

SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE
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April 21, 2021

The Executive Committee of the South Carolina High School League met on April 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the SCHSL Office, 121 Westpark Blvd, Columbia, South Carolina. The following members were present: Sam Tuten, Jason Warren, Dr. Darryl Owings, Anna Miller, Laura Hickson, Ray Cooper, Michael Stone, Dr. Kandace Bethea, Josh Trahan, Tony Folk, Mike Beasley, Carlos Cave, Ryan Brown, and Kyle Boczkowski.

Sam Tuten called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Michael Stone.

Prayer led by Jason Warren.

A motion made by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Beasley, to approved the minutes from the January 13, February 10, March 2, and April 12, 2021 meetings passed 12-0 (13 members present).

Subcommittee Reports:

Activities Committee (Mike Beasley – Chair)

The following items were presented by the Activities Committee:

A proposal from the SC High School League to have two (2) scrimmages and one (1) jamboree per varsity sport beginning with the 2021-22 school year and one (1) scrimmage, one (1) jamboree per sub-varsity team was approved by the Activities Committee. A motion to approve passed 8 - 3 (13 members present).

A motion from the Activities Committee to support the proposal from the SC High School League to make the following changes to the cheer scoresheet for competitive cheer beginning with the 2021-22 school year passed 12-0 (13 members present):

- Remove basket tosses from the scoring component of the routine
- Remove the required minimum 20-second section of cheer without music
- Reduce the time of the routine from 2 minutes and 30 seconds to 2 minutes and 15 seconds

A motion from the activities committee to accept the attached 2021-2022 sports season calendar with the following adjustments passed 12-0 (13 members present).

- Start baseball and softball playoffs during week 44 of the calendar
- Track & Field finals moved to week 46 of the calendar

A proposal from the Tennis Coaches Association to remove no-ad scoring in both boys and girls tennis beginning in the 2021-22 school year was tabled by the Activities Committee until more feedback is received by the Tennis Coaches Association.

A proposal from Class AAAA – Region 6 to push the spring football and volleyball calendar window back from May 1, 2021, to May 17, 2021, ending 31 days later to June 16, 2021, was not supported by the Activities Committee. A motion **not** to recommend this proposal passed with a vote of 12-1 (14 members present).

A motion from the Activities Committee in support of the proposal from the SC High School League to make the following change for Volleyball beginning with the 2021-22 season passed 13-0 (14 members present):

- Teams shall occupy the bench located on the side of the net adjacent to their playing area throughout the match unless a clear and distinct advantage is gained by staying on the same side. The official will determine this before the match.

A proposal from the SCTCCCA that the League permanently adopts the cross country qualifying methods that were used for the 2020 season, amending this to allow all teams in the state to attend the one site qualifier, and taking the top 8 teams from each race with 16 total teams for the state championship. The motion, supported by the Activities Committee passed 13-0 (14 members present).

A proposal from the SCTCCCA that the League amends the qualifying process for post-season competition in track and field to include expanding the state championships beginning with the 2021-22 season. The motion, supported by the Activities Committee passed 13-0 (14 members present).

A proposal from the SC High School League to expand the championship dates for football, basketball, volleyball, and soccer beginning with the 2021-22 school year (see attached calendar). This proposal was supported by the Activities Committee. A motion made by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Beasley to accept the championship calendar and adding that for the football championship, the Committee should randomly pick the classification that will play on Thursday, moving in a forward direction with the next classification playing on Saturday at 5:00 pm passed 12-1 (14 members present). Class AAAA was selected from the hat and will play the first Game held on Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 7:00 pm. The football schedule will be as follows for 2021-2022:

Thursday, December 2, 2021, 7:00 pm – Class AAAA
Friday, December 3, 2021, 2:00 pm – Class AAA
Friday, December 3, 2021, 7:00 pm – Class AA
Saturday, December 4, 2021, 12:00 pm – Class A
Saturday, December 4, 2021, 5:00 pm – Class AAAAA

Personnel & Finance Committee (Jason Warren - Chair)

A motion, supported by the Personnel & Finance Committee, to approve SC High School League 2021-22 budget passed 12-0 (13 members present).

A motion, supported by the Personnel & Finance Committee, to standardize the cheer booking fee to \$50.00 per schedule passed 12-0 (13 members present).

A motion, supported by the Personnel & Finance Committee, to separate the contests at the finals in selected sports with each being a separate event requiring an entry ticket passed 12-0 (13 members present).

A proposal to sell HSL passes to officials was not supported by the Personnel & Finance Committee. No action was taken.

A proposal to standardized officials fees for playoffs was not supported by the Personnel & Finance Committee. No action was taken.

A proposal to reimburse costs for Executive Committee members attending the NFHS Summer Conference in Orlando held June 28 - July 2, 2021, up to \$2,100.00 total or \$420.00 per day was supported by the Personnel & Finance Committee. A motion to approve passed 11-0 (12 members present).

Discussion was held by the Personnel & Finance Committee about the potential need to hire a lobbyist. More information regarding pay and details about the role was requested by the committee. No action was taken at this time.

A motion made by Ryan Brown, seconded by Mike Beasley, to enter an executive session to discuss personnel matters passed 11-0 (12 members present).

A motion made by Carlos Cave, seconded by Josh Trahan, to exit executive session passed 10-0 (11 members present).

A motion to accept the committee's recommendation regarding compensation with modifications for annual leave passed 10-0 (11 members present).

Other Business

Mr. Singleton presented information regarding the 2020-2021 priorities which included how the League highlighted women's sports through virtual press conferences and season-end spotlights and personal interviews. He also reviewed the priority of researching more equitable ways for reclassification/realignment other than enrollment size. One method included using a location factor and poverty index in addition to enrollment. The committee suggested sending a survey to the member schools to gauge their support and gather feedback.

A motion made by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Cave, to send the formula, gather feedback, and vote at a later date passed 9-0 (10 members present).

Mr. Singleton discussed the tentative 2021-2022 Executive Committee meeting dates and some ideas for Executive Committee Priorities which will be discussed and approved at the first meeting of the 2021-2022 school year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerome Singleton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jerome Singleton, Commissioner

Note: In all votes, the President only votes in the event of a deciding vote.