

DISTRICT I IHSAA ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

January 12, 2021-11:00 AM

Zoom Meeting

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

Members Present: Dena Naccarato, Paul Anselmo, Trent Derrick, Curt-Randal Bayer, Jen Hall, Todd Gilkey, Royce Johnson, Keri Carter, Sharon Meador, Roger Stewart, Rayna Longstreet, Tony Norris, John Posnick, Ryan Wood, Ted Yurek, and Larry Schwenke.

Members Absent: Alica Holthaus, Kelly Reed, Isaac Robbins, Tony Norris, Brian Carlson and Michelle Sobek

Visitors: Deanne Clifford, IHSAA Sportsmanship Committee

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the November 10th, 2020 meeting. Motion to approve by Royce Johnson, second by Dena Naccarato. **Motion approved**
2. Treasurer's Report - Motion to approve by Todd Gilkey, second by Jen Hall. **Motion approved**

DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. **Luncheon Sponsor** N/A
2. **FYI Web Site:** www.1stdistrictactivities.org
3. **District Tournament Site and Date Information**
 - AD's were very helpful in providing the Secretary the Winter District Tournament information for each classification. Thanks AD's!
 - **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 shared information from the State Sportsmanship Meeting last November. Mike Federico, IHSAA Assistant Executive Director chairs the committee, which greatly encourages student involvement. They feel students respond better to their peers. Sportsmanship guidelines were reviewed and Deanne informed the Board of some important points to pass on to schools.
 - **Student Advisory Summit**
 - Last spring's event scheduled for North Idaho was cancelled. A decision will be made soon to hold it in-person or virtually.
 - Lake City, Lakeland and other schools are slated to provide keynote addresses.
 - They are planning to have referees/officials involved in the Summit.
 - **Best Practices**
 - Schools are encouraged to share different ideas they use to support sportsmanship.
 - **Key Concern: PA Announcer Guidelines**
 - Boise principals are concerned that some announcers are using the platform to incite the crowd rather than follow the guidelines set by the NFHS.
 - Deanne will provide copies of the guidelines and ask Principals and ADs to educate and monitor their contest announcers.
 - **District Sportsmanship Banner**

- Deanne relayed the committee’s suggestion that each region consider establishing a sportsmanship recognition program similar to the IHSAA State Tournament Sportsmanship Award program.
 - **Soccer Protocol**
 - The practice of soccer referees shaking hands with players after the game has been eliminated in hopes of lessening possible conflicts.
 - **Other**
 - Deanne mentioned the IHSAA’s encouragement for the “Positive Coaching Alliance” program and wanted to remind schools to submit sportsmanship examples for the committee’s website and newsletter.
 - She also urged schools to consider ordering Sportsmanship T-Shirts that can be given to students, parents or fans who demonstrate and promote good sportsmanship.
6. **NIOA – BOC Negotiation update**
- Royce Johnson reported he has been in contact with some of the NIOA team and has expressed the hope of extending the current agreement for one more year. Both parties are in discussions.
 - Feb. 16th has been tentatively set to discuss options for the extension or pursuing a new 2-year agreement.
7. **Baseball Commissioner Resignation**
- Frank Garcia, longtime Baseball Commissioner, has submitted his letter of resignation.
 - The BOC wishes Frank the best in his retirement and thanks him for the many years of service to the schools and kids! Frank will be missed!
8. **Commissioner/Rules Interpreter Clarification**
- President Bayer asked that at some point the Board clear up the language regarding the rules interpreter position and associated duties.

