

DISTRICT 1 IHSAA ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2023 MEETING

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: Dena Naccarato, Jan Bayer, Jimmy Hoffman, Ryne Eberlin, Jen Hall, Todd Gilkey, Kelly Reed, Keri Carter, Royce Johnson, Sharon Meador, Brian Carlson, Shelly Sobek, Ryan Wood, Rayna Longstreet, Roger Stewart, Ted Yurek and Larry Schwenke.

Members Absent: Alica Holthaus, Tony Norris, Josh Behrens, and Joel Sandford.

Visitors: Greg See (2023-24 wrestling commissioner)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the March 7, 2023 Meeting – A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dena Naccarato, seconded by Brian Carlson. **Motion approved**
2. Treasurer's Report – A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Keri Carter, seconded by Royce Johnson. **Motion approved**

DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. **Luncheon Sponsors:**
 - The Board recognized and thanked our May meeting lunch sponsor: **Avondale Dental, Dr. Kory Wilson.**
2. **Web Site (FYI):** www.1stdistrictactivities.org
3. **Board Member Renewals for 2023-24:** Each group will determine it's representative.
 - 3A Superintendents Representative (3 year term)
 - 1A/2A Superintendents Representative (complete Alica Holthaus term)
 - 1A/2A Principal's Representative (3 year term)
 - Middle Level Representative (2year term)
 - Boys Coaches Representative (2 year Term)
 - Girls Coaches Representative (2 year term)
 - Secretary/Treasurer (3 year Term)
4. **Commissioner/Interpreter 2023-24 Rules Clinic Information:**
 - Thank you to our District I commissioners/interpreters for finalizing the 2023-2024 official/coach rules clinic dates and sites, This information will be sent to all schools, the IHSAA and will be posted on our website.
5. **2023-2024 Fall and Winter Schedules:**
 - ADs are being asked to get fall and winter Sport schedules to the commissioners ASAP. This will help give them time to enter schedules in Dragonfly and determine problem dates due to the critical shortage of officials.
 - Commissioners and Board members are asking ADs of all District I schools to meet together with commissioners to finalize schedules. There are dates with too many contests scheduled.

Commissioners will point out the problem dates and the ADs will need to make changes to avoid cancellations. The meeting should occur after the results of the local levies are known,

- **Reminder- Commissioners will enter the schedules in Dragonfly-not ADs.**
 - **All changes, additions or deletions to schedules must be communicated directly to the commissioners.**

6. BOC/NIOA Negotiations Update:

- Royce Johnson reported that the NIOA and BOC negotiating teams have met once and are scheduled to meet again May 17th.
- One item the NIOA is interested in is providing feedback regarding official's dressing rooms, accommodations etc.

7. State Sportsmanship Report- Kris Knowles:

- Kris spoke highly of the initiatives of the state Sportsmanship Committee and especially of the Student Advisory Council. Lake City hosted the District I Leadership Summit on April 20th. It is hoped that every school will send up to 4 student representatives to next year's summit. They are currently looking for a host school. More information can be found on the IHSAA's website under the student section. There are also many sportsmanship courses, videos etc. on the site: idhsaa.org
- Kris noted that the committee has recommended that administrators (not designees) attend away contests and at the committee's urging, the IHSAA now requires all walk-on coaches to take an on-line sportsmanship course.
- Skyline HS is surveying visiting students, parents and administration as to Skyline's sportsmanship. Perhaps schools in District I could adopt this idea.
- Kris also serves on the classification committee and provided information on the process currently occurring. 6 proposals were discussed and one gaining support would change the numbering system with 6A being the largest schools (now 5A) down to 1A (now 1A Div. II). Classification changes would take effect in 2024-25.

8. District I Board of Control Meeting Dates For 2023-24 (See action agenda)

9. Commissioner Salary Study:

- The members of the study group have postponed their work until the results of the levies are known.

10. Student Instructional Time- Dena Naccarato:

- Dena voiced her concern that some contests are being scheduled with seemingly little regard to loss of instructional time particularly in spring sports.
- ADs/conferences should make every effort to utilize longer daylight hours, Saturdays and other non-school days when scheduling.

11. 2023-24 BOC President

- President Gilkey will be retiring so his position will be open. We would like to have someone in place for the President/Secretary meeting at the IHSAA office in August. (See action agenda)

