

MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR THE  
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS (NSBAT)

DATE:       **January 19, 2012**

LOCATIONS:

University of Nevada Reno  
1664 N. Virginia Street  
Mathewson/IGT Knowledge Center  
Room #110  
Reno, Nevada 89557

College of Southern Nevada  
Cheyenne Campus  
3200 E. Cheyenne Avenue  
Room 2647B  
N. Las Vegas, Nevada 89030

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman, Jim Porter at 9:10 a.m. Members present in Las Vegas include Jim Porter and Travis Wakefield. Members present in Reno include Rob Conatser, Christine Wittorff, and Eathan O'Bryant; others present include Stacey Whittaker (Executive Secretary) and Keith Marcher (Attorney General Representative via teleconference).
2.       **Public Comments.** There are no members of the public present in either Reno or Las Vegas.
3.       **Review and approve minutes of meeting 12/08/2011.** Jim asks the Board if there are any questions, comments regarding the above mentioned meeting minutes, there are none. Rob Conatser motions to approve the 12/08/2011 meeting minutes as written. Travis Wakefield seconds the motion. Approved 5-0.
4.       **Update on disciplinary action reports and investigations of unlicensed activity.** Stacey reports to the Board that the 4th Quarter Disciplinary Action Report was posted to reflect no disciplinary action taken and 3 licenses issued or restored during this quarter. Stacey informs the Board of two recent complaints that were submitted to the Board regarding unlicensed activity and that cease and desist letters were sent out by the Board. Both reports came out of Southern Nevada, the first one being an individual referring to herself as an Athletic Trainer for a Las Vegas High School. The Board received phone calls from this individual as well as the Athletic Director of the High School. They were very concerned about the situation and wanted information regarding the difference between an LAT and an EMT. After talking with them, they agreed that she would no longer refer to herself as an Athletic Trainer. The second complaint involved a large company in Las Vegas that had an individual listed on their website as an Athletic Trainer who is not licensed to practice in Nevada. Again, the Board received calls from both the individual and the Head Coach/General Manager of the facility and they are moving to remedy the situation as quickly as possible. Stacey is currently working with this individual to complete the licensure process. Jim asks if there are additional questions/comments, there are none.
5.       **Appointment of Board Member as investigator regarding complaint received from the public involving a Licensed Athletic Trainer.** Stacey explains to the Board that a complaint was received in December 2011, regarding a Licensed Athletic Trainer in Las Vegas. Keith has received copies of the complaint and a notice has been sent to the Licensed Athletic Trainer. Stacey informs the Board that the lawyer representing the Licensed Athletic Trainer has requested a two week extension to submit their side of the case, Keith approved the extension and the information is due on approximately January 24, 2012. Keith says at this point the Board needs to appoint one Board Member from Las Vegas who will be responsible for the investigation. Jim is willing to conduct the investigation but is concerned that he may have a connection to the Athletic Trainer since he employs so many of them in the Las Vegas area. Travis is also willing to work on the investigation but may be limited to time and logistical constraints. Keith informs the Board that the complaint is at the University of Las Vegas and does not see a conflict with Jim investigating the case. Jim says as long as there is not a tie to the curriculum program; he is fine with it and is even convenient for him since he is at the University at least once a week. Stacey is not certain but does not think this individual works for the UNLV curriculum department. Rob also offers to help with the investigation even though he is in Reno, Keith says we should limit it to one Board Member at this point so that in

the future when a decision must be made on the case, there is a quorum at the Board meeting or hearing. Travis asks that since this person has an Attorney, does litigation begin. Keith says not at this point, the Board will need to conduct the interviews and an investigative report will be written up to determine if this person has violated NRS 640B. Travis motions to appoint Jim Porter as the investigator on this case, Rob Conatser seconds the motion. Approved 5-0. There are no further questions/comments.

6. **Review and discuss the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission and their review of the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers.** Jim reviews the request that the Board received from the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission dated December 5, 2011. Jim asks the Board to review the form that he and Stacey have worked on and that he would like the Board's input as to additions/changes. The Board reviews each section with no changes except for the section that reads "Conclusions concerning the effectiveness of the Board or Commission." Jim had originally stated that the Board has licensed over 1800 Athletic Trainers since 2003 (number was indicative of each new license and every license renewal since 2003). The Board felt that it should indicate the number of current Licensed Athletic Trainers in Nevada, which is 170. Jim reviews the attachments to be included with the report which are: letter to the Governor regarding regulation review, operating budget, meeting minutes, Board audit, legislative reports, and financials. Jim would also like to add the appendix for the National Athletic Trainers' Association Positional Statements. Rob feels that the appendix is somewhat confusing and recommends sending a list of supporting Associations for Athletic Trainers instead. Jim asks the Board to make a decision today since the report is due to the Legislature by February 03, 2012. Travis would like to point out that the statistic indicating the number of High Schools in Nevada with an Athletic Trainer would be a lot higher if you included the number of student athletes that are at these High Schools as opposed to the number of athletes at the High Schools that don't have an Athletic Trainer. The overall percentage of coverage would be higher. Jim says that in Clark County, there are approximately 80,000 athletes out of a population of 300,000. He feels it would be very difficult to get these types of statistics together by the deadline. Jim asks if there are any other questions/comments. Rob motions to approve the information presented for the Sunset Committee as written with the one change referencing the current number of Licensed Athletic Trainers (170). He would also like to eliminate the Appendix from the NATA and add a current list of supporting Associations which Jim will send to Stacey. Travis seconds the motion. Approved 5-0.

