

# DISTRICT I IHSAA ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

**September 14, 2021 11:00 AM**

President Curt-Randall Bayer called the meeting of the District I Board of Control to order at 11:00 am. At Post Falls High School

**Members Present:** Alica Holthaus, Curt-Randall Bayer, Trent Derrick, Jen Hall, Todd Gilkey, Kelly Reed, Royce Johnson, Joel Sandford, Josh Behrens, Tony Norris, John Posnick, Roger Stewart, Michelle Sobek, Ryan Wood, Ted Yurek and Larry Schwenke.

**Members Absent:** Paul Anselmo, Dena Naccarato, Rayna Longstreet, Keri Carter, Brian Carlson and Sharon Meador

**Welcome to our new Board member:**

Music Educator's Representative: **Joel Sandford**

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion to approve the May 4th, 2021 minutes was made by Todd Gilkey, seconded by Trent Derrick. **Motion approved.**
2. A motion to approve the treasure's report was made by Todd Gilkey, seconded by Jen Hall. **Motion approved.**
3. Dues Report- Dues and fees are to be paid by October 1.

### DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. **Luncheon Sponsor: Allegra. Marketing. Print. Mail** -The Board thanks **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](http://www.1stdistrictactivities.org)
3. **Fall and Winter District Tournament Sites, Dates and Managers Information:**
  - **ADs are asked to send district tournament information to Secretary Larry Schwenke as soon as possible.**
4. **District President/Secretary Zoom Meeting Review:**
  - President Bayer reviewed information presented at the zoom meeting held on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
5. **Board Member Renewals Slated For 2022-2023:** (Each group determines it's representative.)
  - 4A/5A Superintendent's Representative
  - 4A/5A Principal's Representative
  - 3A Principal's Representative
  - Speech Arts Representative
6. **Winter/Spring Sport Schedules:**
  - AD's are reminded that **October 1st** is the deadline to get their schedules to the winter commissioners. (John Posnick- Basketball and Ryan Wood-Wrestling)
  - **February 1** is the deadline for spring schedules (Ted Yurek- Softball and Josh Behrens-Baseball)
7. **District I Website:** [www.1stdistrictactivities.org](http://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.

9. **Arbiter Issues:**

- Fall commissioners reported their frustration with Arbiter regarding non-payment to officials when playing Washington schools. It involves a glitch that directs payment notice to the Washington Officials Association (WOA). The commissioners are able to resolve the problem only after multiple attempts and hours on the phone with Arbiter tech support.
- The IHSAA is well aware of the situation and is looking into alternative platforms.

