

DISTRICT I IHSAA ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

January 10, 2023 11:00 AM

Post Falls High School

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

Members Present: Dena Naccarato, Alica Holthaus, Jan Bayer, Jimmy Hoffman, Ryne Eberlin, Jen Hall, Todd Gilkey, Royce Johnson, Keri Carter, Kelly Reed, Brian Carlson, Sharon Meador, **Commissioners:** Roger Stewart, Ted Yurek, Ryan Wood, and **Secretary** Larry Schwenke.

Members Absent: Joel Sandford, **Commissioners:** Josh Behrens, Tony Norris, Rayna Longstreet. Michelle Sobek.

Visitors: Mike Mclean, Post Falls HS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the November 9th, 2022 meeting. Motion to approve by Dena Naccarato, second by Brian Carlson. **Motion approved**
2. Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve by Keri Carter, second by Royce Johnson. **Motion approved**

DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. **Board Luncheon Sponsor: The Murray Group**
 - The District I IHSAA Board of Control thanks CEO Chad Murray for this gesture!
2. **FYI Web Site:** www.1stdistrictactivities.org
3. **Spring District Tournament Site and Date Information:**
 - AD's were very helpful in providing the Secretary the winter District I-II tournament information. ADs please forward spring tournament information as soon as it is scheduled.
 - **Reminder to ADs that Spring Schedules are due to the commissioners by Feb. 1st 2023. Please enter softball and baseball home contests in Dragonfly. Thanks for your help!**
4. **IHSAA Nominations Due in March:**
 - Board members were asked to consider nominations for the following awards due in March. Input from school personnel is welcomed!
 - Distinguished Service Award
 - Spirit of Sport Award
 - Official of the Year
5. **Dragonfly Discussion:**
 - Principal Jimmy Hoffman brought forward concerns on the part of ADs in terms of the added time it takes them to input schedules into Dragonfly. Discussion of the issue by members and commissioners included the following points:
 - Fall commissioners entered the schedules but District I ADs were asked to input winter home games due to the late resignation of basketball commissioner John Posnick.
 - We believe at this time, District I and District IV are the only ones asking ADs to input the schedules. It definitely adds more to their plates however for continuity, the consensus was for the ADs to enter their home spring schedules (softball and baseball). The members and commissioners will re-evaluate this process at the March meeting.
 - Members and commissioners believe the BOC should begin investigating means of increasing commissioner salaries.
 - Secretary Schwenke will compile commissioner salaries paid by the other Districts for comparison at the March meeting.

6. Washington Wrestling Tournament Issue:

- President Gilkey shared a letter from NIOA President Ben Allen outlining a player v. official incident following a match during a tournament at U-Hi.
- Our commissioner and the NIOA believe that jurisdiction for punishment lies in the hands of the Washington association.

7. BOC / NIOA Negotiations Update:

- BOC chief negotiator, Royce Johnson, indicated he would be contacting the NIOA team to set up a meeting schedule for the March-April timeline.
 - Todd Gilkey agreed to participate with one other member to be selected. Large and small schools should have representation on the team.
 - A concerning factor is that the IHSAA is exploring the idea of adopting a statewide salary schedule which is on the discussion agenda for the next IHSAA meeting.
 - Roger Stewart shared that we are the only state currently using Dragonfly that does not have a statewide schedule. This was a hurdle for Dragonfly to overcome as each of Idaho's six districts has a different pay and mileage schedule.

8. Appeal Process Concerns – Mike Mclean, Post Falls HS

- Mike addressed the BOC in regards to the process the board uses to rule on appeals. He felt it was not clearly spelled out in the BOC constitution and offered to be of help in improving the procedure.
- Members shared the current method of gathering information, submitting it to members for vote and, in the case of denial, pointing to the IHSAA Board as the next appeal body. Time is often a limiting factor and sometimes requires electronic communication rather than an appeal in person at a regular meeting.
- Secretary Schwenke offered to canvas the other Districts as to their appeals process.

