

DISTRICT 1 IHSAA ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

November 8th, 2022

Post Falls High School, Post Falls, Idaho

President Todd Gilkey called the meeting of the District 1 Board of Control to order at 11:00 am.

Members Present: Jan Bayer, Dena Naccarato, Jimmy Hoffman, Ryne Eberlin, Royce Johnson, Keri Carter, Todd Gilkey, Brian Carlson, Sharon Meador, Josh Behrens, Rayna Longstreet, Tony Norris, Ryan Wood, Ted Yurek, and Larry Schwenke

Members Absent: Alica Holthaus, Jen Hall, Kelly Reed, Joel Sandford, Shelly Sobek and Roger Stewart

Visitors: Benjamin Allen-NIOA

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion to approve the September 13th, 2022 minutes was made by Keri Carter, seconded by Dena Naccarato. **Motion approved.**
2. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Dena Naccarato, seconded by Jan Bayer. **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 2022-23**
 - Dick Fleishman – Tim Cronnelly. Timberlake High School (Retired)
 - Wes Lowe – Joe Partington (LCHS)
 - Duane D. Wolf – Salvation Army KROC Center
6. **Recent Co-ops 2022-2024**
 - Kellogg – Wallace, JV Baseball (Combined)
 - Kellogg – Wallace, Cross Country (Collective)
 - CDA – Lakeside, G. Soccer (Collective)
 - Kellogg – Wallace, Swimming (Collective)
7. **Ejections Report**
 - The Board reviewed the fall sport ejections that occurred in football (5) and boys soccer (4).
8. **Sportsmanship Discussion**

- President Gilkey distributed the IHSAA Sportsmanship Rules that are mandated at IHSAA state events. He asked what the various districts and leagues have adopted as their guidelines.
 - Some of the IHSAA's rules are also National Federation rules so all schools need to comply with them.
 - Board members agreed to follow up on this topic and look forward to having Kris Knowles attend a meeting to share input from the state sportsmanship committee.
9. BOC / NIOA Negotiations Update
- This is the final year of the current 2-year agreement. Ben Allen (NIOA) and Royce Johnson (BOC) indicated they will begin setting the groundwork for negotiating the next agreement.
 - The issue of a possible IHSAA state salary schedule was discussed and our representative Dena Naccarato will check on any movement in that direction by the IHSAA.

REPORT AGENDA

1. Commissioner Reports:

- **Volleyball- Rayna Longstreet**
 - Rayna felt that other than the issues with Dragonfly, the season went well. There were no ejections and two of her officials were selected to work state tournaments.
- **Football – Roger Stewart (via e-mail)**
 - Semi-Finals are this week. We have a crew at Mountain View vs. Meridian on Friday, and another in Lewiston on Saturday for the Kendrick vs. Castleford game.
 - We have no fines this year for coach rankings of officials, as all turned in the ballots. That being said...I heard from several coaches that they don't feel like they can properly rank the football officials, as they only see a handful during the season.
 - We were only able to fill 72% of the games with a full set of officials. Only 26 officials qualified for the postseason ballots. This is extremely critical; however, the seven apprentice officials showed a lot of promise, with five of them working varsity games late in the season out of necessity. I believe the fall sports commissioners should be brought into the scheduling process earlier in the Spring to avoid some of the stress we saw this year.
 - In my humble opinion, Dragonfly worked very well for the first season. We will be having a debriefing with the fall sports commissioners in a few weeks to iron out a few bugs moving forward. Rayna probably has the best insight on this since she has now gone through the first season, and is now working on the basketball scheduling.
 - At the next meeting in January, I will be presenting a sportsmanship model that is now being used in several states. It is called "One Voice". Basically, only the head coach is allowed any leeway in questioning calls with the officials. If any of the assistant coaches or other staff members argue a call, that coach is assessed an unsportsmanlike foul or technical foul. A second occurrence would cause an ejection of that coach, and create a first unsportsmanlike foul against the head coach. Oregon is one state using this policy. My sources say it has shown very positive results. The head coaches have a much tighter reign on their assistants. My own observation this season is that the overwhelming majority of sportsmanship issues on the football sidelines were with assistant coaches. The head coaches are, by and large, very professional in District 1. We only had one issue with a head coach and that was taken care of immediately by the AD's
- **Soccer – Tony Norris**
 - The season just ended and it went well but agreed with Rayna that Dragonfly needs to be improved.
 - He indicated the thing that helped him with low official numbers was limiting the number of games in any one day to 7.
 - Tony expressed his feelings regarding the end of season coach's ballot. He feels it is a waste of time and would rather see a different system. He'd like to know how officials acted with the kids, coaches and fans, their timeliness, professionalism etc. and allow him to rate their ability. Board members and commissioners weighed in on this issue and most believe it could be improved. Much discussion ensued. Royce reminded everyone that the system was

negotiated with the NIOA and will need to stay in place for the rest of this year. Ben Allen, NIOA President, indicated the officials want to keep their system of rating and feel it is very accurate. Any change would need to come from the BOC. He believes the commissioners have a great deal to contribute and should be given more power. Most commissioners agree with Ben and Tony. Ryne suggested we use a short generic feedback system and will do some research. Todd will send out a survey to the ADs. Superintendent and Principal reps will also look into the issue. We will revisit the topic at our January meeting.

