

DISTRICT 1 IHSAA ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

March 8, 2022 -11:00AM

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 a.m.

Members Present: Alica Holthaus, Dena Naccarato, Curt-Randall Bayer, Trent Derrick, Jen Hall, Keri Carter, Todd Gilkey, Brian Carlson, Royce Johnson, Joel Sandford, Roger Stewart, Tony Norris, Rayna Longstreet, John Posnick, Ryan Wood, Josh Behrens, and Larry Schwenke

Members Absent: Paul Anselmo, Kelly Reed, Michelle Sobek, Sharon Meador and Ted Yurek.

Visitors: Mike Federico – IHSAA, Ben Allen – NIOA, Kris Knowles – IHSAA Sportsmanship Committee, Bill White – CDA HS.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. The minutes of the January 11th, 2022 meeting were approved. Motion by Dena Naccarato, second by Todd Gilkey. **Motion approved.**
2. The Treasurer's report was approved. Motion by Royce Johnson, second by Jen Hall. **Motion approved.**

DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. **Luncheon Sponsor:**
 - The Board recognized and thanked **Justin Kane – North Idaho Physical Therapy** for sponsoring the March Board luncheon.
2. **Web Site: FYI** www.1stdistrictactivities.org
3. **Spring Sport District Tournament Site and Date Information:**
 - AD's from each classification are asked to send Spring District 1 tournament dates, sites and managers information to Secretary Larry Schwenke ASAP.
4. **Music Educator/Official of the Year/ Spirit of Sport Award**
 - A reminder that nominations for Official of the Year and Music Educator of the Year are due to the IHSAA in May. (See Action Agenda)
5. **CDA HS Report – Bill White:**
 - Bill wished to clear up an issue regarding an extra spectator at the District I-II swim meet at the KROC that resulted in a fine for CHS. As a new AD he wanted an explanation from the KROC, as the fine came from a member school instead. He outlined the many attempts he made to get an answer. In the end, the fine was paid and he wanted to thank the KROC for all they do for the schools.
6. **NIOA – President Ben Allen:**
 - Ben's priority is to bridge the communication gap between the officials and the schools. He has an open door policy and is very interested in ways to recruit and retain officials. One of his beliefs is that we need to pay higher game fees to the JV/Frosh level officials.
 - He also will serve as a conduit for officials as to the issues dealing with the Board of Control. Royce Johnson asked Ben to contact the BOC regarding opening a MOU to deal with the issue of travel costs for officials.
7. **IHSAA Sportsmanship / District I Principals Report – Kris Knowles**
 - Kris reported that he will be taking the place of Deanne Clifford on the Sportsmanship Committee and will be communicating with District I schools, as he gets up to speed.
 - He also outlined a proposal regarding creative ways to use Jamborees to raise funds for small schools to offset rising officiating/travel costs. This proposal will be taken to the Region I Principal/AD meeting for further discussion. The intention is not to be in conflict with the VEA Jamboree program.

8. IHSAA Update From Assistant Executive Director Mike Federico:

- Mike outlined the IHSAA leadership's initiative to get out to visit administrators, schools and Boards of Control around the state. He is currently on an 8-day road trip. He joined us to discuss current IHSAA issues and to comment on our questions / concerns:
 - Classification and representation are always concerning; especially with the explosive growth in some districts.
 - Reactions to Max Preps rankings for seeding tournaments are mixed but overall seem to be working.
 - The IHSAA meetings are now being live-streamed throughout the state. He encouraged our participation.
 - Shot clock pros and cons. It passed a 1st reading but not sure where it will go from here. It will not happen next year.
 - NFHS Pixelot exclusivity / non-exclusive options are now available for schools. Schools will be contacted as to their choice.
 - Mike had praise for the success of the Student Advisory Committee. District I participants are needed so District II members are going the lead a student summit in District I.
 - Dragonfly will replace Arbiter next year. Commissioners will be trained during their summer meetings in Boise. Roger Stewart praised Mindy at the IHSAA for her work in rolling it out. Unlike Arbiter, the platform will be free to the IHSAA, schools and district BOC's.
 - Mike was asked if the IHSAA would ever sponsor the state baseball tournament. He feels it is a possibility considering the addition of girls wrestling. Request can be made to the IHSAA board.

9. 2022-23 Coaches / Officials Clinic Information:

- Our commissioners were asked to determine their sites and dates for next year's preseason meetings. This information will be shared with the schools and IHSAA for the 2022-23 manuals.

