

# DISTRICT 1 IHSAA ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL

**November 7th, 2023**

Post Falls High School, Post Falls, Idaho

President Jen Hall called the meeting of the District 1 Board of Control to order at 11:00 am.

**Members Present:** Jan Bayer, Dena Naccarato, Leslie Wells, Jen Hall, Jimmy Hoffman, Royce Johnson, Keri Carter, Kelly Reed, Brian Carlson, Roger Stewart, Tony Norris, Larry Schwenke and Todd Gilkey.

**Members Absent:** Ryne Eberlin, Troy Anderson, Sharon Meador, Rayna Longstreet Josh Behrens, Joel Sandford, Shelly Sobek and Ted Yurek,

**Visitors:** Bob Burton-NIOA, Annora Jewel and Jon Adams CDA HS

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion to approve the September 12th, 2023 minutes was made by Dena Naccarato, seconded by Jan Bayer. **Motion approved.**
2. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Keri Carter, seconded by Royce Johnson. **Motion approved**

### DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. **Luncheon Sponsor: Northwest Specialty Hospital and Northwest Urgent Care**
  - The Board is greatly appreciative of CEO Rick Rasmussen for this gesture.
2. **Coeur d'Alene High School Appeal**
  - Assistant Principal Annora Jewel and Boys Basketball Head Coach Jon Adams read a letter from Principal Mike Randles and presented other information concerning the No Contact and the Outside Competition violations. (See action agenda)
3. **Winter District Tournament Sites, Dates and Managers**
  - **ADs are asked to send Winter District Tournament information ASAP to Secretary Larry Schwenke.**
4. **District I Website: [www.1stdistrictactivities.org](http://www.1stdistrictactivities.org)**
  - Visit the site to view/download important District I Board of Control information.
  - Ethan Haberman is our web master.
5. **IHSAA Memorial Award Nominations 2023-24**
  - Dick Fleishman – TBA
  - Wes Lowe – Joe Partington (LCHS)
  - Duane D. Wolf – Salvation Army KROC Center
6. **Recent Co-ops Requests**
  - Kootenai – St. Maries JV Football (Collective) 2023-25 Approved via email
  - Mullan – St Regis (Collective) 2024-26 (see action agenda)
7. **Commissioner/Secretary Salary Proposal**
  - Members discussed the proposal submitted by Ryne Eberlin.
  - District I Principals and Superintendents favor adopting the salary increase.
  - Raises would be paid for through assessments to District I IHSAA member and associate member schools.
  - Assessments will be on a graduated scale by classification with largest schools paying the most.
  - (See action agenda)

## 8. **End of Season Coaches Ballot Discussion**

- Commissioners Tony Norris (Soccer) and Roger Stewart (Football) indicated many coaches are not interested in rating the officials.
- The Board expressed their trust and faith in the commissioner's judgment. There are flaws in the present procedure however the process is mandated in our agreement with the NIOA.
- The Board is interested in the views of the other commissioners. Royce Johnson moved, Keri Carter seconded a motion to table the discussion to the January meeting. **Motion Approved**

## **REPORT AGENDA**

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

- **Volleyball- Rayna Longstreet (Via email)**
  - Volleyball had a good season. There were no major issues or concerns. We ended with 29 officials with 6 that were new this year. She had to move a few matches due to not having enough officials. Thanks to CDA, LC, PF and Lakeland for doing a great job of hosting State Tournaments!
- **Football – Roger Stewart**
  - They are in the final stretch. Semi-finals are this weekend. The state is using 7-man mechanics and District I has two crews working, both traveling to Southern Idaho. (Bishop Kelly and North Freemont) Roger is comfortable sending the 14 officials, indicating the strength of his group.
  - He started with 60 officials and ended with 56, 10 more than last year. He is getting more young officials as they are coming up through the IHSAA's rule allowing 16 year olds to work sub varsity games and junior tackle. Roger noted a study that found the average age of officials nationwide to be 57!
  - The number 1 reason why officials get out is sportsmanship. He commended District I coaches and administrators on their crowd control and sportsmanship, which is helping him retain officials.
  - He is also impressed with the leadership exhibited by many of his officials in challenging themselves to improve and for mentoring younger officials.
- **Soccer – Tony Norris**
  - He had 27 officials with 7 located in the Sandpoint area, which really helps assigning contests north of CDA.
  - He's also getting some younger officials and feels the pay raises have helped in that regard.
  - Tony used 4 officials on district contests and had no problems. He noted that the issue that occurred in District II involving an incorrect call by the official may have been averted had there been 4 officials. Lakeland appealed the outcome. The state ruled the appeal needed to have been made prior to the end of the contest. The ref realized he had misinterpreted the rule and Lakeland should have had an opportunity to retry a penalty kick to win the game.
- **Rayna Longstreet / Bill Bopp – Basketball (via email)**
  - Rayna and Bill have 61 officials including 12 that are new to the association.
  - The following schools have indicated they will not be using the shot clock for varsity home games: Mullan, Lakeside, Kootenai, North Idaho Christian, and Coeur du Christ.
  - She indicated the shot clock would be used only for varsity contests at this time. They will re-evaluate this decision mid-season.
- **Swimming – Shelly Sobek (via e-mail)**
  - Lake City Women (5A) and Sandpoint Women (4A) both took titles at the state meet, so District I swept the women's categories!
  - Lake City Men (5A) and Lakeland Men (4A) took 2nd place showing more strong swimming from the north!
  - Coeur d'Alene (CHS) took 3rd in both Men's and Women's 5A.
  - Coeur d'Alene (CHS) Women and Lake City Men won the Academic Awards for 2023. More Northern success showing we thrive in the classroom and the pool!
- **Women's 5A Controversy:**
  - Timberline switched 2 athletes from their prelims relay races on Friday for the finals relays on Saturday in order to improve their Medley relay to beat Lake City. This created a situation where both girls were entered into 5 races for the entire meet (Friday and Saturday). Rules state that swimmers cannot be ENTERED into more than 4 races. Each girl only SWAM 4 races on Friday and 4 races on Saturday, but by switching their positions on their relays from Friday to Saturday, they were technically entered into all 3 relays, and 2 individual events, for a total of 5 races each. Due to this rule infraction, Timberline's 200

Medley relay and 200 Free Relays were disqualified, causing the score to change significantly as Lake City then moved into 1st place for both and they lost points for both relays.

