

DISTRICT I IHSAA ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

September 13, 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: Dena Naccarato, Jan Bayer, Alica Holthaus, Curt-Randall Bayer, Jen Hall, Ryne Eberlin, Jimmy Hoffman, Todd Gilkey, Kelly Reed, Keri Carter, Royce Johnson, Brian Carlson, Sharon Meador Josh Behrens, Tony Norris, Roger Stewart, Ryan Wood, and Larry Schwenke.

Members Absent: Rayna Longstreet, John Posnick, Ted Yurek, Joel Sandford and Michelle Sobek.

Welcome to our new Board members:

3A Superintendents – **Jan Bayer** (Boundary County School District)

4A/5A Principals – **Jimmy Hoffman** (Lakeland HS)

3A Principals – **Ryne Eberlin** (Timberlake HS)

NEW BUSINESS: Selection of District I IHSAA Board of Control President and Vice President for 2022-23.

- Curt-Randall Bayer stepped down as District I President due to his move to Kellogg MS. Trent Derrick's move from Lakeland HS opened the Vice President's position.
- The Board commended Curt for the outstanding service he has given as a board member and President over the last 16 years!
- The Board selected Todd Gilkey as President and Ryne Eberlin as Vice President. (See Action Agenda)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion to approve the May 3rd, 2021 minutes was made by Dena Naccarato, seconded by Alica Holthaus. **Motion approved.**
2. A motion to approve the treasure's report was made by Keri Carter, seconded by Royce Johnson. **Motion approved.**
3. District I Dues and Fees are to be paid by October 1.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. **Luncheon Sponsor: Allegra. Marketing. Print. Mail** -The Board thanked **Roger Stewart** for this gesture.
2. **Web Site FYI**
 - See www.lstdistrictactivities.org
 - Visit the site to view/download important District I Board of Control information.
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 Meeting Review:**
 - Curt-Randall Bayer and Larry Schwenke reviewed IHSAA 2022-23 rules changes and points of emphasis discussed at the meeting held in Boise September 12th. Among those include the following:
 - Sportsmanship, Schools of Excellence and the Student Advisory Committee.
 - Cash option as well as Go Fan ticketing at state events.
 - The IHSAA is looking at \$100,000 and more in revenue coming from the Pixelot program.
 - There are supply chain issues with basketball shot clocks. They are not mandated but will be used at state tournaments in 2023-24.
 - Wrestling will be a 3-day tournament.
 - IHSAA insurance for officials will cover middle school contests.
 - Fall golf 2-year trail pluses and minuses.

- There is some interest in the IHSAA implementing a state pay schedule for officials.
 - Some schools including colleges are offering officiating classes as a means to help ease the shortage of officials.
 - Dragonfly implementation issues- pros are out-weighting the cons with hope for improvement as time goes on.
5. **FYI Board Member Renewals Slated For 2023-2024:** (Each group determines it's representative.)
 - 3A Superintendent's Representative
 - 1A/2A Principal's Representative
 - Middle Level ADs, Boy's Athletic Coaches, Girl's Athletic Coaches and Athletic Director's Representatives
 - Secretary/Treasurer
 6. **Winter/Spring Sport Schedules:**
 - AD's are reminded that **October 1st** is the deadline to get their schedules to the winter commissioners. **They should upload their home contests into Dragonfly.**
 - **February 1** is the deadline for spring schedules (Ted Yurek- Softball and Josh Behrens-Baseball)
 7. **NIOA / BOC Mid-Term Agreement:**
 - The NIOA and BOC agreed this summer to increase travel pay for 22-23 due to increase fuel costs.
 - The current contract expires at the end of this school year. Negotiations for the new contract will begin in the spring.
 8. **IHSAA Hall of Fame Nominations:**
 - Nominations are due to the IHSAA office by November 30.
 - Nominations may come from district boards, member schools or other entities within the educational community.
 - District I has 3 current nominees: **Dave Fealko. Bob Ranells and Dave Rounds**
 9. **Dragonfly:**
 - Fall commissioners reported the frustration and problems they have experienced with the rollout of Dragonfly. While it has been an exhaustive ordeal, they are encouraged with responses from Dragonfly support and especially Mindy Powers' help at the IHSAA.
 - **The commissioners are now asking ADs to load their home winter and spring contests into Dragonfly.** This is a change that will be of help to all the commissioners in the future.
 - President Gilkey will contact the ADs to alert them to this new process.
 10. **Basketball Commissioner Opening:**
 - With regret, John Posnick has resigned as District I's Basketball Commissioner position for 2022-23.
 - **Due to the urgency, Dragonfly concerns and BOC meeting schedules, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Rayna Longstreet and Bill Bopp as basketball co-commissioners on an interim basis.** (See action agenda)
 - Rayna and Bill filled in for commissioner Posnick during his illness last year.
 11. **IHSAA September Board of Director's Meeting:**
 - The Board rotates the September meeting to Districts around the State.
 - District I will host this year on Sept. 27th at 8am at the Student Union Building @ NIC.
 - All ADs and others from north Idaho are invited to attend this IHSAA board meeting. All others during the year are held in Boise.
 12. **New District I Member Schools:**
 - North Idaho Stem Charter has become a full IHSAA Member and will compete in music competitions.
 - Coeur Du Christ has become an IHSAA Associate Member and will compete in volleyball and basketball but will not be eligible for district or state competitions.