**REPORT AGENDA**

1. **Commissioner Reports:**

- **Volleyball – Rayna Longstreet:**
  - Rayna has 30 officials but still doesn't have enough. Some only work 1 x a week or have time constraints. She has 4 apprentices and 3 transfers from Washington.
  - Schools and officials have been flexible and understanding and she appreciates those that have scheduled non-league matches on Wednesdays helping with the Tues/Thurs load.
  - Arbiter- She has spent hours and hours on the issues with WOA noted above.
  - Schools are having difficulty finding line judges, scorekeepers and libero trackers. She provides line judges when available. It slows down the game and puts a burden on officials having to train workers on the spot. Perhaps the BOC can help!
  - She notes that there are 7 new ADs in District One!
- **Football – Roger Stewart:**
  - Roger indicated that in addition to the Arbiter issues noted above, he worked with Arbiter to point out overcharging practices that resulted in over a thousand dollars in saving for our District BOC.
  - Roger feels we are at a critical point right now with the shortage of officials due to Covid, Covid symptoms, employee shortages for work coverage, injuries and even some officials not wanting to come back after a year off. Ty at the IHSAA has been helpful in waiving fees for out of state officials. While no one wants to say money is the reason for officiating, he believes we need to look at the factors such as the amount of time it takes to commit to officiating, the travel etc.
  - He noted that the trend is not just football or North Idaho. Spokane had 124 football officials last year and is down to about 75. Schools there are in a lottery system to get their games covered. ADs are to be commended for what they are going through but the BOC may have to get involved to help determine when games need to be played. It needs to be fair for all schools.
  - Board members indicated their willingness to help and support all the commissioners in their plight. They are willing to meet if necessary to address this issue. Curt asked Commissioners to contact him if necessary.
- **Soccer – Tony Norris:**
  - Tony has experienced the same issues with Arbiter and with the shortage of officials. He started with 28 officials but is down to 20. He has worked hard to inform ADs of problem dates (15) and has offered solutions/alternatives such as changing game dates or stacking contests.
  - 3A is not a problem, those schools already stack their games and most don't have JVs. The 4A/5A present the most challenge so the answer may be working out rotating dates, using lights and playing some games on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
  - Commissioners all indicated they will work hard to deal with the situation day to day.
- **Softball – Ted Yurek:**
  - Ted thanked the ADs for their willingness to be flexible as he and the baseball commissioner deal with the shortage of officials and the yearly issue of cancellations/reschedules due to weather. He noted that State Softball will be hosted in District I next spring which will pose it's own challenge.
  - He expressed his hope that the Board of Control would consider pay raises for spring commissioners due to the heavy workload created by the rescheduling issues they face.
- **Swimming – Shelly Sobek**
  - Shelly says she does have officials and they don't get paid! Her problems include having only 2 facilities - the Kroc, which does not have room for spectators and the U of I that allows 1 spectator per swimmer but they have to wear a mask. She is doing her best to see that kids get the opportunity to swim, which is the most important factor despite some difficulties schools and parents may encounter.
  - She indicated the IHSAA is in the process of aligning swimming rules and official certification with the NFHS so changes may be coming in years to come.
- **Basketball – John Posnick**
  - John will attend the state commissioners meeting in Boise next week.

- He is hoping to retain some of the Washington officials from last year as well as talking to potential officials wherever he goes. He is asking board members to help get the word out to young people with athletic backgrounds. Social media may be a great tool.
- Roger Stewart mentioned that the IHSAA has ok'd using 16 and 17 year olds in very limited capacities.

2. **Sectional Reports:**

- **Superintendents - Alica Holthaus:**
  - Alica noted that school districts are experiencing their own “official shortage” with personnel like food service workers, bus drivers, para-professionals etc. She is happy to see sports and activities happening but noted that the theme for everyone might be “buckle up” it could be a tough road ahead.
- **Principals – Curt-Randall Bayer, Trent Derrick and Jen Hall:**
  - Jen is concerned about the petitioning process that could affect 1A schools.
  - Trent expressed his concern about the rule of two and the 20-hour limit. More important are the unknowns dealing with Covid. Lots of kids and adults are sick and he prays something catastrophic doesn't happen. He expressed the need to support each other, citing the fact that Washington lost 88 ADs last year. Teachers, staff, administrators all have tough jobs.
- **Boys Athletics – Kelly Reed**
  - Kelly shared his concern that the growth in District III is creating a problem of representation for other district in the state. He hopes the powers that be are looking at ways to give as many kids and teams the opportunity to compete as possible such as increasing the number of state qualifiers.
  - He also is concerned with the growth of club sports is cutting into the number of high school participants.
- **Athletic Directors – Todd Gilkey**
  - Todd commented that we all have to remain flexible for what will come our way especially with Covid. He noted that the differences between Idaho and Washington rules present issues as well. We all need to support each other.
- **State IHSAA Board – Curt-Randall Bayer**
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> IHSAA meeting rotates around the state and this year it will be in Hailey near Sun Valley. The NFHS Section 7-8 meeting is hosted by the IHSAA and will be held in Coeur d'Alene Sept. 19-21.
  - Curt commented that the Rule of 2 revisions might lead to issues that will have to be addressed once it is in place. Questions as to who will keep track of hours and what activities will count in which category remain to be clarified.
  - There is a push by some to move 4A/5A golf to the fall. This could cause some unintended consequences for the other classifications. Curt's position at this time is to keep golf in the spring.

**ACTION AGENDA** N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

- A motion to adjourn was made by Royce Johnson, seconded by Todd Gilkey. **Motion Approved**
- Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm. Next meeting will be November 9th, 2021, 11:00 am at Post Falls High School.
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Larry Schwenke, District I IHSAA Board Secretary.