

# DISTRICT I IHSAA ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

**September 12, 2023 11:00 AM**

President Jennifer Hall called the meeting of the District I Board of Control to order at 11:04 am at Post Falls High School

**Members Present:** Dena Naccarato, Jan Bayer, Les Wells, Jen Hall, Ryne Eberlin, Jimmy Hoffman, Kelly Reed, Keri Carter, Royce Johnson, Troy Anderson, Sharon Meador, Rayna Longstreet, Josh Behrens, Tony Norris, Roger Stewart, Greg See, and Larry Schwenke.

**Members Absent:** Brian Carlson, Ted Yurek, Joel Sandford and Michelle Sobek.

**Welcome to our new Board members:**

1A/2A Superintendents – **Leslie Wells** (Mullan School District)

4A/5A AD's – **Troy Anderson** (Lake City HS)

**Guests:** Bob Burton (NIOA), Todd Gilkey

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion to approve the May 2nd, 2023 minutes was made by Jan Bayer, seconded by Dena Naccarato. **Motion approved.**
2. A motion to approve the treasure's report was made by Dena Naccarato, seconded by Sharon Meador. **Motion approved.**

### DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. **Luncheon Sponsor: Allegra. Marketing. Print. Mail** -The Board thanked **Roger Stewart** for this gesture.
2. **Web Site FYI**
  - See [www.1stdistrictactivities.org](http://www.1stdistrictactivities.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:**
  - Larry Schwenke and Todd Gilkey reviewed some IHSAA points of emphasis discussed at the meeting held in Boise September 11<sup>th</sup>. Among those include the following:
    - There will be 4 openings for District I students on the Student Advisory Committee.
    - Shot Clock will be used at state but not mandatory for varsity games this year.
    - The javelin throw will be allowed this spring but will be exhibition only at state.
    - Wrestling will be a 2 day tournament in Pocatello.
    - IHSAA insurance for HS officials will cover them at middle school contests.
    - Fall golf 2-year trail will be discussed following this season.
    - Josh Hegstead from Timberlake is now our rep. to the state sportsmanship committee.
    - The IHSAA is dealing with nearly 60 petitions to change classification by schools in individual sports. Some schools could end up with teams in 3 different classifications. The District I schools all were opposed to the new classification implemented by the Superintendents. The system hurts representation and creates large disparities in school enrollments. For example, Lakeland will be asked to compete against schools twice their size.
    - Ryne Eberlin noted the situation has become financially unsustainable for especially the smaller District I schools. The state has to do more to help offset travel costs for state events.

- The IHSAA office (Julie) confirmed that MaxPreps will be counting district contests for ranking purposes.
5. **FYI Board Member Renewals Slated For 2024-2025:** (Each group determines it's representative.)
    - 1A/2A Superintendent's Representative
    - Music Representative
    - Speech Arts Representative
    - Spirit Representative
  6. **Winter/Spring Sport Schedules:**
    - AD's are reminded that **October 1st** is the deadline to get their schedules to the winter commissioners. Rayna Longstreet (Basketball) and Greg See (Wrestling) would appreciate them earlier if possible!
    - **February 1** is the deadline for spring schedules (Ted Yurek- Softball and Josh Behrens-Baseball)
  7. **NIOA / BOC Two-Year Agreement (2023-2025)**
    - The NIOA and BOC agreement has been met with very positive reactions. Commissioners have seen an increase in numbers and believe that may get better with word of mouth.
    - A big thanks to both negotiation teams!
  8. **IHSAA Award Nominations:**
    - Dave Rounds is a current Hall of Fame Nominee.
    - Nominations may come from district boards, member schools or other entities within the educational community.
    - Joe Partington is our nominee for the Wes Lowe Award and the KROC is our nominee for the Duane D. Wolfe Award.
  9. **Commissioner Salary Committee:**
    - **Committee** members had tabled action on this study last spring until the outcome of levy issues.
    - BOC members voiced their support for raising salaries for the 2023-24 seasons. ( **See Action Agenda**)
  10. **Zero Contact Week Violation- CDA HS Boys Basketball- (See Action Agenda)**

## REPORT AGENDA

### **1. Commissioner Reports:**

- **Volleyball – Rayna Longstreet: (via email)**
  - Rayna has 28 officials but usually only about 18 available. It's going OK but some schools have had to move or cancel contests. She emphasized for ADs that Schedule Star and Dragonfly do not "talk" to each other.
  - Most ADs have been great but still having issues with some schools with new ADs.
  - Overall it's going OK and excited state tournaments will ne held in the North this fall.
- **Football – Roger Stewart:**
  - Roger is happy that he has about 15 new officials to work with which means officials are for the most part not having to work 4 nights a week.
  - He didn't lose anyone except Josh Behrens and Bob Burton to college officiating but that means they are doing a good job of preparing guys to move up to the college ranks.
  - He has a concern that with the large number of new ADs, officials are having a hard time identifying game management. School officials need to identify themselves to the officials. Also, there have been problems with secure locker rooms. Students have, at times, walked in on officials. This must be alleviated. Responsibilities like these will be addressed at the new AD/Principals meeting at NIC on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - Play clocks have not been made mandatory by the IHSAA however he is being asked by some coaches to push for using them.
- **Soccer – Tony Norris:**
  - Tony feels it has been going pretty smoothly, even when he was in Scotland, 8 hours ahead! State will be in Boise and we will send some Dist. I officials.

