

## Oregon High School Equestrian Teams State Board Meeting Minutes - December 3, 2011

**In Attendance:** (Underline denotes voting – 16 voting members present)

Chris Dinsmore, Phil Armstrong (NE), JoAnn Oswald (Judge's Chair), Denise John, Emily Bernards, Wendy Bernards (Wil), Lea Hudson, Theresa Hoffman, Don Pack (NV), Kelila Henken, Donna Sparkman, Glenn Sparkman, Todd Gary, Janet Thompson, (TRV), Anne Geser, Jan Wallace (C), Donna Espelien, Scott Chauncey, Jan Harer (NW), Bill Weir (Co-ops), Mandi Hanson, Lori Grimmitt (SV), Candi Bothum (State Chair), Karissa Dishon (State Vice Chair), Debi Ferrer (Secretary)

### **Co-ops**

- Bill presented 9 standard co-op applications that have met all the requirements. It was moved and seconded to approve all of them. Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. **See Appendix A for a list and details of each co-op.**
- Bill presented 5 non-standard co-op applications. Each was discussed and voted upon individually as noted below. **See Appendix A for details of each co-op.**
  - North Valley District,  
Host School – Dallas HS with appx 14 riders  
Co-Op School: Falls City HS with 1 rider  
It was moved and seconded to approve this co-op.  
Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.
  - TriRiver Valley District  
Host School: Lake Oswego HS with appx 11 riders  
Co-Op School: Riverdale HS with 1 riders  
It was moved and seconded to approve this co-op.  
Vote: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention
  - TriRiver Valley  
Host School: West Linn HS with appx 17 riders  
Co-Op School: Wilsonville HS with 2-3 riders  
It was moved and seconded to approve this co-op.  
Discussion:
    - Wilsonville has had its own team in the past.
    - Objective is to have athletes ride for their own school. With 3 riders, Wilsonville should be forming a team of its own.
    - The application claims no parental support. It was pointed out that other teams have had to get started with little or no parental support because parents were afraid to tackle the responsibility. However, they did it, and now their teams are doing well. At some point, parents need to take the risk and support their athletes.

Vote called: 0 in favor, 13 opposed, 3 abstentions

The consensus is that we want Wilsonville to represent their own school. They may still practice with West Linn, and possibly even share advisors.

- Willamette District

Host School: Harrisburg HS with appx. 8 riders

Co-Op School: Central Linn HS with 4 riders

It was moved and seconded to approve this co-op.

Discussion:

- Closest school is Sweet Home. Sweet Home has only 2 riders. It would be the more appropriate host school for Central Linn.

Vote called: 0 in favor, 12 opposed, 4 abstentions

- Northeast

Host School: Centennial HS with appx. 6 riders

Co-Op School: Franklin HS with 1 riders

Bill noted that this would be a standard co-op but they have not yet completed their paperwork so we are voting on it separately.

It was moved and seconded to approve this co-op.

It was amended and seconded to approve this co-op pending completion of paperwork.

Vote on amendment: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Vote on original motion: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

### **Possible Litigation Against OHSET**

- Regarding a previous application for a co-op which the state board denied, Marist wants to ride with Sheldon and is unwilling to ride with other closer schools as per our co-op rules. Candi has had contact from the attorney representing the parents and athletes who have filed the lawsuit. The initial communication indicated that the attorney did not have all the facts. Candi feels that we are on pretty solid ground in this matter. The board followed our rules and by-laws. She pointed out that one of the challenges we face is that schools sometimes re-submit the same co-op requests year after year. Even though our rules do make it clear that each request is valid for only one year, and that the purpose of a co-op is to help teams get started on the path to forming their own teams, many seem to feel that if they have been approved one year, they should automatically be approved again the next year. Marist is a private school so these athletes have other options. According to our rules, they may form their own team, they may ride with the public school of their curb address, or they may form a co-op. But the board is not under an obligation to approve the co-op of their choice, particularly if it is a non-standard co-op.

- A team in Southern District has closed practices, meaning only the athlete and a parent or legal guardian may attend the practices. One parent cannot drive and so she wants to have a companion drive her and accompany her to the practices. The team has indicated that the parent may have her companion drive her to practices, but the companion must wait outside of the practice area during practice time. The parent has threatened to hire an attorney, but as of this meeting, Candi has not heard from an attorney regarding this matter.

### **Eligibility Exceptions Requested**

- Southern District – Madison Fitzhugh transferred mid-year from Grants Pass to Hidden Valley and requested an exception to eligibility rules. The athletic director was asked about this exception and he wrote a letter saying he supported this exception and that OSAA most likely would as well.
  - It was moved and seconded to approve this request for an exception.
  - Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
  - Madison is approved to practice/ride with Hidden Valley.
- Central District - A homeschooler (Macy DeVlaeminck) whose curb address is within The Dalles Wahtonka's school district previously attended Dufur High School through a reciprocal agreement between the two school districts. In Mid-November, Macy withdrew from Dufur High School to pursue homeschooling. She also is enrolled in one class at The Dalles Wahtonka HS. Because she was enrolled in Dufur High School at the time, she did not take the required test through the ESD by the August deadline so she is requesting an exception to the eligibility rules for two reasons: First for the mid-year transfer from Dufur to The Dalles Wahtonka. Second for not having taken the required ESD test for homeschool students.
  - It was moved and seconded to approve this request for an exception.
  - Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions
  - Macy was approved to practice/ride with TDW, as soon as she confirms she is registered with the local ESD. (This was confirmed shortly after the board meeting.)