REPORT AGENDA

1. Commissioner Reports:

- **Volleyball – Rayna Longstreet: (via email)**

- Rayna has 24 returning officials.
 - 7 of the returning officials split time officiating in Idaho, Washington & college games.
 - 2 officials have returned after a hiatus.
 - Schools worked to adjust some of their matches off Tuesday/Thursdays and spread matches throughout the week- that alone has alleviated some of the shortages new have been experiencing. An outlying school agreed to move start times to 5:30, which has allowed more officials.
 - Dragonfly... What can I say? This program was launched to us before it was ready to go. I'm sure Roger and Tony can elaborate on the issues we've faced. In a nutshell, I've spent countless hours working around all the options that this program doesn't offer & training officials how to navigate the new system. In addition to all the regular commissioner duties including training 4 new ADs. I feel the fall commissioners need additional compensation for piloting this program; the amount of work we had to do this August was WAY more than what our salary provides for.
- **Football – Roger Stewart:**
 - Roger indicated that Dragonfly is set up differently in other states so it was a learning curve for them as well. He is not a fan of Arbiter but we were familiar with it. For him things are going more smoothly now and he's enjoying many of Dragonfly features.
 - For football, recruiting went well with 8 new officials. Unfortunately they had zero experience! His senior officials like Paul Manzardo, Steve Hudson and others have provided priceless mentoring.
 - Bad news is he is losing some due to injuries, family situations and now Junior Tackle. Refs can make more money doing two or more shorter Jr. Tackle games than a high school game.
- **Soccer – Tony Norris:**
 - Tony has experienced many of the same issues with Dragonfly. He realizes there is a learning curve with new systems and thinks it will be ok in the end. He appreciates how responsive they have been to his questions.
 - Some schools have had problems with getting money into Dragonfly's officials pay system but as Todd pointed out, once you get the system down it becomes very easy.
 - He started this year with 25 officials, down 5 or 6 from last year. They ended with 21 so that's a plus. We are entering smoke season and have had to cancel and make up some contests.
 - Tony feels soccer is about to explode with the USA hosting the World Cup in 4 years.
 - He believes the 1A/2A schools need their own division. They simply can't compete with the 3As and it's leading to lopsided scores. A member school would have to make the request to the IHAA.
- **Wrestling – Ryan Wood**
 - Ryan is recruiting hard and has everyone back from last year. They are ready to rock and roll
 - Ryan indicated he will be retiring as an official and commissioner following this year to enjoy his 8 and 10 year old. He will help out by identifying possible replacements and will to get them familiar with Dragonfly.
- **Swimming – Shelly Sobek**
 - The 1st meet will include all District I and II teams at U of I.
 - We are initiating gate fees this year.
 - The officials now will be certified by the IHSAA. They will waive fees for 1st and 2nd year officials.
 - Officials are still volunteering this year but once fees occur it's going to get expensive (4-12 officials used depending on the size of the meet).
 - Pending AD approval, we may move the start time of the district meet 90 minutes later to accommodate officials working an event at WSU.
- **Baseball – Josh Behrens**
 - John has been recruiting and has three prospective umps he hopes pan out.
 - He is glad to hear there is interest in sanctioning the baseball state tournament and hopes a school requests the IHSAA consider it.
 - Larry Schwenke noted that it was awesome to be at the IHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet and see Josh presented the IHSAA Official of the Year award.

- **Superintendents – Dena Naccarato, Alica Holthaus and Jan Bayer**
 - Dena noted that all is well. Staffing issues have eased. It feels like things are starting to get back to normal. Heading in the right direction.
- **Athletic Directors – Todd Gilkey**
 - Todd commented on the many cancellations due to smoke. He praised our commissioners for working through the Dragonfly issues and for their work with schools.
- **State IHSAA Board – Dena Naccarato**
 - The September IHSAA meeting rotates around the state and as was pointed out, it will be in Coeur d’Alene on the 27th.
 - She believes the IHSAA Board will work to improve the transfer rules.
- **Spirit Advisors – Sharon Meador**
 - All cheer and dance competitions have been scheduled and all coaches have met state qualifications.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A motion to enter executive session at 12:35 pm was made by Keri Carter, seconded by Royce Johnson. **Motion Approved**
- A motion to leave executive session at 12:40 pm was made by Keri Carter, seconded by Kelly Reed. **Motion Approved**

ACTION AGENDA

1. **District I BOC President Nomination/Approval:**
Following discussion, a motion to nominate and approve Todd Gilkey was made by Dena Naccarato, seconded by Ryne Eberlin. **Motion Approved**
2. **District I BOC Vice – President Nomination/Approval:**
Following discussion, a motion to nominate and approve Ryne Eberlin was made by Dena Naccarato, seconded by Brian Carlson. **Motion Approved**
3. **Approval of Spring Commissioners for 2022-23:**
Following discussion, a motion to approve baseball commissioner Josh Behrens and softball commissioner Ted Yurek was made by Keri Carter, seconded by Royce Johnson. **Motion Approved**
4. **Coeur d’Alene HS Rule 8-1 Academic Eligibility Violation:**
Following discussion, a motion was made by Alica Holthaus, seconded by Brian Carlson to assess a \$500.00 fine with \$250.00 rescinded for self-reporting an ineligible volleyball player. **Motion Approved** (1 abstention)
5. **Basketball Commissioner Opening:**
Following discussion, a motion to appoint Rayna Longstreet and Bill Bopp as 2023-24 basketball co-commissioners on an interim basis was made by Keri Carter, seconded by Royce Johnson. **Motion Approved**

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn at 12:45 pm was made by Royce Johnson, seconded by Keri Carter. **Motion Approved.**
- Next meeting will be November 8th, 2022, 11:00 am at Post Falls High School.
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Larry Schwenke, District I IHSAA Board Secretary.