7. **Review and discuss the suggestion made to combine the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers and the Nevada Athletic Trainers Association.** Stacey informs the Board that Frank Sakelarios, President of the NATA is unable to make the meeting today and has asked her to read his suggestion to the Board regarding the combining of these two organizations. After reading the letter to the Board, Keith states that there is a fundamental flaw with this suggestion being that the Board was created to protect the public from unlawful activity by Licensed Athletic Trainers, whereas the Nevada Athletic Trainers Association serves to represent the Athletic Trainers in Nevada. Keith does not see this as feasible as it would have to be changed through Legislation. Jim agrees, he feels that these two organizations are fundamentally at opposite ends of the table. Jim asks Keith if a letter should come from the Board regarding this issue, Keith says it is not necessary but will leave it up to the Board. Jim offers to attend the next NATA meeting in March at which time he can address what was discussed at the meeting today. Rob Conatser asks why this issue has come up, is it because positions are not being filled at the NATA? He feels that it is up to the NATA and the Board to disseminate information and increase awareness. Chris has heard that when positions become available, there are not enough people in the State to represent both entities. Jim will attend the next NATA meeting to address this issue, Chris states she will be seeing Frank Sakelarios this afternoon and will fill him in on the results of the meeting. Stacey will also follow up with Frank and send him a copy of the meeting minutes. Jim asks if there are additional questions/comments, there are none.

8. **Review and discuss Board of Certification updates including changes to CEU's, reporting requirements, fees and Student Athletic Trainers.** Jim asks if everyone has had a chance to review the BOC updates that Stacey sent out regarding Student Athletic Trainer Supervision. Jim feels that this issue has been addressed by the UNLV curriculum program and that the standards of care set the precedence for this topic. There are no further questions/comments. Jim then reviews the BOC announcement regarding recertification and that CEU's will now go through recertification every two years and that the BOC has changed some of the CEU categories. Athletic Trainers will now submit 50 CEU's via the website and fees have changed to \$50.00 for non NATA members and \$34.00 for members. The NSBAT utilizes the BOC as our entity to monitor CEU's for Licensed Athletic Trainers in Nevada. Jim feels that it is not the Board's responsibility to disseminate this

information to the Athletic Trainers in Nevada as this would be redundant. Jim asks if there are any questions/comments, there are none.

9. **Review and discuss current status of A.B.455 and the provisions governing athletics in public schools.**

Jim states that we are still waiting on the NIAA to come out with their educational material for parents and that we will need to make sure that this information is sent out to youth sports participants in Nevada. Until then, there is nothing new to report. Jim asks if there are any questions/comments, there are none.

10. **Review and discuss financial status of the Board.**

Stacey has sent out the financial statements in addition to a spreadsheet portraying where the Board has been over the last three years and where our budget should be for the upcoming fiscal year. Stacey reviews the budget amounts with the Board and asks if there are any questions/comments. Jim says that the travel expenses for the BOC conference will be every two years, not annually. Stacey will make the necessary changes for travel. Stacey feels that the Board's expenses do not fluctuate a whole lot; supplies would increase if we plan on having mass mailings to the Licensed Athletic Trainers. Chris asks why the banking fees have fluctuated; Stacey explains that those are dependent upon NSF fees that are charged by the bank if an applicant's check were to bounce. Stacey will finalize the numbers and include them with the Sunset Committee information. Jim asks if there are additional questions/comments, there are none.

11. **Future agenda items.**

- A. **Review and approve minutes of meeting 01/19/2012.**
- B. **Update on disciplinary action reports and investigations of unlicensed activity.**
- C. **Review and discuss status of complaint received from the public regarding a Licensed Athletic Trainer.**
- D. **Update on A.B.455 and the provisions governing athletics in public schools.**
- E. **Review and discuss the NATA's positional statement regarding the prevention of sudden death in sports.**
- F. **Review and discuss the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission and their review of the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers.**
- G. **Review and discuss financial status of the Board.**

12. **Discussion, possible decision on date of next board meeting.** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

13. **Public Comments.** There are no members of the public present in either Reno or Las Vegas.

14. **Meeting adjournment.** Chris Wittorff motions to adjourn the meeting of the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers at 10:06 a.m. Rob Conatser seconds the motion. Approved 5-0.