

# DISTRICT I IHSAA ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

March 7, 2023 -11:00AM

Post Falls High School, Post Falls Idaho

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

**Members Present:** Alica Holthaus, Dena Naccarato, Jan Bayer, Jimmy Hoffman, Ryne Eberlin, Jen Hall, Keri Carter, Todd Gilkey, Royce Johnson, Tony Norris, Rayna Longstreet, Ryan Wood, Josh Behrens, and Larry Schwenke.

**Members Absent:** Kelly Reed, Brian Carlson, Joel Sandford, Michelle Sobek, Roger Stewart, Sharon Meador and Ted Yurek.

**Visitors:** Brandon Bubar, NIOA

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. The minutes of the January 10th, 2023 meeting. Motion to approve by Dena Naccarato, second by Jan Bayer. **Motion approved.**
2. The Treasurer's report. Motion to approve by Dena Naccarato, second by Alica Holthaus. **Motion approved.**

### DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. **Luncheon Sponsor:**
  - The Board recognized and thanked **Justin Kane – North Idaho Physical Therapy and BPI Institute** for sponsoring the March Board luncheon.
2. **Web Site: FYI** [www.1stdistrictactivities.org](http://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, Music Educator of the Year and Spirit of Sport Award are due to the IHSAA in May.
5. **2023-24 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 District I schools and the IHSAA for the 2023-24 manual and website
6. **BOC-NIOA Negotiations Update:**
  - Todd and Royce reported that the first meeting will be held March 9<sup>th</sup>, CDA HS at 4:00 pm.
  - Kelly Reed will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> member of our team.
7. **JV Softball Run Rule Request Update:**
  - A 5 run limit per inning will help insure more players will have a turn at bat within the 1.5 hour time limit
  - Josh Behrens indicated sub varsity baseball would incorporate a similar process with a 10 run rule after 5 innings and 15 after 4.
8. **Commissioner Salary Study Information:**
  - Members received copies of commissioner salaries from the five other IHSAA Districts for comparison purposes.
  - The general consensus indicated a need to increase salaries considering factors such as inflation, experience, increased workload due to Dragonfly, shortage of officials and the increasing number of schools and teams in District I.
  - Rayna Longstreet, Keri Carter, Ryne Eberlin and Jimmy Hoffman volunteered to create proposals for increased compensation and methods of procuring the necessary funds.

## 9. Appeals Process Study:

- Members received copies of the appeals process being used by the other five IHSAA District Boards of Control for comparison purposes.
- We currently do not have a written policy covering our current process. Our negotiation team will present a written policy for the NIOA at the negotiation sessions.

## REPORT AGENDA

### 1. Commissioner Reports:

- **Football- (Roger Stewart)**
  - We are very busy recruiting and starting to send out training materials. There are several new rules for 2023-24 that will change the game a little.
- **Basketball- (Rayna Longstreet and Bill Bopp)**
  - Thank you for letting Bill and I fulfill the commissioner duties for basketball this year. It was a challenging & stressful season but satisfying to be a part of the basketball group.
  - Overall I feel like we had a good working relationship with ADs/Administrators of schools. Communication for the most part was open and worked well together.
  - Started season with 62 officials 10 apprentices and 5 returned from previous year year.
  - Ended season with 52- lost 10 to coaching, lack of availability & injury.
  - Assigned 730+ games for 109 teams.
  - Bill and I worked very hard to assign officials appropriately based on the level of the game and the official's ability. Overall we think we were successful and had positive feedback from the officials on crew and game assignments.
  - We need more officials-need around 65-70 officials to satisfy the basketball schedule.so many of our officials worked double headers several times a week- either boys/girls varsity or jv/v games. The latter is great for training newer officials but we were barely able to use it in that capacity, most nights just getting games covered.
  - Social media ads need to be shared by schools/parents coaches, etc. I share but my messages go out to my age group... need younger recruits.
  - Several schools need a "revisit" from the BOC on what the appropriate time window is for paying officials. I had at least 50 email communications throughout the season regarding late payment of officials. Immaculate Conception was especially hard to work with. (See action Agenda)
  - Dragonfly ...continued work in progress. New items rolled out game counts and repeat assignments will be helpful for next season.
  - Board Comments: Both Jimmy Hoffman and Ryne Eberlin expressed interest in receiving feedback from officials concerning fan/student body behavior issues or general comments about their schools. Perhaps the commissioner could forward a form/document to the officials. Ryne will work on developing example forms.
- **Wrestling – (Ryan Wood)**
  - We did it! Really good season!
  - For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row we had zero 4-3 ejections. Dragonfly was OK and the ADs were great to work with.
  - Five of our officials worked the state tournament. Although retiring from officiating and the commissioner position, Ryan has agreed to help Ty Jones with rule interpretations and referee evaluations at the state wrestling tournament next year.
  - Ryan expressed his gratitude for the outpouring of well wishes on his retirement. Additionally he and others will be inducted into the State Wrestling Hall of Fame at a ceremony on June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Baseball – (Josh Behrens)**
  - Josh is ready for the season – weather could be a problem! He has 17 officials which means he will have to work with ADs to adjust schedules on a few problem dates.
  - He is still actively recruiting new officials. For example he has asked coaches to contact and encourage former players to become involved in officiating.
  - He indicated the prospect of the IHSAA sponsoring the baseball state tournament was a topic at the commissioner's meeting in Boise. The addition of girls wrestling makes it a real possibility but a request must come from a member school. Todd Gilkey will make the formal request through St. Mari
- **Soccer (Tony Norris)**
  - Tony is encouraged that he has already received schedules from Lakeland HS and appreciates the attention some schools are giving to the aspect of sportsmanship when hiring coaches.

