

DISTRICT 1 IHSAA ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

November 9th, 2021

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 am.

Members Present: Alica Holthaus, Paul Anselmo, Dena Naccarato, Trent Derrick, Curt-Randall Bayer, Jen Hall, Royce Johnson, Keri Carter, Todd Gilkey, Joel Sandford, Tony Norris, John Posnick Roger Stewart, Ryan Wood, Ted Yurek, and Larry Schwenke

Members Absent: Josh Behrens, Brian Carlson, Rayna Longstreet, Sharon Meador, Kelly Reed, Shelly Sobek,

Visitors: None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion to approve the September 14th, 2021 minutes was made by Todd Gilkey, seconded by Keri Carter. **Motion approved.**
2. A motion to approve the treasure's report was made by Royce Johnson, seconded by Trent Derrick. **Motion approved**

DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. **Luncheon Sponsor: Northwest Specialty Hospital and Northwest Urgent Care**
 - The Board is greatly appreciative of CEO Rick Rasmussen for this gesture.
2. **IHSAA 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.
 - The current District 1 Nominees are Dave Fealko and Dr. Bob Ranells.
3. **Winter District Tournament Sites, Dates and Managers**
 - **ADs are asked to send Winter District Tournament information ASAP to Secretary Larry Schwenke.**
4. **District I Website: www.1stdistrictactivities.org**
 - Visit the site to view/download important District I Board of Control information.
 - Ethan Haberman is our web master.
5. **IHSAA Memorial Award Nominations 2021**
 - Dick Fleishman – Tim Cronnelly. Timberlake High School
 - Wes Lowe – TBA
 - Duane D. Wolf – TBA
6. **Recent Co-ops**
 - Sandpoint – Clark Fork Wrestling
 - Mullan – St Regis MT Football
7. **Lake City Football Ejection Appeal**
 - The Board voted via email on October 28th to reduce the ejection penalty from one game to ½ game.
 - Board members wanted to assure commissioner Stewart that they did not want this ruling construed as a lack of support for game officials.

REPORT AGENDA

1. Commissioner Reports:

• Football – Roger Stewart

- Roger indicated he is still a little shell shocked from this very difficult season. Had so many cancellations/changes to deal with. He warned the board to become proactive in dealing with the critical shortage of officials in all sports. Sportsmanship issues do not help the situation. He pointed out a problem with officials being called out by spectators at a playoff game between CDA and Eagle.
- He noted that Eastern Washington used a lottery system to determine what teams would play and when. We may be near that point.
- On a positive note we have crews working the 4A semi finals in Pocatello and another crew working the 1A game at the Kibbie Dome.
- There are a lot of new ADs, which has led to some schools getting behind in paying officials. He hopes that will be corrected soon.
- The IHSAA has ruled that 17 year olds may work sub-varsity contests and there were some that are being trained and used in football. Ty Jones contacted President Bayer, indicating they can be used in all sports.

• Soccer – Tony Norris

- Tony indicated they got through the season for the most part covering all games thanks to ADs arranging back-to-back contests. He is also facing a ref shortage. Over the last 5 years he has lost 20 officials. At every level, the intensity seems to be rising. He personally was called a tyrant by a parent. They even had issues this year with parents at Christian League contests.
- Tony says he is lucky that the “Club” does not assign refs during the high schools games so he has that pool to draw from. There are a few new individuals interested in officiating next year but he could lose up to 3 others.
- It was very concerning that so many coaches (16) failed to turn in end of season ballots despite several email reminders as well as reminders to ADs. This happens in some other sports as well, but not to that degree. The penalty is a \$75.00 fine. Board members discussed ways to improve the compliance including education and perhaps raising the fine amount.
- Again, on a positive note, Lake City won a state title, Sandpoint boys got second, and CDA Charter failed to win their 6th state title but got a 4th place trophy!

• Ryan Wood – Wrestling

- Ryan is a little shorter on officials than normal but should be able to handle the competitions. He has good group of guys who are now doing the junior high matches.
- He said with new ADs there were some scheduling errors but has them all corrected and is ready to roll!

• John Posnick – Basketball

- John currently has 71 signed up but some will likely quit and some will only work middle school games. He also is worried about being able to cover all the games this season. Schools want to start jamborees and other games earlier which is tough to cover because of official work schedules.
- Sadly he has lost veteran officials Jeff Ward and the legendary Bill Bopp who are retiring. Bill leaves after 37 years having worked 40 plus state tournaments. It's very tough to fill the void left by these experienced officials.
- John hopes to get some help from some Spokane officials who crossed over when they couldn't work last year. He said he and District I officials will make the best of what they have.
- He also pointed out that there is some movement by the National Federation and IHSAA regarding the shot clock. It could be voted on and go into effect by 2023-24. Stay tuned on that controversial topic.

