

DISTRICT 1 IHSAA ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

November 5th, 2019 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: Paul Anselmo, Bob Ranells, Trent Derrick, Curt-Randall Bayer, Jen Hall, Royce Johnson, Sharon Meador, Todd Gilkey, Keri Schwenke, Kelly Reed, Frank Garcia, Ted Yurek, John Posnick, Tony Norris, Roger Stewart, Bob Wood, and Larry Schwenke.

Members Absent: Rayna Longstreet, Isaac Robbins, Brian Carlson, Ryan Wood and Jerry Keane

Visitors: Ty Jones, IHSAA Executive Director

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion to approve the September 17th, 2019 minutes was made by Bob Ranells, seconded by Paul Anselmo. **Motion approved.**
2. A motion to approve the treasure's report was made by Todd Gilkey, seconded by Sharon Meador. **Motion approved**

DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. **Luncheon Sponsor**
 - **Northwest Specialty Hospital** sponsored the November Board of Control meeting luncheon that is provided by the Post Falls high School Food Service.
 - The Board is greatly appreciative of **CEO Rick Rasmussen** for this gesture.
2. **IHSAA 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 Nominee is Dave Fealko.
3. **Winter District Tournament Sites, Dates and Managers**
 - ADs are asked to send Winter District Tournament information ASAP to Secretary Larry Schwenke.
4. **District I Website: www.1stdistrictactivities.org**
 - Visit the site to view/download important District I Board of Control information.
 - Ethan Haberman is our web master.
5. **CDA HS All Star Volleyball Sanction**
 - Board members were polled via email to approve or disapprove recommending sanctioning the event to the IHSAA. Approval was granted.
 - The IHSAA subsequently sanctioned the all-star game.
6. **Sandpoint HS Swimming Appeal**
 - Board members were polled via email to approve or disapprove an appeal of a swimming disqualification. The appeal was denied.
7. **Cheer/Dance Competition Date Conflict**
 - Due to a conflict with the Girl's State Basketball Tournament the District I-II Cheer and Dance State Qualifier will be moved from Feb. 22, 2020 to Feb. 29, 2020

- Lakeland High School will host the event.
8. **Feasibility of using Arbiter for game-by-game evaluations.**
- Roger Stewart reported that Arbiter has a module that could be modified by sport to electronically collect official evaluations by coaches. At present, the Board of Control does not require individual game evaluations. Board members discussed the pros and cons of going back to the game-by-game system on a voluntary basis.
 - Todd Gilkey will survey ADs to gauge the feelings of coaches for this kind of process.
9. **Bylaw Review Committee**
- Trent Derrick and Royce Johnson reported that the committee to review and propose updates to the current BOC by-laws has met once. Meetings will continue and the committee plans to provide recommendations to the board at the March or May meetings.

REPORT AGENDA

1. Commissioner Reports:

- **Football – Roger Stewart**
 - Roger indicated that he was able to cover all games but is concerned that this was an “away” year for many of the early non-league contests. Covering next year’s schedules could prove to be more challenging.
 - There have been instances of late official payments. Schools must deposit funds into Ref Pay proactively to insure payment within 2-3 days.
 - He noted that there were 3 incidents of parents confronting officials. Administrators and coaches handled all of them but he urges schools to be proactive with helping to avoid these unsportsmanlike conflicts.
 - Roger indicated that some of the coach’s official ranking ballots were either not turned in or incomplete. He was appreciative of being able to use the commissioner’s 20% vote to help insure placing the highest rated officials to post-season assignments.
- **Soccer – Tony Norris**
 - Tony sees somewhat of a flaw in the post-season coach’s official ranking ballots. For instance, some schools that didn’t see him as a referee this year ranked him fairly high. Perhaps we can devise a system that allows for a “not seen” category.
 - Four official were selected to work the state tournament in Boise (Brian Stobie, Cole Johnson, Mark Enegren and Tom Gasper)
 - Tony assigned 263 contests with 29 total officials. Ten of them worked very few games leaving 19 to cover the bulk of the schedule. He appreciated those ADs that responded to challenging situations by stacking or changing dates. Some schools are hesitant to do so which can result in having to cancel games due to a lack of officials. Thought has been given to using alternate scheduling days for different classifications like Districts 4, 5 and 6 use. There are certainly some positives but also some drawbacks to the alternate scheduling system. The IEL will discuss possible solutions at their upcoming meeting.
- **Basketball – John Posnick**
 - John started with 71 officials and has lost a few but is still recruiting and has had some transfers. He hopes to keep his numbers in the high 60’s.
 - He is looking forward to the season and was very pleased with a recent clinic for the officials conducted by 3 college referees from the Spokane area.
- **Baseball – Frank Garcia**
 - Frank took the opportunity of having IHSAA Executive Director Ty Jones in attendance to ask if the IHSAA had sanctioned the state baseball tournament as opposed to it’s present status as an invitational tournament.
- **Swimming – Bob Wood**
 - Bob reported on the success of District I-II swim meet. He believes that many of our local swimmers will have a great impact at the upcoming state meet. He added that it was unfortunate two relay teams were disqualified for re-entering the pool prior to the

