is unique - typically items that get a 70% threshold are items that this group (KSCA) considers for presentation.
		5. This is just fact findings?
			1. Answer: This one specifically, yes.
		6. Is the ultimate goal for resources and coaching questions to collect information to create potential rules?
			1. Answer: Yes
		7. This is using our input for you to talk about or for Us to start a discussion?
			1. Answer: You all can start talking immediately.
				1. We are giving 2 weeks for the community talk as a community.

Our discussions will be at our February meeting.

You are welcome to attend those meetings.

* + 1. So you bringing these questions up now is for us to have the 2 week window to talk before the actual survey comes out?
			1. There will be no official survey regarding this issue sent out before Feb.
		2. For timekeepers, is this for smaller classification
			1. All classifications.
		3. The end result that there WILL be a rule made regarding Independent travel?
			1. That is a KSHSAA question.
				1. The hope is there will be a discussion in April (From Craig)
				2. Will this be from Debate and Forensics or all activities?
				3. Is at any point KSHSAA going to determine when the season ends?

Season ends after State for Debate.

* + - * 1. There has never been a grievance regarding this issue. And 4 times that an ask has been sent, it has been granted.
		1. Is there something that you all communicating with us and us communicating with each other - 1 hour is not enough. Is that the annual business meeting is for?
			1. The Travel question needs to go to KSHSAA.
			2. Matters involving personal go to executive session. Every other meeting is open
		2. Smaller Classifications care about issues of timekeeping, it’s important that MY opinion votes and my voice matters because it implicates other people. I get concerned that these things get conflated. Post season travel doesn’t matter to those who don’t do it.
			1. I hope there are not commutative decisions made because some people don’t care that they don’t do it.
			2. We need to think about how our words and actions affect people who DO care about these issues.
		3. Has anyone on the rules committee ever had a student do independent travel?
			1. There are 2 people in the state. And they are not on our board currently.
			2. Curtis does his best to speak on behalf they things that mean the most of the coaches he represents regardless of whether or not he has kids to do that.
		4. (Sohail) This speaks to the problem, we don’t have an opportunity to all come together and speak about this. I don’t like the survey b/c it forces me to make a ruling on behalf of people I’m not sure. Where can we have a forum where we can come together and discuss the issues? Is that what the annual meeting for?
			1. Yes, that is one of the purposes of those meetings.
		5. Can we get a summary of what happens with regards to independent travel and what concerns regarding this? A full form doesn’t exist for everything. In a world where people don’t get together, it is the obligation of the rules committee.
		6. (Jeff) Sohail, the idea of getting everyone together in one spot is awesome, but not practical. I believe what is happening is that, in these first weeks, give them (KSCA) they’re first impressions. Then in Feb, there is another meeting. Then, by that time, we should have an opportunity to hear from people, read e-mails, Reps should make themselves available for that. We are not making any decisions in 2 weeks. The process is difficult but is slow by design. It allows for careful deliberation. You have to let the process work. Because if it doesn’t, it could end in something that isn’t the best result of our students.
		7. Lynn - Please note that this ruling affects children making their own choices. Not you as a coach. You don’t get to tell them no. Forensics season….what is the forensics season?
			1. January Date until the end of the State tournament.
				1. They could travel in the fall.
		8. I’m concerned about us just talking about debate.
			1. What is a resource in terms of Forensics?
		9. Megan to Craig - You say schools can’t sign up students out of season - Students can sign themselves up?
			1. I believe that is what’s happening now.
				1. Note: You can’t just go without a school. They won’t let independant teams just show up.
		10. Lynn said if your student wants to quit and do club instead, they can.
			1. I personally do not believe that that is not approaching a reality due to the number of tournaments that allow those types of entry is tiny. There is no incentive for students to do that. (Tim Ellis)
		11. (Sohail) With all due respect Jeff, I’m not a fan of that approach. The discussion needs to happen before the survey.
			1. Jeff - This is data gathering. There will be another survey to clean things up.

**Discussion Items**

**(NOT ABLE TO ADDRESS DUE TO TIME)**
1.) Should internet be allowed in debate rounds and extemp

* Allow for the most up to date info. Could be an issue if your school doesn’t allow your computers to connect outside.

2.) Should we allow returning NSDA and NCFL qualifying in Forensics events be allowed to compete in the Fall for 3 tournaments?

 It would give kids out of state practice.

3.) A proposal to video or audio record the semi final rounds for grievance purposes?

* KSHSAA would destroy them post tournaments.
* We hope this would solve issues of people copying nats videos.

4.) To exclude private schools from postseason competition.

5.) LD PFD season moving to 1st semester

NFHS will provide us with numbers on seasons and participation numbers for other states.

 Is that data going to include coaching staff? We only have access to info that they have.

**Open Floor to other concerns not reported**

Thank you for doing all this. Next year, can we post an agenda on the KSCA website?

Our minutes can be on the website. We apologise for not having something more formal.

**Thank you for coming and sitting through this. We appreciate your input!**