- John commented on the passing of his good buddy for 40 years, Dave Rounds. Dave was a legendary Wallace teacher, coach, AD and following retirement, the school board chairman. The board enjoyed hearing colorful stories about Dave from Roger and John. He will be missed!
- **Ted Yurek – Softball**
 - Ted noted that he has been contacted by some Washington officials about working in Idaho due to their state vaccination mandate. This may be true in other sports as well.
 - He voiced his concern over the end of season voting process. Some coaches may not see all the officials. Todd Gilkey agrees that to be effective, coaches need to vote. Royce Johnson added that the system being used in in the 2-year negotiated agreement with the NIOA. The system allots 50% coaches, 50% peer officials in all sport other than football, which is 40% coaches, 40% peers, 20% commissioner. Roger Stewart stated that over the years he couldn't think of a better system for football.
- **Swimming – Shelly Sobek (via email)**
 - All teams had 4 meets (2-3 teams) and a District meet. ADs chose to bill schools to pay for venue rental. KROC charges \$450 per session and U of I charges \$600 (2 sessions per day). Each session needs 6-10 officials depending on number of racing lanes. Officials are assigned by Mary Hartman (Admin official for USA Swimming) who is phasing out and will need to be replaced next year.
 - 5A Districts were held at the KROC and 4A at U of I. Both locations limited spectators. There were no issues at the 4A but the spectator limitation was exceeded by CHS at the 5A venue.
 - The State meet was held in District III. (Congratulations to Shelly as her girls team won the 5A championship!)

3. Sectional Reports:

- **Superintendents: Paul Anselmo, Dena Naccarato, Alica Holthaus**
 - Paul said Superintendents are seeing shortages in nearly every position in their districts, custodians, food service, bus drivers etc. Some people just don't want to work and it might spill into athletics as well. Dena echoed Paul's feelings and added her deep concern about the political climate we are experiencing. We need to get together and start treating each other with respect. If we don't we'll be in trouble.
 - Alica added her concern over people moving to our communities, some of who want to eliminate public education. That would mean the end of school sports if they were successful. We need to work together being proactive to meet these challenges.
- **Principals: Trent Derrick, Curt-Randall Bayer, Jen Hall**
 - Trent agrees with the superintendents that the political climate has resulted in school board changes in all our districts. It's creating a lot of angst.
 - Curt worries that our mental health and that of the kids and our staffs is something we all need to be very mindful and concerned about.
 - Curt shared a strategy they are planning to use regarding educating students and parents on sportsmanship expectations. They will hold a controlled scrimmage in boy's basketball, setting up situations like questionable calls and then modeling acceptable responses. He also indicated Kellogg will not be petitioning up to 3A, which will have scheduling implications.
- **Girls Athletics – Keri Carter**
 - Keri relayed that due to a shortage of bus drivers, teams are being transported sometimes hours prior to competition time so the drivers can get back to run their routes. It may cause some supervision issues at the game sites and additional loss of class time.
- **Music – Joel Sandford:**
 - Joel indicates they are trying to get back to normal after all the cancellations last year.
 - NIC will host the district large group festival March 16, 17 and 22nd.
 - Solo and Ensemble Festival regional competition will be March 12th. with the hope that there will be a state competition.

- All State and Music Educators Conference will be held in Nampa Feb. 2-5. They are working on transportation logistics as they are expecting a large number of participants.
- **Athletic Directors – Todd Gilkey**
 - Todd congratulated Sandpoint for being in the 4A football semifinals.
 - Girls basketball games begin Friday; Boys basketball practices start Friday as well. Wrestling practices begin next Wednesday.
- **IHSAA Report – Paul Anselmo**
 - Paul is aware that there is some interest in the IHSAA including middle schools in the association but that is would be a long process.
 - 21 classification appeals were heard at the last meeting. It was a very unpleasant experience. At least one school is appealing the Board’s decision.
 - Curt indicated he will canvass the 3A-2A schools to gauge their feelings about following the 4A-5A change to fall golf or staying with spring golf.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Dena Naccarato moved, Todd Gilkey seconded a motion to enter executive session at 12:50 pm. **Motion Approved**
- Royce Johnson moved, Keri Carter seconded a motion to exit executive session at 12:55 pm. **Motion Approved**

ACTION AGENDA

1. **Fall Commissioner Reviews:**
Following discussion, a motion was made by Royce Johnson, seconded by Trent Derrick to renew the terms of Football Commissioner Roger Stewart, Soccer Commissioner Tony Norris and Volleyball Commissioner Rayna Longstreet for 2022-23. **Motion approved**
2. **Lakeland Volleyball Set Limit Violation:**
Following discussion, a motion was made by Keri Carter, seconded by Alica Holthaus, to assess Lakeland HS a \$200.00 fine with \$1000.00 rescinded for self-reporting the violation. **Motion approved**
3. **Coeur d’Alene HS Swimming, Football Eligibility, and Sportsmanship Clarification:**
Following discussion, a motion was made by Royce Johnson, seconded by Todd Gilkey, directing President Bayer to draft a letter to the CHS administration, asking for further information / explanation regarding these issues. **Motion approved**
4. **District I Board of Control Vice President Position:**
Following discussion, a motion was made by Paul Anselmo, seconded by Jen Hall to appoint Dena Naccarato to the Vice President position. **Motion Approved**

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 11th 2022, 11:00 AM at Post Falls High School.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Schwenke, District I IHSAA Board Secretary