

**Idaho High School Activities Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
MINUTES  
December 8, 2015**

**Members Present**

Bryan Jolley, Kimber Chrz, Tol Gropp, Tracy Fuller, Rich Bauscher, Ron Anthony, Tim Perrigot, Gary Brogan, Jerry Keane, Kevin Howard, Dwight Richins, Jason Knopp, Jeff Cirka, Rhonda Heggen, Kurt-Randall Bayer

**Members Absent**

Jeff Cirka

**Staff Present:**

Ty Jones, Julie Hammons, Elizabeth Kidd as secretary

**Visitors**

Troy Rice, Rocky Mtn. HS	Ty Thomas, Nampa HS	Richard Whitelaw, Community Sch.	Eric Bonds, Skyview HS
Steve Sosnowski, Capital HS	Greg Hale, Parma HS	Stacy Wilson, Buhl HS	Kaly Gillette-Shippen, Jerome HS
Vince Mann, Borah HS	Beth Holt, Fruitland HS	Kerry Martin, Idaho Falls HS	Chris Tucker, South Fremont HS
Scott Stuart, West Ada SD	Ted Reynolds, Middleton HS	Barney Gardner, Hillcrest HS	Jack McKelvey, Mackay HS
Jon Ruzick, Boise Schools	Tom Cronnelly, Timberlake HS	Tracy Leinen, Boise HS	Jon Watson, Centennial HS
Randy Potter, Columbia HS	Paul Kingsbury, Idaho Sports	Josh Hegstad, Caldwell HS	Dale Gardner, Bonneville HS
Jeremy Berquist, Vallivue HS	Mike Federico, Twin Falls HS	Mike Kraemer, McCall-Donnelley HS	Robert Parker, Pocatello HS
Kelly Arritt, Minico HS	Greg Carpenter, Kuna HS	Stetson Spooner, Mullan HS	David Madison, Mullan HS

**Letters**

none

Rich Bauscher moved, Kevin Howard seconded, to approve the Agenda with the following changes

1. Ty Jones added the email, phone, fax West Jefferson vote. They were requesting 21 basketball games this season, not including a tournament. It was denied 11-0 with one abstaining.
2. Add Action #23 - North Gem request to allow eighth graders to practice on their wrestling team.
3. Tim Perrigot moved Action item #22 to #15B as it was more relevant to #16.
4. Add Discussion #4 – definition of “sanction” vs “sponsor” for music events

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Rich Bauscher moved, Bryan Jolley seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Sept. 29 Board of Directors Meeting, the Financial Report through Nov 30, 2015 and IHSAA Board of Directors Action via Phone, Email, Fax with the addition of #1 above.

**REPORT AGENDA**

**Y.E.A Update**

Dick Curtis reported on the Y.E.A. He was pleased with the fall jamboree number and projects \$17,000 to come in for winter jamborees. They currently have approximately \$3.2 million in the fund and will be giving 3.5 percent of that back to schools. He anticipates American Falls and Hagerman will be the next schools to be vested.

## **United Dairymen of Idaho**

Cindy Miller attended the meeting to explain the reasons why the United Dairymen of Idaho partners with the IHSAA. Jerry Keane thanked her and the UDI on behalf of the IHSAA Board of Directors.

## **2015 State Cross Country Meet**

Assistant Executive Director Julie Hammons reported on the 2015 cross country meet. She thanked Coeur d'Alene athletic director Bryan Duncan and cross country coach Cathy Compton for their help in executing the meet at Farragut State Park (Athol, Idaho) for the first time in 10 years. Hammons pointed out several significant issues with the site such as large onsite expenses such as the need for a professional parking company as well as tents, generators and heaters.

## **2015 State Volleyball Tournament**

Executive Director Ty Jones reported on the 2015 volleyball championships. He compared the financials using numbers from the last time the tournament was in the north as opposed to last year when it was in the east. The total volleyball loss of \$7500 this compared to \$8500 the last time it was held in northern Idaho; he also noted that the difference may be due to the dollar increase in ticket prices this year. He also pointed out that gains/losses at state tournaments must be looked at as a whole as opposed to by individual sports.

## **2015 State Soccer Tournament**

Julie Hammons reported on the 2015 soccer championships. Soccer recorded an overall gain of \$15,000 with all three divisions turning a profit this year. In addition to good turnouts, she also credited the dollar increase in ticket prices. She also commended tournament directors and site administrators.

Two concerns were brought up for the state tournament committee to look at in the future. The first is the potential for teams to play on their home fields in the championship games. At this point, there are no alternative venues if they want to keep the state championship games in stadiums. The second concern is playing state championship games on turf when some schools are not accustomed to playing on turf prior to the state tournament.

## **2015 State Football Play-Offs and Milk Bowl**

Ty Jones reported on the state football play-offs and the Milk Bowl. He was pleased with the match-ups and the crowds they drew. He thanked the site managers and venues for excellent games. There are still three bills yet to be paid. Board of Directors President Jerry Keane took a moment to thank Ty Jones and Julie Hammons for all their work at the fall state tournaments.