- Similar to Roger's concern, he asks ADs to provide chairs or a bench and water and ice for the refs as well as escorts from the field.
- Some schools need to catch up on paying officials ASAP.
- **Wrestling – Greg See**
  - Greg asks that coaches and ADs Contact him with schedules.
- **Basketball – Rayna Longstreet:**
  - She has only received St Maries' schedule and is hoping more get to her soon.
  - She knows the shot clock will be a concern. It will take more score table personnel and it will not be an easy job! At this point, training consists of a PDF instruction form.
  - The shot clock is intended to be used for varsity only for now but if lower level teams want to try it she will try to accommodate them.
  - The state basketball commissioners will meet in Boise on the 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **Swimming – Shelly Sobek**
  - Swimming started on September 9th at the KROC center with all District 1 and 2 teams in attendance. We will have competitions until Districts on October 28th at University of Idaho, and State meet in Boise Nov 3rd and 4th. This is the last year the YMCA will be on contract (5 years) with the IHSAA to host the State meet. New bids will go out this fall with likely Boise YMCA and a new facility that was recently built in Boise. There was discussion about separating 4A and under and 5A (or how the new categories are) to different locations, but it will likely not happen this year.
  - We continue to have volunteer officials for the 2023 season, however, next year they will be required to pay fees to be officials (first 2 years are free), so we will need to review this process for 2024. I am not currently assigning them in Dragon fly, since we are not providing payments, but they have all received a schedule. The IHSAA recommended at our July meeting that our BOC look at how much to pay swimming officials, as each location in the state is anywhere from all volunteers, to certain officials paid (Deck Refs, starters and Meet refs), to all officials paid (average 8 officials per meet). There is no consistent pay across the state either, some are paid by hour, some by stipend. I would appreciate some guidance on this topic in the winter or spring to prepare for 2024.
- **Baseball – Josh Behrens**
  - John has been recruiting and has at least 2 new prospective umps.
  - He is very happy that sanctioning the baseball state tournament is on the IHSAA agenda and thanked Todd Gilkey and St Maries for officially making the request.

## 2. Sectional Reports:

- **Superintendents – Dena Naccarato, Les Wells and Jan Bayer**
  - Superintendents shared their concern for the classification issues and resulting petitioning process. Additionally, Dena and Ryne noted that the IHSAA needs to do more in the area of helping to ease the lodging burden at state events. She also believes YEA needs to step up their reimbursements. The District 1 schools are not recouping their investments! Dena will reach out to Ty and Julie.
  - Jennifer noted that Pixelot might well be a better investment than the YEA.
  - Jan asked that the BOC check on CDA Charter not honoring IHSAA passes.
- **Athletic Directors – Troy Anderson**
  - Troy indicated he is in the process of getting to know the 6 new ADs in District I and looks forward to working with them to help get them accustomed to normal processes.
  - He knows things are in a state of fluxuation but hopes things stabilize.
- **State IHSAA Board – Dena Naccarato**
  - The September IHSAA meeting rotates around the state and in two weeks will be in Pocatello. She will share concerns over YEA reimbursements.
  - This is the 40<sup>th</sup> year that the Dairymen have been a major IHSAA sponsor.
  - There will be a second reading on MaxPreps procedures.
- **Spirit Advisors – Sharon Meador**
  - All cheer and dance competitions have been scheduled. She noted state competition will be moved up 2 weeks and will coincide with state wrestling.

- **Boys Coaches – Kelly Reed**
  - Kelly reiterated the concern many coaches share with him regarding the loss of representation especially in the individual sports.
- **Girls Coaches – Keri Carter**
  - Has had no issues so far but she shared some information on the middle school level.
  - Ads will meet on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Issues include District IHSAA membership, training and certification for coaches.
  - Volleyball and cross-country are the fall sports and will be getting underway this week.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A motion to enter executive session at 12:50 pm was made by Keri Carter, seconded by Dena Naccarato. **Motion Approved**
- A motion to leave executive session at 1:10 pm was made by Royce Johnson, seconded by Keri Carter. **Motion Approved**

### ACTION AGENDA

1. **District I BOC Assistant Secretary:**  
Following discussion, a motion to nominate and approve Todd Gilkey as Assistant Secretary Treasurer was made by Keri Carter, seconded by Royce Johnson. **Motion Approved**
2. **CDA Boys Basketball Violation:**  
Following discussion, a motion was made by Jimmy Hoffman, seconded by Les Wells to assess a \$1500.00 fine for violation of IHSAA Moratorium rule 17-2-4 and \$1500.00 fine for violation of non-enrolled competition rule 17-2-2&-3 and impose a five game suspension for the head coach. (Not to include Jamboree) **Motion Approved 6-0-4 abstentions (Johnson, Carter, Reed, Anderson)**
3. **Salary increase for Commissioners 2023-24:**  
Following discussion, a motion to direct the Commissioner Salary Committee to bring a proposal for salary increases to the November meeting was made by Dena Naccarato, seconded by Royce Johnson. **Motion Approved**

### ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn at 1:25 pm was made by Dena Naccarato, seconded by Keri Carter. **Motion Approved.**
- Next meeting will be November 7th, 2023, 11:00 am at Post Falls High School.
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Larry Schwenke, District I IHSAA Board Secretary.