10. Commissioner's Proposed Letter to AD's & Administrators:

- Rayna Longstreet introduced a letter from commissioners that they propose be sent to administrators, ADs and coaches. The purpose is to suggest ways scheduling guidelines could help mitigate the problem most sports are facing due to the shortage of officials. While there are numerous factors involved in creating the shortage, the commissioners believe establishing scheduling guidelines for schools is now a critical necessity if we are to prevent cancellations. Rayna, volleyball commissioner, along with Roger Stewart, football commissioner, Tony Norris soccer commissioner, Josh Behrens, baseball commissioner, John Posnick, basketball commissioner and Ted Yurek, softball commissioner, each listed sport specific considerations and insights. Wrestling commissioner Ryan Wood did not participate, as he has not had problems covering all scheduled matches.
- Commissioners noted the difficult position they find themselves in when they don't have enough officials to cover the contests. In the past, they have asked schools to voluntarily change dates etc. Some schools have complied and others have not. Dealing with the shortages should be fair for all. Commissioners would like the BOC to intervene.
- Board members indicated their support for action on these suggestions, noting that other districts have mandated similar plans to their schools for certain sports. The letter will be shared at the Principal /AD meeting for input. The consensus is for the BOC to set up meetings with commissioners and representatives of large and small schools to fine-tune a plan for scheduling contests in each affected sport. The intention is to consider action at the May meeting for the 2022-23 seasons.
- Additionally, many board members shared their concern for the issue of rising travel costs for officials and in general the need to increase pay to recruit and retain officials.

11. Mullan District I All Star Basketball Games Request:

- (See Action Agenda)

REPORT AGENDA

1. Commissioner Reports: (Most had shared their concerns in the scheduling discussion above)

- **Wrestling – (Ryan Wood)**
 - Wrestling went great. He noted that 8 matches were the most he had to cover in one day.
 - Five of our officials worked the state tournament.
- **Baseball – (Josh Behrens)**
 - They have had 4 clinics and have 20 officials, 18 will be doing the bulk of the games.
 - He is encouraged by the prospect of the IHSAA sponsoring the state baseball tournament in the future.
- **Swimming – (Michelle Sobek via email)**
 - KROC is hiring a new aquatics director so she is working hard to set schedules for next year with existing staff

- She is working with ADs for input on scheduling-still need to hear back from some. Will have a draft schedule by April 10th.
- Michelle plans to meet with ADs on April 13 to review schedules before finalizing them.
- She is waiting to hear from the IHSAA if she will schedule officials and if they will be paid next year.

2 Sectional Reports.

- **Cheer Dance – (Sharon Meador via email)**
 - Cheer / Dance District competition revenue will be sent to the IEA. They managed to stay in the black while not charging entry fees.
 - Next year’s competition schedule is being formulated and will be announced at the May BOC meeting
- **Music Arts – (Joel Sandford)**
 - Joel indicated the state competitions at NNU were successful.
 - He noted that new pep band guidelines have been developed and will be shared with the schools.
- **Athletic Directors – (Todd Gilkey)**
 - Todd congratulated the IHSAA for a great job with the state-wrestling tournament.
 - Spring sports are off and running and graduation is just around the corner!
- **Middle Level – (Brian Carlson)**
 - Participation numbers are down for girls.
 - Some issues are occurring regarding running up the score in 8th grade competitive basketball.
 - Keri Carter noted that Sandpoint and Lakeland are piloting hosting a game during the day to draw interest from the student body and encourage sportsmanship.
- **IHSAA Board of Directors – (Curt-Randall Bayer)**
 - Some concerns regarding Girls wrestling weight classes.
 - Fall golf for 4A/5A remains a concern for small schools.
 - 5A state track will be held at Donna Larson stadium in Boise.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A motion to move to executive session was made at 1: 05 p.m. by Royce Johnson, seconded by Trent Derrick.
Motion approved
- A motion to return to regular session was made at 1:16 p.m. by Royce Johnson, seconded by Jen Hall.
Motion Approved

ACTION AGENDA

1. **District 1 Distinguished Service Award:**
A motion was made by Royce Johnson, seconded by Brian Carlson, to name retired official, Bill Bopp, as our District I DSA recipient for 2022. **Motion Approved**
2. **Spirit of Sport / Official of the Year Nomination:**
Following discussion, a motion was made by Todd Gilkey, seconded by Royce Johnson, to approve Josh Behrens as the NIOA’s Official of the Year Award. **Motion Approved**
3. **Mullan All Star Basketball Games:**
Following discussion, a motion was made by Keri Carter, seconded by Trent Derrick, to approve the Mullan All Star Basketball games. **Motion Approved**
4. **Winter Commissioner Review:**
Following discussion, a motion was made by Royce Johnson, seconded by Keri Carter, to retain commissioners Ryan Wood (wrestling) and John Posnick (basketball) for the 2022-23 seasons. **Motion Approved**

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.
- The next meeting will be May 3rd, 2022 11:00 a.m. at Post Falls High School.
- Respectfully submitted by Larry Schwenke, Secretary, District 1 Board of Control.