REPORT AGENDA

1. **Commissioner/Interpreter Reports:**
- **Football – Roger Stewart**
 - Roger informed the board of the Dragonfly assigning and payment platform demonstration he and Rayna were invited to participate in that could eventually replace Arbiter. Concerns are that the platform has not been Beta tested and at this point may not be robust enough to meet our commissioner’s needs. Positives include being free and supported by the NFHS. Stay tuned.
 - **Soccer – Tony Norris**
 - Tony reported on the trend that is occurring in club soccer regarding the removal of spectators directly by the officials. This is being done to help curb the problem of referee abuse.
 - **Basketball – John Posnick**
 - John gave kudos to ADs and schools for working through all the issues in this “mess” of a year. It’s been a lot of work for them and for him. He’s just glad kids are getting to play.
 - He lost some good officials but has been helped by having some Washington referees.
 - **Wrestling – Ryan Wood**
 - We are short on officials but working hard to provide good officiating. Ryan had a hernia surgery and had a couple of key guys bow out due to COVID.
 - We have everything covered and are being incredibly flexible with schedules and moving dates. Just glad we are getting to wrestle.
 - He has had great communication with coaches, ADs, and his officials and is happy with the situation. Everything is covered!
 - Happy Holidays!
 - **Swimming – Shelly Sobek**
 - They are working with schools to finalize payments to the KROC for hosting meets.
 - Teams are waiting to have banquets pending approval by school/health officials.
 - Awards and sweatshirts have been distributed by the IHSAA.
 - The Wallace/Mullan coach would like the IHSAA to create a separate division for the 3A and under swimmers. They now are competing in the 4A classification. The problem is that there are very few small school teams and participants. It may be difficult to expand at this time.
 - **Softball – Ted Yurek**

- Ted voiced his hope that we will have a softball (spring sports) season.
- He has 5 new, but very inexperienced officials, which will be a challenge. Ted is encouraged that h some seasoned officials have stepped up to help with training sessions.

2. Sectional Reports:

- **Superintendent's Report (Dena Naccarato – Paul Anselmo)**
 - Dena and Paul both indicated the wish of all school officials to be able to fully return to focusing on kids and education and be done with the aspects associated with COVID.
- **Principal's Report – (Trent Derrick - Curt-Randall Bayer - Jen Hall)**
 - Trent thanked the Superintendents for their work in lobbying to get parents back in the gyms.
 - He also voiced his disappointment with Pixelot. It's a mess and they are not using it anymore due to technical problems and very poor customer service. He urged our IHSAA board members, Curt and Paul, to ask the IHSAA's help in getting the company's act together.
 - Jen echoed the problems with Pixelot. She also was grateful for the revenue from some fans being able to attend games but with 3-man mechanics they are not making ends meet.
 - Curt agreed and has even asked for donations from home fans and visitors but still not breaking even.
- **Cheer/Dance Report – (Sharon Meador)**
 - Sharon indicated competitions are going to begin “in person” and run through February. All managers are following state protocols.
 - Cheer and Dance Districts were scheduled for Feb. 27 in Lewiston. Dance will be moved to Lakeland HS on the 26th since there are no Dance teams in District II.
- **AD Representative – (Todd Gilkey)**
 - The Governor's proclamation threw everyone into a tailspin but ADs have worked through the protocols and are trying hard to keep things going.
 - The biggest issue facing small schools is the cost of officials. 3-man mechanics is placing a hardship on them. It's late in the game but he is asking if there is anything that can be done?
 - Trent thought 2-man mechanics was a done deal following the letter of request to the commissioner after the Nov. meeting.
 - Curt will follow up with the commissioner who will contact small school representatives.
 - Todd reported that District II is helping the small schools by using 2-man mechanics unless the schools request 3-man.
 - Curt noted that according to Ty Jones, District I appears to be more adamant about 3-man than other districts.
 - Royce and others suggested the possibility of schools applying for Covid relief funds to off set the losses. Paul indicated his district plans to do just that. Dena agreed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A motion to enter executive session was made by Royce Johnson, seconded by Keri Carter at 12:05. **Motion Approved**
- A motion to exit executive session was made by Todd Gilkey, seconded by Dena Naccarato at 12:35 pm. **Motion Approved**

ACTION AGENDA

1. **Soccer Suspension Appeal**
Following discussion, a motion to deny the appeal and uphold the suspension was made by Todd Gilkey, seconded by Jen Hall **Motion Approved Unanimously**
3. **Baseball Commissioner**– Following discussion, a motion was made to approve Josh Behrens as the District I Baseball Commissioner by Dena Naccarato, seconded by Keri Carter. **Motion approved Unanimously**

ADJOURNMENT

The zoom meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm
The next meeting is scheduled on March 9th, 2021 at Post Falls HS. (Possible zoom mtg.)

Respectfully submitted by Larry Schwenke, District I IHSAA Board Secretary