

DISTRICT I IHSAA ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

September 17, 2019 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: Curt-Randall Bayer, Jerry Keane, Paul Anselmo, Bob Ranells, Trent Derrick, Royce Johnson, Isaac Robbins, Sharon Meador, Keri Schwenke, Kelly Reed, Brian Carlson, Ted Yurek, Tony Norris, Rayna Longstreet, Roger Stewart, Bob Wood, John Posnick, Ryan Wood and Larry Schwenke.

Members Absent: Jen Hall, Todd Gilkey and Frank Garcia

Visitors: None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion to approve the May 7th, 2019 minutes was made by Issac Robbins, seconded by Bob Ranells. **Motion approved.**
2. A motion to approve the treasure's report was made by Bob Ranells, seconded by Isaac Robbins. **Motion approved.**
3. Dues Report- Dues and fees are to be paid by October 1. Dues from Genesis Prep, Lakeside, CDA Charter and Sandpoint MS are still outstanding.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. **Luncheon Sponsor:**
 - **Allegra Print Media** sponsored the September Board of Control meeting luncheon.
 - The Board is greatly appreciative of **Roger Stewart** for this gesture.
2. **Officials Contract:**
 - We are beginning the first year of our two-year official's contract and service agreement with the NIOA. See www.1stdistrictactivities.org
 - The Board has placed emphasis on following the procedures outlined in the service agreement in regards to compiling the votes for selection of officials for post-season assignments.
 - Board members and commissioners discussed the feasibility of using Arbiter or Google to electronically collect coach's post-game evaluations official evaluations on an optional basis. (See action agenda)
 - Members will canvas AD's and coaches in each classification for input regarding contest evaluations.
3. **Winter District Tournament Sites, Dates and Managers Information:**
 - A big thank you to the ADs for providing the fall district tournament information that is compiled and sent to the IHSAA.
 - ADs are asked to send winter district tournament information to Secretary Larry Schwenke as soon as possible.
4. **District President/Secretary Meeting Review:**
 - Secretary Larry Schwenke shared some of the information presented at the meeting held in Boise on September 9th at the IHSAA office in Boise.
 - **Football Championship Games:** The Kibbie Dome will be the site if District I-II 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A Div. I and possibly I-II Div. II teams make the championship game.
 - **On-line Ticketing:** The IHSAA utilizing "GO FAN" on-line ticketing and asking schools to explore that option as well.

- **Background Checks:** IHSAA is doing background checks on all officials. \$5 has been added to the registration fee.
 - **Soccer Scheduling:** Districts 4, 5 and 6 now regulate scheduling days for classifications to help mitigate the official shortage. In one year the 4A/5A teams play Tues./Thursday and 3A/2A teams play Mon/Wed. the classifications switch days the following year.
 - **Hall of Fame Banquet:** District I award winners were **Paul Manzardo** (Idaho Official of the Year), **Steve Casey** (District I Distinguished Service Award), **Travis Headley** Post Falls high school (IHSAA Scholastic Star Award) and **Emaline Pinkerton** Bonners Ferry high school (Spirit of Sport Award). Congratulations to these outstanding individuals!
5. **Board Member Renewals Slated For 2020-2021:** (Each group determines it's representative.)
- 3A Superintendent's Representative
 - 2A/1A Principal's Representative
 - Speech Arts Representative
 - Cheer/Dance Interpreter
 - Secretary/Treasurer
6. **Winter Sport Schedules:**
- AD's are reminded that **October 1st** 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.
8. **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 I Nominee: Dave Fealko.
9. **Board of Control Constitution:**
- President Bayer indicated some concerns have been raised over the necessity of reviewing/updating the Constitution.
 - An ad hoc committee will review the Constitution and report it's recommendations to the board at the November meeting.
10. **IHSAA September Meeting in Lewiston September 24th.**
- The IHSAA annually rotates the September board meeting around the state.
 - The rest of the meetings are in Boise so we encourage attendance when it is so close. It is a great way for ADs and Principals to witness the IHSAA Board in action.

REPORT AGENDA

1. Commissioner Reports:

- **Volleyball – Rayna Longstreet:**
 - Rayna reported that things are going well.
 - She is excited that the Volleyball State Tournaments will be in District I and II this year.
- **Football – Roger Stewart:**
 - Roger indicated that it has helped that many of the non-league games have been out of town.
 - He noted that he has lost some veteran officials and is down to about 35 healthy officials.
 - Ballots will be out next week as he has only 2 weeks until he has to submit crews to the state for play off games.
 - The football officials contributed \$15 apiece and the NIOA added \$200 to get a Huddle subscription, which Roger states is a great training/evaluation tool. He is also proud that District 1 football officials were the 1st in the state to complete all the required background checks and coursework.