- **Swimming – (Michelle Sobek via email)**
  - No new info at this point for swimming. Waiting to see how the Levy vote goes in CDA before trying to get anything going, since sports is on the cut list (so they say) at this point if the levy fails. Praying for a positive levy outcome so we can start moving forward with the fall season!
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- 2 **Sectional Reports.**
- **Girl’s Athletics –**
  - Nothing, on that front to report however Keri shared some information on the middle level athletics:
    - ❖ Just finishing up winter sports. Very excited that they are reaching out to schedule schools like Clark Fork, Mullan, The Tribal and St. Maries and others. It’s great for the region.
    - ❖ Girl’s wrestling is gaining in popularity and Priest River is hosting an all-girl district-like Invitational which alleviates issues with girls having to compete with boys.
- **Athletic Directors – (Todd Gilkey)**
  - Todd congratulated local teams on their success at the state tournaments- brought back a lot of trophies!
  - He thanked Ryan “Woody” Wood for his outstanding performance as a wrestling official and as our commissioner. He will be missed as he was recognized across the state as one of the all time best!
  - He also thanked Rayna Longstreet and Bill Bopp for stepping in at the last moment to be acting basketball commissioners. “We’d have been up a creek without a paddle had you not volunteered!”
- **IHSAA Board of Directors – (Dena Naccarato)**
  - State Cheer Dance will be held on the same weekend as wrestling next year.
  - There is 3-day volleyball state tournament proposal. This would allow the tournament to be held at 1 gym, not double courts which are a problem for the Pixelot cameras. (Softball is also moving to a 3-day format.
  - Classification is up this year and apparently there is a large committee that will look at proposals.
  - The state officials salary topic is still on the discussion agenda with a survey going out to the districts.
  - The javelin throw in track is also remains on the agenda.
  - “One Voice” sportsmanship proposal was discussed. More information will be asked from the Oregon HS Association.

## **ACTION AGENDA**

1. **District 1 Distinguished Service Award:**  
Following discussion, a motion to nominate Tim Cronnelly as our 2023 District I DSA recipient was made by Jimmy Hoffman, seconded by Ryne Eberlin. **Motion Approved**
2. **Winter Sport Commissioner Vacancies**  
Following discussion, a motion to immediately open the basketball and wrestling commissioner positions for the 2023-24 school year, was made by Royce Johnson, seconded by Keri Carter. **Motion Approved (Interested parties may contact Secretary Schwenke for information @ [dist1ihsaa@gmail.com](mailto:dist1ihsaa@gmail.com) or 208-929-0296)**
3. **Mullan All Star Basketball Games:**  
Following discussion, a motion to approve the Mullan All Star Basketball games was made by Keri Carter, seconded by Royce Johnson, **Motion Approved**
4. **Wrestling Eligibility Violation Self-Report Post Falls HS:**  
Following discussion, a motion was made by Royce Johnson, seconded by Jimmy Hoffman, to assess a \$600 fine with \$300 rescinded for self-reporting the violation. **Motion Approved**
5. **Late Official Payments - Immaculate Conception Academy:**  
Following discussion, a motion was made by Todd Gilkey, seconded by Royce Johnson to place ICA on probation and to direct their personnel to work closely with Mindy at the IHSAA to solve any problems with Dragonfly payment procedures.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to adjourn @ 12:35 pm by Royce Johnson, seconded by Jen Hall. **Motion Approved**
- The next meeting will be May 2nd, 2023 11:00 a.m. at Post Falls High School.
- Respectfully submitted by Larry Schwenke, Secretary, District I Board of Control.