- Relay alternates and the process was discussed AT LENGTH during the coaches meeting Friday morning with all coaches to ensure they didn't "over enter". I do NOT believe that the Timberline coach intentionally try to break the rule-rather tried to move relay swimmers around to win based on results from Friday's prelims races, however, had she left her line up as it was on Friday afternoon (not broken the rule), I believe that Lake City and Timberline would have tied for first place based on the remainder of the meet. So the rule infraction did change the outcome....had it not been enforced, Timberline would have incorrectly won. Had the coach followed the rules, Timberline and Lake City would have tied for the championship.

**District Meet:**

- Thank you to [Jody Broyles](#) and the Moscow Swim Team for hosting an incredible event! Lake City Women took the title and Coeur d'Alene Men took the title for 5A. Sandpoint Women and Lakeland Men won the 4A titles.
- Over all it was an incredible meet!

**Officials:**

- Thank you to all our incredible officials that worked throughout the season! Many traveled to support the officiating staff in Boise for state as well.

3. **Sectional Reports:**

- **Superintendents: Dena Naccarato, Jan Bayer, Leslie wells**
  - Jan commented on the great job schools did in hosting the state volleyball
- **Principals: Jimmy Hoffman, Ryne Eberlin, Jen Hall**
  - Jimmy Hoffman wondered about consistency among schools on using the shot clock. The Board consensus was that each league should decide whether they will use the shot clock for District I-II tournaments.
- **Middle Level – Brian Carlson**
  - The middle schools experienced really good numbers of volleyball participants. They are now in wrestling season. Priest River will be hosting the first ever district girls wrestling tournament. Sandpoint middle reportedly has 50 girls out for wrestling. Keri said each school has at least 5 to 6 girls wrestling
  - They will be hoping the entry fee and gate will help offset the \$1500 it will cost for officiating.
- **Boys Coaches – Kelly Reed**
  - Kelly wondered if a decision had been made regarding keeping 4A/5A golf in the fall or moving it back to spring? Dena indicated no decision has been made and will let him know what happens at the December meeting.
  - He announced that there will be a javelin clinic at Canyon Ridge HS in Twin Falls Jan. 18 and 19.
  - Kelly wonders about the IHSAA's practice of having the losing coach speak after the championship games. Seems very awkward. Is Idaho the only state that does this? He will ask Ty at the upcoming coaches clinic.
- **IHSAA Board Report- Dena Naccarato**
  - Classification and petitioning by sport was a mess, with 72 schools petitioning. She feels unintended consequences will be felt for years to come.
  - Representation to state tournaments is going to be a huge issue for District I-II with the new classification system. MaxPreps ranking may be a saving grace. Todd noted that the 6A's in wrestling and Track will never win state titles because of the limited number of qualifiers.
  - She noted that Ty Jones will be retiring in June. Board members commented on the great job he has done!
  - Jen and others asked for her support for the petition by Clark Fork and Lakeside and Mullan-St Regis to move down to 1A in football.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Royce Johnson moved, Dena Naccarato seconded a motion to enter executive session at 12:40 pm. **Motion Approved**
- Royce Johnson moved, Dena Naccarato seconded a motion to exit executive session at 12:55 pm. **Motion Approved**

## ACTION AGENDA

1. **Fall Commissioner Reviews:**  
Following discussion, Dena Naccarato moved, Keri Carter seconded a motion to renew the terms of Football Commissioner Roger Stewart, Soccer Commissioner Tony Norris and Volleyball Commissioner Rayna Longstreet for 2024-25. **Motion Approved (8-0)**
2. **Mullan- St Regis Football Co-op**  
Following discussion, Keri Carter moved, Brian Carlson seconded a motion to approve the collective Co-op for 2024-25 seasons, **Motion Approved (8-0)**
3. **Coeur d'Alene Boys Basketball Appeal**  
Following discussion of the appeal, Jan Bayer moved, Dena Naccarato seconded a motion to reduce the amount of each of the two \$1500 fines by \$250. **Motion Approved (6-0 with 2 abstentions: Carter and Johnson - Reed and Anderson absent)**
4. **St Maries Self-Report of JV Football 5 Day Rule Violation**  
Following discussion of the circumstances of the self-report, Brian Carlson moved, Royce Johnson seconded a motion to assess a fine of \$300 with \$150 rescinded. **Motion Approved (8-0)**
5. **Commissioner/Secretary Salary Increase Proposal**  
Following discussion, Dena Naccarato moved, Jan Bayer seconded a motion to approve the adoption of a pay raise funded by an assessment of all District I member and associate member high schools on a graduated basis by classification. **Motion Approved (8-0)**

## ADJOURNMENT

- Leslie Wells moved, Royce Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn. **Motion Approved (8-0)**
- Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 9<sup>th</sup> 2024, 11:00 AM at Post Falls High School.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Schwenke, District I IHSAA Board Secretary