### **Approval of Minutes from November Meeting**

One correction was noted for the November minutes. In the section on Co-op applications, Mapleton has 3 athletes and Siuslaw has 5 athletes. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Vote: 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

## APPENDIX A

### Standard Co-Ops --- State Board approval as one group

#### **North Valley - Approved**

Host School: Perrydale HS with 5 riders

Co-Op School: Sheridan HS with 1 rider

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Sheridan has been canvassed. Sheridan has only 1 rider.

Approved by North Valley.

Standard Co-Op

#### **North Valley - Approved**

Host School: Perrydale HS with 5 riders

Co-Op School: Willamina HS with 2 rider

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Willamina has been canvassed. Willamina has only 1 rider and will not approve a team. Approved by North Valley.

Standard Co-Op

#### **North Valley - Approved**

Host School: McMinnville HS with 8 riders

Co-Op School: Dayton HS with 1 rider

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Dayton has been canvassed. Dayton has only 1 rider and not enough interest for the school to sponsor a team. Approved by North Valley.

Standard Co-Op

#### **North Valley - Approved**

Host School: St. Paul HS with 5 riders

Co-Op School: Woodburn HS with 1 rider

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Woodburn has been canvassed. Woodburn has only 1 rider and no parental support/advisor. Approved by North Valley.

Standard Co-Op

#### **South Valley - Approved**

Host School: Pleasant Hill HS with 4 riders

Co-Op School: Lowell HS with 1 rider

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Lowell has been canvassed. Lowell has only 1 riders and will not approve a team. Approved by South Valley .

Standard Co-Op

### **South Valley - Approved**

Host School: Roseburg HS with 7 riders

Co-Op School: Oakland HS with 1 rider

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Oakland has been canvassed. Oakland has only 1 rider.

Approved by South Valley .

Standard Co-Op

### **South Valley - Approved**

Host School: Roseburg HS with 7 riders

Co-Op School: South Umpqua HS with 1 rider

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. South Umpqua has been canvassed. South Umpqua has only 1 rider. Approved by South Valley .

Standard Co-Op

### **South Valley - Approved**

Host School: Roseburg HS with 7 riders

Co-Op School: Sutherlin HS with 1 rider

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Sutherlin has been canvassed. Sutherlin has only 1 rider.

Approved by South Valley .

Standard Co-Op

### **Southern - Approved**

Host School: South Medford HS with 6 riders

Co-Op School: Phoenix HS with 1 rider

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Phoenix has been canvassed. Phoenix no parental support/advisor. Approved by Southern with e-mail vote 11/30/11.

Standard Co-Op

### **Non- Standard Co-Ops --- State Board approval individually**

### **North Valley - Approved**

Host School: Dallas HS with appx 14 riders

Co-Op School: Falls City HS with 1 rider

Co-Op Forms signed by Dallas, not Falls City (will be notified). Falls City has been canvassed.

Falls City has only 1 rider. Approved by North Valley. Falls City too small to host its team; No parental support. Falls City aims to have their own team in the future. Perrydale next closest team of correct size, well past Dallas.

Non Standard Co-Op (14 riders at Dallas)

**Tri-River Valley - Approved**

Host School: Lake Oswego HS with appx 11 riders

Co-Op School: Riverdale HS with 1 riders

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Riverdale has been canvassed. Riverdale has only 1 rider. Approved by Tri-River Valley. Riverdale too small to host its team; Lake Oswego offers sports participation, including varsity sports, to Riverdale athletes.

Non Standard Co-Op (11 riders at Lake Oswego)

**Tri-River Valley ( Not approved)**

Host School: West Linn HS with appx 17 riders

Co-Op School: Wilsonville HS with 2-3 riders

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Wilsonville has been canvassed. Wilsonville has only 2-3 riders. Approved by Tri-River Valley. Wilsonville too small to host its team; No parental support. Wilsonville aims to have their own team in the future. Wilsonville DOES have approval from the school for a team.

Non Standard Co-Op (16 riders at West Linn)

**Willamette ( Not approved)**

Host School: Harrisburg HS with appx. 8 riders

Co-Op School: Central Linn HS with 4 riders

Co-Op Forms signed by both schools. Central has been canvassed. Pre-Approved by Willamette; not specifically approved at a district meeting. Central has no parental support., and school feels it is not financially feasible to start a team this season. Sweet Home may be 2/10<sup>th</sup> mile closer

Non Standard Co-Op (not closest; District approval method)

**Northeast - Approved pending receipt of all forms and school/District approvals**

Host School: Centennial HS with appx. 6 riders

Co-Op School: Franklin HS with 1 riders

Co-Op Forms not turned in yet; expecting forms next week. Franklin HS will not approve a team. Northeast approve via e-mail vote 12/2.

Non Standard Co-Op (pending forms/approvals)