conclusion of a race. Bob noted that the games committee met immediately and agreed that the disqualification was correctly administered according to the rules.

- He was disappointed that the “at large” berths to state were not known for some days after the district meet. This put a hardship on some families having to make last minute travel plans to Boise. He noted that it is a fairly new process and is confident the IHSAA will work out the bugs.
- Bob also commented on a petition signed by all of the District I-II coaches that urges the IHSAA to add a classification in swimming for the 3A, 2A, and 1A schools. He gave an impassioned pitch for something to be done, as it is virtually impossible for the small school teams and individuals to compete against 4A-5A schools.

2. Sectional Reports:

- **Superintendents**
 - Paul Anselmo brought up the concern our 3A football coaches have with the RPI system used for seating the football playoffs. Ty Jones agreed with Paul and indicated that there was some warning that disparities could occur. The system will be discussed at the upcoming state football scheduling meeting in Boise.
- **Principals**
 - Jen Hall asked everyone to be mindful of the serious problem of teen suicide. It seems rural school are especially vulnerable. Both Lakeside and Mullan have experienced tragedies recently. It was noted that the IHSAA now requires officials and coaches to take an on-line mental health course that focuses on suicide prevention.
 - Trent Derrick reported on Lakeland’s drug-testing program that he believes is making a great difference for students in activities. It gives students incentive to steer clear of drugs, alcohol and tobacco and to help them resist peer pressure. He is planning to present information regarding the program at the next Principal’s Association meeting. Jen Hall indicated Lakeside has a similar program in place for activities, clubs etc. It aims to act as a deterrent but also to provide help in dealing with addictions.
 - Board members engaged in a discussion concerning the problem middle schools and high schools are having with vaping. Manufacturers have created many disguises for pipes including computer jump drives and even sweatshirt hood drawstrings.
- **Girls Athletics**
 - Keri Schwenke reported that Coeur d’Alene high school is excited to host the first ever District I-II Girls Volleyball All Star game on Monday, November 25th. More details will be announced in the coming days.
- **Boys Athletics**
 - Kelly Reed indicated he would contact football coaches to encourage them all to complete the post season ranking ballots next season.
- **Speech Arts**
 - Royce Johnson noted that there is also concern among speech arts coaches regarding vaping and drug use. He pointed out that a contributing factor is that some contests are held on college campuses including Washington colleges.
- **Athletic Directors**
 - Todd Gilkey reported high praise for the excellent job District I schools did in hosting State Volleyball Tournaments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Kelly Reed moved, Keri Schwenke seconded a motion to enter executive session at 12:50 pm.
Motion Approved
- Royce Johnson moved, Trent Derrick seconded a motion to leave executive session at 1:05 pm.
Motion Approved

ACTION AGENDA

1. Following discussion a motion to renew the terms of Roger Stewart, Football Commissioner, Tony Norris, Soccer Commissioner and Rayna Longstreet, Volleyball Commissioner was made by Todd Gilkey seconded by Royce Johnson. **Motion approved**

2. Following discussion, a motion was made by Bob Ranells, seconded by Royce Johnson to assess Lakeland high school a fine of \$300.00 with \$150.00 rescinded regarding their self-report of a failure to file paperwork on two foreign exchange student athletes. **Motion approved**
3. Following discussion, a motion was made by Paul Anselmo, seconded by Todd Gilkey to assess Immaculate Conception Academy a fine of \$1,000.00 with \$500.00 rescinded regarding their failure to use IHSAA certified soccer officials in contests with member schools. **Motion approved**
4. Following discussion, a motion was made by Keri Schwenke, seconded by Todd Gilkey to approve sanction requests for the Mullan All Star Basketball Games, NIC Tri-State Wrestling Tournament and the NIC State All Star Basketball Games. **Motion approved**

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn was made by Royce Johnson, seconded by Trent Derrick. **Motion Approved.**
- Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm. Next meeting will be January 14th 2020, 11:00 AM at Post Falls High School.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Schwenke, District I IHSAA Board Secretary