REPORT AGENDA

1. Commissioner Reports

- **Football- Roger Stewart:**
 - Roger is encouraged that so far he has 8 new recruits for the fall. Social media campaigns have helped.
 - He has notified ADs of problem dates that necessitate schedule changes. Thanks to Post Falls HS for moving a game but there are still issues other schools must deal with.
- **Volleyball- Basketball Rayna Longstreet:**
 - Rayna needs the volleyball schedules as soon as possible. Also, due to the vast number of games she and Bill have to enter, they would appreciate ADs also sending their basketball schedules as soon as they can.
 - VB State Rules Clinic will be held on Monday, August 7th, Time: 6:30 Coaches and Officials Location: Idaho Parks and Recreation North Region Service Center: 2885 W. Kathleen Ave., CDA ID 83815
- **Wrestling- Ryan Wood & Greg See:**
 - Greg indicated his excitement to become the wrestling commissioner following Ryan Wood's retirement.
 - One request he would like ADs to consider is to use 2 officials on league duals. It would afford another set of eyes during these important contests. (Royce will take that information to the negotiations as a "by request" item).
- **Baseball- Josh Behrens: (Via Text)**
 - Season has gone well and the ADs have really been great to deal with. There were 4 or 5 dates that had to be changes due to too many game scheduled.
 - They've been able to do some 3-man mechanics and Districts will begin next week.
 - Dragonfly has been easy to use but would like to be able to make changes over the phone
 - District I officials have not been invited to work state invitational tournaments. He is very thankful that Todd Gilkey has requested the IHSAA to sanction the state baseball tournament.
- **Softball – Ted Yurek:**
 - It's been a wild year! He has the fewest umpires he's ever had. Ted praised most ADs for helping to adjust due to the umpire shortage. He hates to have to cancel games but has had no choice. Some schools have chosen not to respond to his requests.
 - Scheduling some games on Monday, Wednesday and Friday would help greatly.
 - He is down to 9 varsity officials. At times he has had 2 rookies cover games while he stands off to the side to help train them. He's encouraged that he has had some individuals express interest in umpiring next year.
- **Swimming – Shelly Sobek:**
 - Shelly is holding off scheduling until after the levies. She indicated that if CDA public schools lose sports, she would need to resign as swimming commissioner.
 - She has a concern regarding pay for swimming judges and will check on it at the state commissioner meeting in Boise.
 - Board members assured her that rotation of sites for District I-II events is common in some sports.

2. Sectional Reports

- **Superintendents- Dena Naccarato, Jan Bayer:**
 - Jan's daughter, Braylyn, is a member of the Student Advisory Council and she would like schools to really get behind the program by allowing students to attend the summits as well as nominating students to serve on the SAC.
 - The Superintendents meeting agenda will include an item asking ADs to meet with commissioners to iron out scheduling issues.
 - Dena discussed Post Falls school district's decision to transition to a 4-day school week next year.
- **Spirit – Sharon Meador:**
 - The IHSAA has established three cheer categories for 2023-24: **show (coed and all girls), sideline and pom.** Stunt will no longer be a state event.
 - She has scheduled all cheer and dance competitions for 2023-24
 - Lewiston will host next year's cheer/dance Districts Feb. 10 2024.
- **Boys Athletics- Kelly Reed:**
 - Kelly is very concerned that District I-II schools are in danger of losing representation to state events due to the sheer number of schools in District III (Boise area). He hopes the IHSAA will take steps to increase brackets or play in contests to give more opportunities to teams/individuals.
- **Middle Level- Brian Carlson:**
 - Brian commended Superintendent Dena Naccarato for her Herculean work on the passage of the recent levy.
 - He indicated track participation numbers are off the chart. Have had great weather for track meets. Districts are next week.
- **Athletic Directors- Todd Gilkey:**
 - Todd expressed how fast the spring seasons have gone. Districts start next week. State tournaments follow and we'll put a wrap on the 2022-23 sports year.
- **State Board - Dena Naccarato:**
 - Paul indicated that javelin will be adopted in 2024.
 - She shared a proposal to use Max Preps to help seed a 12-team state championship in some sports. District champions would get byes and Max Preps would seed others. It is an attempt to help with the representation issue Kelly Reed and others are concerned about.
 - Baseball state tournament sanctioning in 2025 is on the discussion agenda. It is now an "invitational" not directed by the IHSAA. Adding baseball would balance the number of boys and girls IHSAA tournaments now that girls wrestling is sanctioned. Todd Gilkey formally submitted the sanctioning request on behalf of St. Maries HS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A motion to enter executive session was made at 1:18pm by Royce Johnson, seconded by Keri Carter. **Motion Approved**

- A motion to exit executive session was made at 1:30pm by Royce Johnson, seconded by Keri Carter.
Motion Approved

ACTION AGENDA

1. Dues and Activity Fees for 2023-24

Following discussion, a motion to table this issue was made by Keri Carter, seconded by Sharon Meador. (Dues are \$100 per school and Activity Fees are \$25 per Varsity team, \$15 per JV/Soph./Frosh team)

Motion Approved

2. 2023-2024 Board of Control Meeting Dates

Following discussion, a motion to adopt the following meeting dates for 2023-24, was made by Jan Bayer, seconded by Dena Naccarato. **(Sept.12, 2023; Nov. 7, 2023; Jan. 9, 2024; March 5th, 2024 and May 7th, 2024) Motion Approved**

3. Spring Commissioner Renewal for 2023-24

Following discussion, a motion to renew the terms of baseball commissioner Josh Behrens and softball commissioner Ted Yurek was made by Keri Carter, seconded by Dena Naccarato. **Motion Approved**

4. 2023-24 Board of Control President

Following discussion, a motion to appoint Jen Hall as 2023-24 BOC President was made by Royce Johnson, seconded by Jan Bayer. **Motion Approved**

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.
- **The next meeting will be September 12th, 2023, 11am @ Post Falls HS**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Larry Schwenke, Secretary, Dist. 1 Board of Control