- **Ryan Wood – Wrestling**
 - Ryan indicated he is fine with the current ballot system. He believes in transparency and the coaches all vote and the officials all vote and it works for wrestling.
 - He has 12 guys and feels everything is in good shape. He has some concerns about Dragonfly and will need to get some direction from Mindy at the IHSAA.
- **Rayna Longstreet / Bill Bopp – Basketball**
 - Rayna indicated there are low numbers signed up (52) and it should be 65 to be comfortable. There is still time and she urges everyone to help her recruit officials.
 - She asked input from the board on how to deal with 4 “heavy “ dates where she does not have enough officials to cover the games. For example, there are 27 games scheduled on Dec. 10th.
 - Suggestions included 1st cancelling lower level games, using 2-man mechanics, using the same 3 man crews to do doubleheaders (which was a selling point for going from 2-man to 3-man) and asking ADs to make changes to avoid cancellations.
 - Jimmy Hoffman believes schools do a poor job of recruiting new officials. In that light, Royce Johnson has connections to billboard companies and they are obligated to do PSA’s. He will contact them regarding IHSAA PSA’s for recruiting officials.
 - Rayna feels ADs will be flexible. Todd pointed out there will be many changes due to a variety of issue including the shortage of bus drivers.
- **Ted Yurek – Softball**
 - Its offseason so he’s recruiting. He hasn’t lost anyone and believes he’s found three solid prospects. They will begin training in January.
 - Ted indicated it would help if JV games could be scheduled on different days. Earlier games on Saturday would help as well.
- **Baseball – Josh Behrens**
 - Josh has one official retiring and 2 others have full college schedules. He has recruited 3 new officials so is keeping it balanced.
 - The evaluation committee will be meeting soon to set up training opportunities.
- **Swimming – Shelly Sobek (via e-mail)**

Districts Swim meet was held at U of I, Moscow. We used gate fees to cover pool rental costs, and then the teams will split the remaining cost based on the number of athletes that participated from their team. These fees have not yet been communicated to teams from Moscow high school (main host). Spectators were allowed without any restrictions and it made for an incredible event! District 1 and 2 are well represented at the state meet in both 4A and 5A divisions!

District Team Champion Results:

- 4A Women: Sandpoint
- 4A Men: Lakeland
- 5A Women: Lake City
- 5A Men: Coeur d'Alene

Thank you to our amazing officials that made the meet possible. We are fortunate to have so many wonderful people that volunteer to support our swimmers.

State Meet Wrap-up

- Meet ran smoothly and we enjoyed finally having spectators after 2 years of no spectators!
- Boise YMCA has one more year on their contract with IHSAA, after that bidding for the state meet will be open. The KROC could bid, but has very limited seating for spectators that would be an issue. U of I could bid, but they have a lack of hotels to support the event if there are any other U of I events going on at the same time. I don't know if they would consider or not, but Boise will have a new pool built by 2023, so there may be competition in Boise for the venue location.

- Lake City Women won the 5A title this year, and Lake City Boys won the Academic award (GPA 3.790)
- CHS Women placed 4th in 5A.
- Lake City boys took 2nd place in 5A, CHS boys took 5th
- Sandpoint Women took 3rd place in 4A
- Sandpoint Men took 5th in 4A division, Lakeland Men took 8th

Sobek will be following up with Julie Hammons (IHSAA Rep for Swimming) about the selection process for officials. In swimming there are 4-5 officials per meet that have the ability to overturn a protested disqualification, after that, there are many other officials on deck, but they do not have this ability. At the state meet, all of the top ranking officials with the ability to hear appeals, were all from District III, even though there were many officials from District I and II that have enough training to be in those positions. I would like to see equal representation of high ranking officials from each district if they are available. Julie knows I will be contacting her in the next few weeks to rectify this for next year. It was our first year using dragonfly/having officials certified by the IHSAA instead of USA Swimming, so it was all a new process. Other than that, the meet was well run.

3. Sectional Reports:

- **Superintendents: Dena Naccarato, Jan Bayer, Alica Holthaus**
 - Dena indicated everyone is concerned about passing their fundamental levies in March considering how student activities are tied to those funds. It's full court press time. There are many questions with regards to the 330 million that is coming to public education and issues with the current political climate.
 - Jan also shared her concern for the levy as 100% of athletic funds are dependent on it's passing.
- **Principals: Jimmy Hoffman, Ryne Eberlin, Jen Hall**
 - Ryne indicated much of the upcoming Region I Principals and ADs meeting will deal with the same issues the Superintendents reported.
 - Jimmy noted the IEL will meet soon and he will relay the concerns regarding sportsmanship as well as the coach's ballot issue.
- **Athletic Directors – Todd Gilkey**
 - Todd thanked the commissioners for all they have done in light of the difficulties with Dragonfly. He also commented that the winter season is underway.
- **Middle Level – Brian Carlson**
 - The middle schools are now in wrestling season. He was met with some angry parents over admission to the matches and had to remind them that all the schools charge admission. Both Brian and Keri related issues the schools are having with bussing.
 - The ADs will meet Thursday to set up the basketball schedules.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Royce Johnson moved, Sharon Meador seconded a motion to enter executive session at 12:20 pm. **Motion Approved**
- Royce Johnson moved, Keri Carter seconded a motion to exit executive session at 12:25 pm. **Motion Approved**

ACTION AGENDA

1. **Fall Commissioner Reviews:**

Following discussion, Keri Carter moved, Dena Naccarato seconded a motion to renew the terms of Football Commissioner Roger Stewart, Soccer Commissioner Tony Norris and Volleyball Commissioner Rayna Longstreet for 2023-24. **Motion approved**

ADJOURNMENT

- Royce Johnson moved, Dena Naccarato seconded a motion to adjourn. **Motion Approved**
- Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 10th 2023, 11:00 AM at Post Falls High School.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Schwenke, District I IHSAA Board Secretary