- Lastly he publically thanked Steve Hudson for organizing a program by our local NCAA football officials to cover the costs of equipping the District I high school apprentices, which amounted to approximately \$1500.
- **Soccer – Tony Norris:**
 - Tony was optimistic when 35 potential officials showed up for the clinic but only 22 are currently state qualified. This means he is having difficulty covering all the scheduled games. Compounding the problem is that of the 200 plus games, half of them are scheduled on Tuesdays.
 - He compiled a spreadsheet and sent it to ADs asking their help in rescheduling/stacking some of them. Many ADs have helped out and Tony hopes he can cover most games but would like to see the Board consider the scheduling system used in Districts 4,5 and 6.
 - Tony has received concerns over the condition of a member school's field. The BOC will investigate this situation.
- **Softball – Ted Yurek:**
 - Ted is enjoying the off-season but is very excited that 8 of his officials are going to attend a 3-day USA Softball Camp in Seattle that focuses on umpire mechanics and rule enforcement.
- **Swimming – Bob Wood:**
 - Bob reported that pool expense is a major issue for schools. There is a wide discrepancy in fees charged by different facilities, which puts a hardship on hosting schools. They are looking at ways to spread the costs to help out with this situation. Admission fees might help as well as "splash fees" paid by the swimmers.
 - Currently all 3A, 2A and 1A schools have to compete in the 4A classification (1,279 and below). Wallace is asking the IHSAA to add another classification at state for the smaller schools and Bob would like to address this request at the IHSAA meeting in Lewiston.
 - Districts will be on a Wednesday so that swimmers will have enough recovery time to train properly for state competition.
 - Jerry Keane indicated that swimming is still a work in progress for the IHSAA and feels giving smaller schools more representation would be something that would be considered.
- **Basketball – John Posnick:**
 - John will attend the state basketball commissioners meeting in Boise next week.
 - He is hopeful that school personnel and others help identify prospective officials and send them his way.

2. Sectional Reports:

- **Superintendents – Bob Ranells:**
 - Bob noted that Kootenai has had to drop football and that it is tough times for small schools. Kelly Reed commented that participation across the nation is down 8%.
- **Principals – Curt-Randall Bayer, Trent Derrick:**
 - Curt and Trent reported that at the recent Principals/ADs meeting there was a perception that the Principals voices were not being heard. The negotiation process with the NIOA was an example. Looking at the constitution / by-laws and improved communication should add clarity to the process and alleviate those concerns.
- **Girl's Athletics – Keri Schwenke:**
 - Keri reported that she and Kelly are working on a welcome back letter to coaches reminding them of their representation and encouraging member schools to cover the nominal fees for the coaches to join the state association. Membership allows the coaches in District I to be considered for state coach of the year awards.
- **Spirit – Sharon Meador:**
 - Four cheer and two dance competitions have been scheduled prior to the District I-II Cheer & Dance Championships, which will be held at Lake City HS on February 22nd.
 - State Cheer is at the Idaho Center on March 20th. State Dance will be the next day.
 - Judges training will be held in February. The date and site has not yet been set.
- **Music – Isaac Robbins:**
 - Isaac has been tabbed to make block reservations in Boise for the State competition. Many of the schools share busses so it is a great help to be in the same location.
 - It is hoped that a flu epidemic at last year's competition does not reoccur.

- **Middle Level – Brian Carlson:**
 - Brian reported that middle school volleyball numbers are way up across the district this fall. Post Falls district has stepped up by proving additional coaches so that more participants will see instruction and completion time.
- **State IHSAA Board – Dr. Bob Ranells:**
 - Bob reported that the upcoming September IHSAA meeting will be held at the Red Lion Inn in Lewiston on September 24th.
 - A huge topic will be classification for the 2020 2-year cycle. A large number of schools are petitioning up or down so there should be some interesting dialogue.
 - Bob continues to be amazed at the sheer volume of appeals the eligibility committee has to rule on. It's not unusual to have 2 or 3 a day.
 - Bob anticipates that the board will soon require coaches and officials to take and pass an on-line course dealing with mental health and suicide prevention.
 - Kelly Reed asked, concerning classification, if the IHSAA can deal in anyway with the "mega" 5A schools in Meridian. Some have enrollment numbers that exceed other 5A schools by over 1,000 or more students. Bob indicated that another school (Owyhee) will open next fall which might draw some students from these schools.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Royce Johnson moved, Isaac Robbins seconded a motion to move to executive session at 1:05 pm. **Motion Approved**
- Jerry Keane moved, Paul Anselmo seconded a motion to exit executive session at 1:25 pm. **Motion Approved**

ACTION AGENDA

1. Following discussion a motion to renew the terms of Frank Garcia, Baseball Commissioner, and Ted Yurek, Softball Commissioner was made by Isaac Robbins, seconded by Kelly Reed. **Motion approved**
2. Following discussion, a motion to assess Bonners Ferry School a fine of \$150 with \$75 rescinded for self-reporting a violations of the IHSAA's no contact rule (17-2-4) was made by Bob Ranells, seconded by Keri Schwenke. **Motion approved**
3. Following discussion, a motion to empower commissioners Roger Stewart and Rayna Longstreet to investigate the feasibility of using Arbiter for evaluating officials on a game-by-game basis was made by Royce Johnson, seconded by Kelly Reed. **Motion approved**

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Keane, seconded by Isaac Robbins. **Motion Approved.**
- Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm. Next meeting will be November 5th, 2019, 11:00 AM at Post Falls High School.
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Larry Schwenke, District I IHSAA Board Secretary