

DISTRICT I IHSAA ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

January 14, 2020-11:00 AM

Post Falls High School, Post Falls Idaho

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

Members Present: Jerry Keane, Dr. Bob Ranells, Curt-Randal Bayer, Trent Derrick, Todd Gilkey, Royce Johnson, Keri Schwenke, Isaac Robbins, Sharon Meador, Roger Stewart, Rayna Longstreet, John Posnick, Ryan Wood, Frank Garcia, Ted Yurek and Larry Schwenke.

Members Absent: Paul Anselmo, Jen Hall, Kelly Reed, Tony Norris, Bob Wood,

Visitors: Don White–NIOA, Leslie Wells- Superintendent Mullan Schools

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the November 5th, 2019 meeting. Motion to approve by Bob Ranells, second by Issac Robbins. **Motion approved**
2. Treasurer's Report - Motion to approve by Keri Schwenke, second by Royce Johnson.. **Motion approved**

DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. **Luncheon Sponsor**
 - The Board recognized and thanked **The Murray Group – Employee Benefits Consulting Firm** for sponsoring the January meeting lunch.
2. **FYI Web Site:** www.1stdistrictactivities.org
3. **District Tournament Site and Date Information**
 - AD's from each classification are asked to send spring District I Tournament dates, sites and managers to Secretary Larry Schwenke.
 - **Reminder to ADs that Spring Schedules are due to the commissioners by Feb. 1st.**
4. **IHSAA Nominations Due in March**
 - Board members were asked to consider nominations for the following awards due in March. Input from school personnel is welcomed!
 - Distinguished Service Award
 - Spirit of Sport Award
5. **Deanne Clifford- IHSAA Sportsmanship Committee Report:**
 - Deanne was unable to attend but indicated she would send information to the schools.
 - Schools are encouraged to select representative students to communicate with the District I student liaisons to the IHSAA Committee.
6. **Coaches Survey Regarding Game Evaluations- Todd Gilkey**
 - Todd reported that the clear majority of basketball and wrestling coaches responding to the survey opposed going back to doing game evaluations.
 - He indicated that having officials' pictures would help coaches with their end of season rankings.
 - President Bayer noted that the current policy of voluntary game evaluations and mandatory end of season rankings will continue.
7. **3 Man Mechanics / Mullan Presentation**
 - President Bayer reviewed the communications and meetings he has had with schools and with the basketball

reasons. They continue to be assigned 3-man crews. The evaluation committee and other officials present at a recent meeting voted unanimously to only do 3-man for varsity contests. Curt asked Commissioner Posnick to conduct an anonymous survey to judge the pool of officials who would agree to work 2 man mechanics for the small schools.

- Mullan Superintendent, Les Wells addressed the Board regarding the financial hardship 3-man places on small schools. Fans don't generally travel well at their level, and they have a limited attendance base. They are losing money every home game. They appreciate the job officials do and have no bias against 3-man except for the financial aspect. The differential is \$85 per contest, which adds up during the season. Todd Gilkey, St Maries AD noted a similar situation with his school.
- Commissioner Posnick outlined some of the reasons officials favor 3-man for all varsity contests:
 - Safety of participants and officials.
 - Aging official pool and the speed and physicality of the game.
 - Seems like a step back from last year where all varsity games were 3-man.
 - Officials are independent contractors and can decline games for any reason.
 - He has officials from Spokane who won't do 3-man.
 - The NIOA trains officials in 2-man for Jr. high/sub varsity but any advanced trainings for them are all 3-man.
 - He is hesitant to put new/young officials into varsity contests they may not be ready for.
 - What procedure should he follow if he cannot provide a 2-man crew?
- Further discussion led to the following:
 - The IHSAA has not mandated 3-man mechanics except for all state tournaments. The decision rests at the local level and the District I BOC has not mandated 3-man.
 - Schools have the prerogative to ask for 2-man or 3-man crews however; the commissioner may not always be able to comply due to a lack of officials. Cancellation, rescheduling or other decisions are up to the school.
 - The Board realizes the difficult situation the commissioner is dealing with. Providing the schools and BOC the results of the anonymous survey of the entire official pool may help. Timely notification to schools when/if 2-man games are declined is essential.
 - Commissioner Posnick pledges to communicate with officials and with schools in his attempt to provide crews for all classifications.

