

**Idaho High School Activities Association
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
August 5, 2015**

Members Present

Bryan Jolley, Kimber Chrz, Tol Gropp, Tracy Fuller, Rich Bauscher, Ron Anthony, John Pymm, Tim Perrigot, Gary Brogan, Jerry Keane, Kevin Howard, Dwight Richins, Mike Vuittonet for Jason Knopp, Jeff Cirka

Members Absent

Rhonda Heggen, Jason Knopp

Staff Present:

Ty Jones, Julie Hammons, Elizabeth Kidd as secretary

Visitors

Stephen Anderson, Century HS	Randy Potter, Columbia HS	Ty Thomas, Nampa HS	Erick Wills, Madison HS
Randy Spaeth, Raft River HS	Josh Hegstad, Caldwell HS	Vince Mann, Borah HS	Kelly Arritt, Minico HS
Steve Sosnowski, Capital HS	Richard Whitelaw, Community Sch	Brian Hardy, Valley HS	Troy Rice, Rocky Mountain
Jeremy Burgess, Salmon HS	Jon Watson, Centennial HS	Darren Van Hofwegen, Lighthouse Chr	Kelly Kidd, Declo HS
Scott Stuart, West Ada SD	Craig Christensen, Post Falls HS		

Letters

Ty Jones 7/23/15	Dan Vogt 6/24/15	Jodi Beard, John Anderson 6/04/15	Dietrich HS 7/05/15
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Richard Bauscher moved, Bryan Jolley seconded, to approve the Agenda with the following changes

Report Agenda: None

Action Agenda: Julie Hammons added Cheer Qualifications

Gary Brogan added Contracts

Discussion Agenda: Gary Brogan added Classification Committee request

Gary Brogan added Fees for Appeals

CONSENT AGENDA

Richard Bauscher moved, Kevin Howard seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the June 17, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting, the July 1-31, 2015 Financial Report and IHSAA Board of Directors Action via Phone, Email, Fax with the following change:

The minutes from the June 2015 meeting had the incorrect football fall sports practice model. The minutes were corrected to reflect the new, updated Fall Sports Practice Model.

REPORT AGENDA

Y.E.A. Update

Y.E.A. Executive Director Dick Curtis reported that on June 30, 2015 the stock market dipped. Their bylaws required them to reimburse \$116,000 because of the dip.

The Y.E.A. reimburses for nine activities. As they reimburse for more activities, they look for activities that are offered by most schools as well as state tournaments that move around the state. They are not currently looking to add any activities.

He congratulated Century High School on becoming fully vested in the Y.E.A. There are currently 57 fully vested high schools.

2015 Audit Review

Executive Director Ty Jones reported on the 2014-15 review. The review showed that the IHSAA was in good shape. The only questions were the way the association reports on donated hotel rooms and the use of time cards for office staff. Changing the current system would cause unnecessary delays in the office according to Jones. The association opened new bank account. At Mr. Jones last evaluation, the board requested they moved money to separate accounts as a precaution.

The association will have a complete audit next year.

2015 NFHS Summer Conference

Ty Jones reported on the summer conference in New Orleans, La. Concussions were a major talking point. Another major talking point was sudden cardiac arrest, the leading cause of death in high school athletes. The NFHS has a free course on their website to educate coaches about sudden cardiac arrest. It takes approximately 25 minutes, and Jones encouraged those in attendance to take the course. Several states' legislatures have required coaches to take the course.

Gary Brogan also attended the NFHS Summer Conference. He will report during the discussion agenda.

Loomis & Lapann

Ty Jones reported on the insurance company. The association received a \$20,000 reimbursement as part of the profit sharing with Loomis & Lapann. Insurance companies are eager to work with Idaho because a historically low number of claims.

United Dairymen of Idaho

Ty Jones reported on his quarterly meeting with the UDI. He explained a change in the message the association would be sending out as a partner with the UDI.

Julie Hammons explained UDI's new support of the Interscholastic Star program. There will be ten finalists and five winners selected in the fall and the spring resulting in one overall Interscholastic Star. Scholarships will double for the 10 classification winners and the overall winner will receive an additional \$2000.

Section 7-8 Conference

The Section 7-8 Conference will take place in Newport Beach, California on Sept. 20-22, 2015.

Hall of Fame Banquet

Julie Hammons reported on the Hall of Fame Banquet taking place August 5 at 6:30 p.m. Expected attendance is the highest it has been in five years. Inductees include Ben Allen (Twin Falls, Idaho), Don Cotant (Pocatello, Idaho), Roslyn Brimhall (Malad, Idaho) and John Billetz (Post Falls, Idaho).

