

DISTRICT 1 IHSAA ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

September 18, 2018 11:00 AM

Post Falls High School, Post Falls Idaho

President Curt-Randall Bayer called the meeting of the District 1 Board of Control to order at 11:00 am.

Members Present: Curt-Randall Bayer, Shawn Woodward, Paul Anselmo, Bob Ranells, Chris Sensel, Jen Hall, Royce Johnson, Isaac Robbins, Sharon Meador, Kris Knowles, Keri Schwenke, Kelly Reed, Frank Garcia, Derek Kohles, Tony Robbins, Rayna Longstreet, Roger Stewart, Rich Swoboda, Ryan Wood, and Larry Schwenke.

Members Absent: John Posnick and Brian Carlson

Visitors: Don White - NIOA President

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion to approve the May 8th, 2018 minutes was made by Bob Ranells, seconded by Royce Johnson.
Motion approved.
2. A motion to approve the treasure's report was made by Bob Ranells, seconded by Keri Schwenke.
Motion approved.
3. Dues Report- Dues and fees are to be paid by October 1. All schools but one have paid in full.
4. Board members reviewed the updated term/renewal information.
 - The following Board representative positions will be up for renewal for the 2019-20 school year
 - 4A/5A Superintendents
 - 4A/5A Principals
 - 3A Principals
 - Middle Level
 - Girls and Boys Athletics
 - ADs

DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. **Luncheon Sponsor**
 - **North Idaho College** sponsored the September Board of Control meeting luncheon.
 - The Board is greatly appreciative of **Nick Granier of NIC** for this gesture.
2. **Officials Contract**
 - We are beginning the 2nd year of our two-year official's contract and service agreement with the NIOA. See www.1stdistrictactivities.org
3. **Fall District Tournament Sites, Dates and Managers**
 - ADs are asked to send Fall District Tournament information ASAP to Secretary Larry Schwenke.
4. **District President/Secretary Meeting Review**
 - President Curt-Randall Bayer and Secretary Larry Schwenke shared some of the information presented at the meeting held in Boise on September 10, 2018.
 - **4A/5A Track:** The State 4A/5A Track Meet will be held at Eagle HS rather than Donna Larson Park.
 - **Football Playoffs:** The Kibbie Dome may have limited availability for semi final and championship games due to the Vandal football schedule.
 - **On-line Ticketing:** The IHSAA utilizing on-line ticketing and asking schools to explore that option as well.

- **Student Advisory Committee:** Schools will be asked to nominate students from District 1 to serve on this committee. Chris Sensel indicated that Post Falls HS had a very qualified candidate last year but there were issues with the on-line application process.
- **Schools of Excellence:** The IHSAA is encouraging all schools to participate. To level the playing field, the 3A, 2A and 1A point totals will be on a percentage basis as to the number of activities offered by each school.
- **NFHS Learn:** The IHSAA is encouraging coaches, students, school officials and parents to take advantage of the number of courses available at www.nfhslearn.com . Many are free. The list of required courses can be found on the IHSAA website: www.idhsaa.org
- **Game management:** Schools are reminded that students and fans are prohibited from rushing the court until visiting teams and officials have left the court. Also, there is a new parenting course to be completed by parents and fans that have been ejected from a contest.
- **Background Checks:** There are preliminary discussions concerning having officials take full background checks prior to working. The issues of who would bear the cost and the time involved in getting results are major concerns. Commissioners in District I check officials against the Idaho Repository.
- **Soccer Scheduling:** Some IHSAA District Boards now regulate scheduling days for classifications to help mitigate the official shortage. It seems as if most sports are having issues with overloaded dates due to official shortages.

5. **Hall of Fame Nominations**

- Nominations are due to the IHSAA office by November 15.
- Nominations may come from district boards, member schools or other entities within the educational community.
- Current District 1 Nominees are Robin Stanley and Dave Fealko.

6. **Winter Sport Schedules**

- AD's are reminded that **October 1** is the deadline to get their schedules to the commissioners (John Posnick- Basketball and Ryan Wood-Wrestling)
- **February 1** is the deadline for Spring schedules (Ted Yurek- Softball and Frank Garcia-Baseball)

7. **District I Website:** www.1stdistrictactivities.org

- Visit the site to view/download important District I Board of Control information.
- Ethan Haberman has updated the format.

REPORT AGENDA

1. **Commissioner Reports:**

- **Volleyball – Rayna Longstreet**
 - Rayna reported that she is shorthanded and has tried hard to recruit new officials She hopes to visit with ADS at scheduling meetings in hopes of playing some matches on days other than Tuesday-Thursday.
 - She also voiced concern with the IHSAA considering changes to the system of determining the number of officials from each district going to state tournaments.
- **Football – Roger Stewart**
 - Roger indicated that covering all the games has been difficult. He has had to some officials from Montana, Washington and District II.
 - He noted that he has gained new officials but also lost some experienced ones. Of the 9 new officials, 6 have had to work some varsity games, which is certainly not ideal.
 - He also indicated that there are too many games scheduled on some dates to be covered adequately.
 - Roger currently has 3 officials that have taken the opportunity to participate in the “Battlefields to Ballfields” program, which helps veterans cover costs associated with getting into officiating such as fees and equipment.
 - Larry Schwenke commended Roger for working very hard this summer to reduce the amount the Board of Control pays to use Arbiter.
- **Soccer – Derek Kohles / Tony Norris**
 - Derek indicated an increase in officials overall but has the same issue as the other commissioners with young officials not being ready for some varsity contests.