REPORT AGENDA

1. Commissioner/Interpreter Reports:

• Football – Roger Stewart

- Roger shared information concerning Oregon's adoption of the "One Voice" policy that has been successful in curbing bench and sideline behavior from coaches and administrators. It is patterned after NFHS Rule 9-8-1 that covers noncontact unsportsmanlike conduct by nonplayers.
- Roger asked that District I advance the proposal to the IHSAA as a possible rule adoption.
- Members and commissioners discussed pros and cons. Dena Naccarato will share the proposal with other IHAAA board members at the next meeting.
- Our BOC is very proud of Roger, as he is a finalist for the Director of Officials position for the Big Sky Conference!

• Volleyball – Rayna Longstreet (via email)

- Dragonfly continues to be a work in progress. As promised, there are more user friendly assigning features available now, i.e. being able to use a mobile device to view the schedule and make changes. Auto-assign is available but last I checked it was useless to me as it assigned crews alphabetically (not by level). No area to enter "game notes" for officials so I have to enter them under "location notes" which sends an alert email to myself, officials and the AD, which is unnecessary. ADs are receiving multiple emails regarding official's travel plans – which I am sure is annoying.
- Magnitude of games along with low number of officials has been time consuming and stressful to schedule. Officials and all schools have been working hard with each other to get games assigned. Most schools have repeatedly expressed their gratitude and have been communicating clearly/timely all season long.
- Time and money consideration for commissioners-We assign 16 District I IHSAA member schools and 3-4 IHSAA Associate member schools which results in 700 + contests in the regular season (NOT including postseason games).
- The Associate member schools have scheduled 82 games and only 4 of those are contests with member schools. Commissioners must communicate with those ADs who are often not familiar with how our systems of expectations work.
- Bill and I estimate we spend at least 15 to 20 hours a week with scheduling officials, adding/changing games, communicating with ADs/officials, training officials, etc. All of this is part of the commissioner's duties yet there has been no adjustment of the commissioner's salary since 2018. The commissioner salary- for all sports- is overdue for an increase.

- **Volleyball – Rayna Longstreet**
 - While volleyball is idle, Rayna reiterated her request for a salary increase for all commissioners.
- **Wrestling – Ryan Wood**
 - Ryan indicated that all is well with wrestling other than some issues with Dragonfly.
 - Wrestling official Greg See has been working closely with Ryan and is a candidate to replace him next year.
- **Softball – Ted Yurek**
 - Ted indicated they are conducting a media blitz for new officials – 4 so far including Tony Norris our Soccer commissioner.
 - There will be a training session at Lakeland on the 28th of January and the state rules meeting will be Feb. 8th at CDA HS.
- **Baseball – Josh Behrens**
 - Josh and the Eval. Committee members have been in contact regarding training dates and topics.
 - He just received the name of another potential official, bringing that number to six.

2. Sectional Reports:

- **Principal’s Report – (Jimmy Hoffman, Ryne Eberlin, Jen Hall)**
 - The Principals all expressed concern for accreditation and other issues surrounding NIC.
- **AD Representative – (Todd Gilkey)**
 - Todd indicated winter district tournaments are coming up soon.
- **IHSAA – (Dena Naccarato)**
 - Dena will attend the IHSAA January meeting. She will share the BOC’s concern for the issues of geographical, economic and school classification differences in Idaho’s districts concerning discussions of the IHSAA possibly adopting a statewide official’s salary.
 - Adding the javelin throw in track and field is also a discussion agenda item.

ACTION AGENDA

1. **Post Falls Academic Eligibility Violation Self-Report (Wrestler):**

Following discussion, a motion was made by Jen Hall, seconded by Alica Holthaus, to assess a fine of \$500 with \$250 rescinded for self-reporting the violation. **Motion Approved**

ADJOURNMENT

Royce Johnson moved, Sharon Meador seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 pm.

Motion Approved

The next meeting is scheduled for 11am March 7th, 2023 at Post Falls HS.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Schwenke, District I IHSAA Board Secretary