Review Committee Assignments

Academic Eligibility Committee – Dwight Richins, Tracy Fuller, Rhonda Heggen, Jason Knopp, Principal

Budget Committee – Jeff Cirka, Rich Bauscher, Dwight Richins, Gary Brogan, Rhonda Heggen, Bryan Jolley, Jason Knopp, Jerry Keane, Ron Anthony, Principal

Eligibility Committee – Gary Brogan, Kimber Chrz, Top Gropp, Bryan Jolley, Kevin Howard, Tim Perrigot, Dwight Richins

Hall of Fame Committee – Jeff Cirka, Rich Bauscher, Kimber Chrz, Top Gropp, Jerry Keane, Tracy Fuller, Principal

Legends of the Game Committee – Rich Bauscher, Tim Perrigot, Gary Brogan, Kevin Howard, Jerry Keane, Ron Anthony

Official of the Year Committee – Rich Bauscher, Gary Brogan, Bryan Jolley, Jason Knopp, Jerry Keane, Ron Anthony, Jeff Cirka

Representation Committee – Jeff Cirka, Rich Bauscher, Gary Brogan, Kimber Chrz, Tol Gropp, Rhonda Heggen, Bryan Jolley, Jerry Keane, Ron Anthony, Tim Perrigot

Spirit of Sport Committee – Kimber Chrz, Tracy Fuller, Tol Gropp, Rhonda Heggen, Kevin Howard, Tim Perrigot

State Tournament Committee – Dwight Richins, Kimber Chrz, Tracy Fuller, Tol Gropp, Kevin Howard, Jason Knopp, Tim Perrigot, Principal

Committee Reports

Ty Jones reported on where fall state championships would be. Middleton has requested to host the boys basketball tournaments. Jones commended the Treasure Valley School Districts on their support of state tournaments.

Julie Hammons reported that 2016 golf tournament sites will be determined and posted before September 1.

School Softball Concussion Report

Ty Jones reported on softball concussions. Out of almost 2000 players, there were 47 reported concussions. He found information on 30 of them; only one reported that a facemask may have prevented the concussion.

NFHS Basketball Rules Committee – Idaho Member

Ty Jones reported that Idaho has nominated Beth Holt to the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee and she was selected as the Section 8 representative.

IHSAA Staff Responsibilities

Ty Jones reported on the IHSAA staff responsibilities.

Policy Manual

Ty Jones reported on the policy manual. The policy manual will be updated and uploaded on the website within the next couple of weeks.

September Board Meeting

The September Board Meeting will be held in Idaho Falls at the Shilo Inn on September 29. For reservations, call (208) 523-0088.

ACTION AGENDA

2015-16 Officers

Jerry Keane was elected as President and Ron Anthony as Vice President for the 2015-16 school year as a Final Reading.

2015-16 Goals

The 2015-16 IHSAA Goals were approved with with modifications as a Final Reading.

1. Develop Social Media/Sportsmanship plan for implementation during the 2016-17 school year.
2. Develop Administrative/Office Staff trainings and meetings in order to insure common ideas and professionalism.
3. Familiarize the new office staff with the IHSAA Rules and Regulations and Policy manuals.
4. Implement set criteria for marketing and selection of all IHSAA contracts.
5. Develop professional development plan for Executive and Assistant Directors.

Mercy Rule for Basketball

The use of the mercy rule for basketball at the discretion of each district tournament was approved as a Final Reading.

Golf Start Date

Moving the first day of golf practice from Friday to the following Monday was approved as a Final Reading.

5A Basketball Brackets

Switching the first two games of the 2015-16 5A girls and boys basketball brackets to insure that no officials would work games with schools from their district was approved as a Final Reading.

Fines

The raising the minimum and maximum fine amounts for the Boards of Control to \$75 and \$1500 was approved as a Final Reading.

Wrestling Coaches

Changing the number of the coaches and support personnel allowed on the floor at the state wrestling tournament was approved as a Final Reading. The original proposal limited floor personnel to two coaches for 1-3 participants, three coaches for 4-9 participants and four coaches with 10 or more participants. After hearing Jon Watson's (Centennial HS) concerns about larger teams, the motion was amended to allow for two coaches for 1-3 participants, three coaches for 4-9 participants, four coaches for 10-17 participants and five coaches for teams with 18 or more participants.

Softball Facemasks

Requiring softball masks to be removed from the table was approved.

Ty Jones consulted with the NFHS about the use of facemasks and was advised against making it mandatory. NOCSAE does not make safety standards for softball facemasks and the standardized football facemasks would be too heavy to play softball in. The National Federation is advising all states against making the facemasks mandatory and leaving the decision up to the parents and kids.

Required softball facemasks for pitchers and third basemen was denied because of information from the National Federation as reported by Ty Jones as a Final Reading.

5A Golf

Eliminating an automatic extra berth for the host district in 5A golf starting with the 2016-17 school year was approved as a First Reading.

Congressional Speaking

Moving congressional speaking from state speech to state debate was approved as a First Reading.

Speech Arts/Debate teachers and coaches are in favor of the change and have adjusted their rules accordingly to prepare for the change.