- He entertained resigning due to some personal and professional reasons but has stayed on to mentor and ease the transition for Tony Norris who stepped up to help him with the many scheduling changes he was faced with.
- A major problem for Derek concerned the lateness of schedules getting to him to input into Arbiter.
- Discussion ensued among commissioners regarding ADs inputting and making changes in Arbiter. The consensus was that due to the complexity and nuances of Arbiter, it would be best to leave inputting the data to the commissioners and have ADs contact them with any changes or cancellations.
- Derek pointed out that ADs generally spend little time in Arbiter and understandably more in Schedule Star but that they could benefit by being able to see issues by checking the master schedule in Arbiter.
- **Wrestling – Ryan Wood**
 - Ryan indicated that he has a good pool of officials and has been successful in recruiting some new young guys.
- **Baseball – Frank Garcia**
 - Frank asked that it would help commissioners if ADs used a specific form to send changes/cancellations etc. such as the one Post Falls uses. (Craig Christensen /Chris Sensel will send it out.)
- **Softball – Ted Yurek**
 - Ted asked other commissioners to encourage their officials to consider doing softball and or baseball in the spring.
- **Swimming – Rich Swoboda**
 - Rich reported that the District Swim Meet will be held on October 27th at the U of I pool. It will be a long, 12-hour day. As the site rotates in coming years, it may need to be a two-day event due to pool availability. Some facilities like the KROC Center prefer not to close the pool to the public for an entire day.
 - Rich has ordered the awards and will need help from the schools to cover costs.
 - He expressed concern with the logistics of hosting meets such as compensating the meet manager, officials and timers.
 - A major issue has been the separation of club vs. IHSAA teams. Some clubs coaches and parents are not helping the school teams with things like the scoring systems and providing volunteers. Another issue is the large amount of money some schools are charging kids to participate.

2. Sectional Reports:

- **Superintendents** –Dr. Bob Ranells indicated the Superintendents meeting is coming up and they are excited for the leadership of president Paul Anselmo.
- **Principals** – Curt-Randall Bayer reminded the Board that as a member of the IHSAA Board of Directors he represents all of the principals in the state. His votes on various issues will reflect the input he gathers from them. Curt noted that the Genesis Prep eligibility issue is of concern to many of the principals.
- **Spirit – Sharon Meador-** Sharon reminds schools of their responsibility to adhere to the IHSAA and National Federation guidelines for using music at venues and for competitions. Cheer and dance competition sites and dates have been set. District cheer and dance will be held at CDA HS on February 23rd 2019.
- **Music – Isaac Robbins** – One major change for All-State competition concerns housing kids. It will now be each school’s responsibility. Waivers will be allowed for students to stay with relatives.
- **Athletic Directors –Kris Knowles** – Kris reported there has been some conversation about delaying the start of fall competitions due to smoke situation that has been a problem for the last 4 years. He expressed his admiration for IHSAA Executive Director Ty Jones for his commitment he to visit schools in all areas of the state. Ty has expressed willingness to consider utilizing additional sites for some IHSAA tournaments. This would give more schools the opportunity to host as well as taking some of the burden from the 5A/4As. He also commended Rich Swoboda for working with schools on the 1-day district swim meet and Tony Norris for the great help he has provided to soccer commissioner Derek Kohles.

- **State IHSAA Board – Dr. Bob Ranells** – Bob shared his experience of representing Idaho at the National Federation’s 75th Annual Meeting in Chicago this summer. It had been 30 years since his last NFHS conference and he was extremely impressed with the changes. He attended many sessions including one that dealt with the nationwide shortage of officials. Another dealt with the basketball shot clock, which most felt was not necessary due to cost and manpower. He also attended a presentation regarding the growth of “Virtual Gaming”. Indications are that it is just a matter of time before it is widely accepted. Sandpoint and Lakeland currently sponsor teams and Kris Knowles shared that they limit it to sporting type games, racing etc. Many kids however, declined to participate because they wanted to play violent type games. Bob reported that the upcoming September IHSAA meeting will be held at the Sho-Ban Hotel in Ft. Hall Idaho.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Following discussion a motion to renew the terms of Frank Garcia, Baseball Commissioner, and Ted Yurek, Softball Commissioner was made by Kris Knowles, seconded by Bob Ranells. **Motion approved**
2. Following discussion, a motion to assess Timberlake High School a fine of \$300 with \$150 rescinded for self-reporting two violations of the IHSAA’s no contact rule (17-2-4) was made by Keri Schwenke, seconded by Royce Johnson. **Motion approved**
3. Following discussion, a motion to assess Coeur d’Alene high school a fine of \$150 with \$75 rescinded for a self reporting a violation of the IHSAA’s no contact rule (17-2-4) was made by Royce Johnson, seconded by Sharon Meador. **Motion approved**

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn was made by Keri Schwenke, seconded by Royce Johnson. **Motion Approved.**
- Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm. Next meeting will be November 6th, 2018, 11:00 AM at Post Falls High School.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Schwenke, District I IHSAA Board Secretary