8. Game Management Discussion

- The question of procedure/responsibility of officials for ejections was discussed.
 - Rule 4-3 indicates the official has the ability to eject any person (coach, player, staff or parent/fan/spectator) for an unsportsmanlike or flagrant act.
 - The official(s) must follow the 4-3 reporting process and anyone ejected must be suspended for the next contest and complete the on-line sportsmanship course.
 - Officials are encouraged to communicate any concerns with school administrators to avoid confrontations if at all possible.
 - The officials are not required to follow the 4-3 procedure if the administration chooses to eject someone on it's own.

REPORT AGENDA

1. Commissioner/Interpreter Reports:

- **Football – Roger Stewart**
 - Roger is encouraged by the fact that he has already recruited 4 new officials for next season. He also indicated a number of our collegiate North Idaho officials worked Bowl/Playoff games.
- **Basketball – John Posnick**
 - John says it is crunch time and he is trying to keep up with cancellations and rescheduling. He urges ADs to stay away from Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- **Wrestling – Ryan Wood**
 - Operationally the season is rolling along – He has good numbers but perhaps not as elite as last year. Our officials have been working tournaments all over the state.
 - He is concerned over the escalating number of unsportsmanlike calls that result in team point reductions but aren't reported like 4-3 ejections.
 - Board members encouraged Ryan to report them to the school's AD and cc to the Principal, Supt. and BOC secretary.

- **Baseball – Frank Garcia**
 - Frank indicated pre season meets are coming up. He wants to emphasize to his officials that all ejections should be treated as 4-3's and reported as such.

2. Sectional Reports:

- **Superintendent's Report – (Dr. Bob Ranells)**
 - Bob publicly thanked Jerry Keane for stepping up this year to represent the 4A/5A schools on the BOC!
- **Principal's Report – (Trent Derrick - Curt-Randall Bayer)**
 - Trent voiced his appreciation for the concerns of the small classifications and also recognized the great job officials are doing this season.
 - He pledged to take a request by Cheer/Dance for judge training support to the Principals. He is confident some agreement can be made to everyone's satisfaction.
- **Cheer/Dance Report – (Sharon Meador)**
 - Sharon reported judges have been trained and assigned for the 3 invitational contests and the District meets.
- **Music Arts – (Issac Robbins)**
 - Issac reported that he, as president, has taken on the responsibility of blocking rooms for All State in Nampa, which will solve the problems encountered last year. School's traveling together had reservations in different hotels, which was a logistical nightmare.
 - They have solved a scheduling issue that involved Speech and Solo Districts originally scheduled at the same site.
- **IHSAA Report – (Dr. Bob Ranells)**
 - The IHSAA meeting will be January 21st and 22nd. Issues include the RPI bracketing and No-Contact discussions.

ACTION AGENDA

1. **IHSAA Awards** - The District I Board of Control unanimously approved the following IHSAA award nominations: Motion by Bob Ranells, seconded by Royce Johnson.
 - Dick Fleishman Memorial Award: **Tim Cronnelly**- Lakeland HS
 - Wes Lowe Memorial Award: **John Cordell** – St Maries HS
 - Duane D. Wolfe Memorial: **Yokes Fresh Markets**
2. **Lakeland Wrestling Weight Violation – Following discussion**, a motion was made by Todd Gilkey, seconded by Keri Schwenke, to table the issue until the March meeting. **Motion approved**
3. **Priest River Self-Report Basketball Qtr. Violation**– Following discussion, a motion was made by Bob Ranells, seconded by Issac Robbins to assess a fine of \$200.00 with \$100.00 rescinded for self-reporting the violation. **Motion Approved**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A motion to enter executive session was made by Keri Schwenke, seconded by Royce Johnson at 12:37. **Motion Approved**
- A motion to exit executive session was made by Todd Gilkey, seconded by Jerry Keane at 12:55 pm. **Motion Approved**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Royce Johnson, seconded by Isaac Robbins at 1:00 pm. **Motion Approved**

The next meeting is scheduled on March 10th, 2020 at Post Falls HS.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Schwenke, District I IHSAA Board Secretary