Classification

The current classification proposal for the 2016-17, 2017-18 school years was approved as a Final Reading.

Tim Perrigot requested hearing from the classification committee and about finding a way to let schools know ahead of time so they can prepare. Perrigot requested a presentation from the committee; he also requested to know the petition process for schools on the 1A/2A bubble, especially in football.

Kimber Chrz mentioned that some 1A's would like to use their numbers from Proposal C while the rest of the classifications use the current system. Most of the Board felt like there wasn't enough information to justify that change, especially at this late date.

Track Academic State Champions

Changing the Academic State Champion minimum numbers in track from 18 to 14 was approved as a First Reading. The original request from Stacy Wilson was to lower the number because several schools were unable to reach the minimum number. Schools are required to put every member of the varsity team on the application.

Schools of Excellence

Adding a completion component to the Schools of Excellence award was approved as a First Reading.

The current application is too intensive for schools that are not in the running to complete the application. The proposal is for schools that complete 75 percent of their teams’ academic champions applications and the complete the citizenship component of the program would receive one free coaches’ card and a certificate or plaque.

Currently, any school that scores 90% on the citizenship component with no ejections is given a certificate.

Quarter Limits for Basketball

A modification of the quarter limitation rules for basketball, adding part seven, was approved as a first reading.

Part seven reads “If 1-6 [see quarter limitations rules] occur anytime during the regular season due to illness or injury, a school may request a waiver during the regular season.”

North Fremont

North Fremont High School was approved to stay in the 2A classification for the 2016-18 classification cycle as a first reading.

They still need the vote of the superintendents. North Fremont has 153 students which is below the 2A number. Dwight Richins explained the team is competitive in their conference at the 2A level.

BoardDocs

Using BoardDocs for all IHSAA board meeting materials and communication was denied as a Final Reading. Bryan Jolley explained there was no problem with the current system.

Pam Conant

A lifetime pass for Pam Conant was denied as a Final Reading.

Pam Conant was the Dietrich AD for 20 years; the criteria for lifetime passes is 25 years in a fulltime capacity. Conant would still be in her position as AD if not for her third battle with breast cancer.

Cheer Qualifications

Modifications for cheerleading teams to qualify for the state championships was approved as a First Reading.

<p>State Championship Determination</p> <p>In order to be eligible for the State Championship: CHEER Qualify in show and one other routine (either sideline, pom or stunt group) OR Qualify in sideline, pom and stunt group (automatically qualify in show)</p>
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The cheer committee was unanimous on the change.

Contracts

Three year contracts for Executive Director Ty Jones and Assistant Executive Director Julie Hammons were approved as a First Reading.

Mike Vuittonet questioned where the contract was taken from, and it was explained that Rich Bauscher modeled and approved it. It meets Idaho code and will be reviewed by the association's legal council.

Bryan Jolley questioned if cell phone use and car use was in the contract. While they were not included, they are in the policy manual. Dwight Richins questioned the length of the contract.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. Mid Classification petitioning
The Board was asked if they would like the IHSAA office to stop all mid-classification petitions. John Pymm advised against all mid-classification petitions, and Jerry Keane pointed out that policy would have to change to allow mid-classification petitions. Kimber Chrz brought to attention that multiple schools are affected when a team switches classifications, especially mid-cycle. No action was taken.
2. Background Consent
In the last month, the IHSAA office switched to Arbiter for officials' registration. Arbiter has a feature on their website that authorizes a background check. Executive Director Ty Jones asked the Board if they wanted to allow the feature to be on the IHSAA Arbiter page. No action was taken.
3. Classification Study
At the NFHS Summer Meeting, Gary Brogan attended workshops on the classification systems in various states. It was Brogan's recommendation that the IHSAA Classification Committee look at different options that were presented at the meeting including point-based and success-based systems. Executive Director Ty Jones pointed out that he would like to be more ahead on the classification proposals for the next classification cycle. Currently, the classification committee only looks at proposals submitted to them. Ty Jones will ask the classification committee to look at various proposals at their next meeting.
4. Fees for Appeals
Gary Brogan also attended a workshop on appeals at the NFHS Summer Meeting. He reported that several states were charging a fee for appeals and that appeals in those states were greatly reduced. For example, Nevada charged the schools – not the parents – a fee (anywhere from \$100-\$200) and had a 40 percent drop in appeals.
Bryan Jolley opened questioning by inquiring if the policy would actually stop frivolous appeals or if it just limited access to schools or individuals of lower socioeconomic status.
Kimber Chrz and Tol Gropp were both against requiring the school to pay the fee, and Gropp questioned if frivolous appeals were a problem. According to Ty Jones, there were 220 hardship applications last year, but only 36 of those ended up in front of the board.
Dwight Richins explained that schools already have to believe in the appeal before they go through the appeals process and travel to Boise to present to the board. No action was taken.