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WIAA BOARD APPRISED OF VARIOUS ASSOCIATION-RELATED TOPICS AT MEETING

STEVENS POINT, Wis. – The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control heard reports on a number of topics relating to the general administration of the Association at its September meeting today.

The Board reviewed the WIAA's policy on potential school closings related to the H1N1 virus and its impact on interscholastic athletics. Regular season activities will be postponed or cancelled if school is closed the day of the event. However, with the inability to delay Tournament Series dates, any school unable to participate because of school closure the day of the game will result in a forfeit and the team most recently defeated will advance.

In a liaison report to the Board, the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards strongly encouraged communicating with member schools to be diligent in educating students on the harmful health effects of using performance enhancing substances. The WIAA continues to impress upon its members to utilize educational materials provided by the Association to assist in promoting awareness and education.

In other action, the Board approved extending the contract with the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, renewing the agreement that makes milk the official beverage of the WIAA. The Board also approved the State Tournament venue and trophy sponsorship with Farmers Insurance Group. Other State Tournament sponsors include Rural Mutual Insurance, American Family Insurance and the Department of Transportation.

The Executive Staff and the Board assessed the reaction and impressions from the Watertown Area Meeting, the first of seven Area Meetings around the state this fall. The review included a synopsis of the discussions of a five-division model in basketball and the divisional proposal for football only.

Among the topics discussed at the meeting include the routine preliminary development of the 2009-10 operational budget scheduled to be formally voted on in October and an update of positions available on the Advisory Council, Middle-Level Council and on the Board of Control.

The WIAA oversees interscholastic athletic programs for 507 senior high schools and 90 junior high/middle level schools in its membership. It sponsors 25 championship tournament series. For more information, please contact the WIAA office at (715) 344-8580 or access our Web site at www.wiaawi.org.

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