## **Fall Academic State Champions**

Julie Hammons reported on the fall academic state champions. There was excellent compliance for academic state champion submissions, with nearly 100 percent compliance in 4A and 5A schools.

## **Schools of Excellence – Fall Standings**

Julie Hammons reported on the Schools of Excellence fall standings which are posted on [www.IDHSAA.org](http://www.IDHSAA.org).

## **State Football Scheduling Meeting**

Tim Perrigot and Tol Gropp reported on the state football scheduling meeting that took place in the IHSAA office in November. Gropp acknowledge the great turnout and commended all divisions on finishing their brackets for 2016. He pointed out that Mountain View, Preston and Lewiston are still looking for games for next year. Tim Perrigot pointed out how neat it was for coaches to come together from all over the state to put together the bracket.

## Online Rules Clinics

<b>Sport/Activity</b>	<b>2013 Attendance</b>	<b>2014 Attendance</b>	<b>2015 Attendance</b>
Basketball	79	61	75
Wrestling	28	22	25
Drama	22	36	50
Debate	13	15	7
Speech	10	17	8

## Committee Reports

- Representation: Sheets with 2016/17 representation numbers were available at the meeting, with one division dependent on the results of an appeals hearing. Only the numbers for volleyball and soccer are official at this time.
- Budget: The budget committee went over the state championship financial reports.
- State Tournaments: The state tournament committee discussed potential changes to state cross country venues. District V has been awarded the 2016 state cross country meet and it was to be held at Highland Golf Course in Pocatello. They have submitted a proposal to move it to the Portneuf Wellness Center and the tournament committee approved this change. The state tournament committee also evaluated a proposal submitted by the north to have a permanent site or sites for the state cross country meet. One option on the proposal was to keep it at Eagle Island State Park in District III or another was to rotate at set sites throughout the state. Kimber Chrz reported that the coaches' association is in favor of keeping it permanently at Eagle Island. Tol Gropp pointed out that with a permanent site, records could be more accurately kept.

## Coaches Education

The NFHS has passed one million coaches' education course views on their website. Ty Jones reported that St. Luke's is developing a concussion course that is Idaho specific. In the future, he'd like to move towards using that video because it is specific to Idaho concussion law and uses Idaho people (students, doctors, coaches). Tim Perrigot has viewed the St. Luke's video and says it would be better for coaches.

## Sportsmanship

Elizabeth Kidd reported on the October sportsmanship meeting where they discussed a proposal for a yearlong sportsmanship program to be implemented in 2016/17.

## Policy Manual

Neutral officials and officials' testing were addressed during the board work session.

# **ACTION AGENDA**

## 2016-17 Calendar

Jason Knopp moved, Top Gropp seconded to approve moving the 2016-17 calendar from tentative to approved. Julie Hammons noted that the Hall of Fame Banquet takes place on a Tuesday rather than a Wednesday in 2016 as a final reading.

## 2017-18 Calendar

Rich Bauscher moved, Ron Anthony seconded to approve moving the 2017-18 calendar from suggested to tentative as a final reading.

## **2018-19, 2019-20 Calendars**

Jason Knopp moved, Kimber Chrz seconded to approve moving the 2018-19, 2019-20 calendars to suggested as a final reading.

## **Northwest Academy**

Ron Anthony moved, Kevin Howard seconded to approve adding Northwest Academy as a regular member for the 2016-17 school year as a final reading. Northwest Academy is a private school and making them a regular member would allow their students to apply for transfer waivers and co-op's with Bonners Ferry High School.

## **Co-ops**

Gary Brogan moved, Bryan Jolley seconded for the IHSAA Board of Directors to approve the following cooperative agreements as a final reading. They have submitted paperwork and BOC have approved.

<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Schools</u></b>	<b><u>Sport</u></b>
Combined	Deary/Kendrick	Softball/Baseball
Combined	Burley/Oakley	Softball
Collective	Blackfoot/Snake River	Speech/Debate
Collective	Kimberly/Hansen	Wrestling
Collective	Kamiah/Clearwater Valley	Wrestling

## **Mullan High School**

Tim moved, Rich Bauscher seconded to approve allowing Mullan High School to move eighth graders to the varsity team for one year as a final reading.

Mullan's AD Stetson Spooner was available to answer questions. They have enough to occasionally field two girls teams (varsity and JV) but only had five boys come out for basketball with one later leaving the team due to religious obligations. One member of the team has no prior basketball experience, is just playing so they have the chance to field a team. The moral of the school is already low due to them forgoing their football season earlier this year. Mullan counselor David Madison was at the meeting to attest to this.

Spooner consulted the Montana High School Activities Association because they allow eighth graders to play on high school teams is low enrollment numbers require it. 198 eighth graders have been allowed to play on varsity/sub-varsity team with no negative reports.

Kimber Chrz questioned if all other potential options had been exhausted. Spooner expressed that he had been working on a solution since early October when he realized this would be an issue, and he believed this was the only solution. Tol Gropp expressed concern that this would encourage future teams to discourage participation to bring up talented eighth graders.

## **State Debate Tournament**

Gary Brogan moved, Tracy Fuller seconded to approve changing the format of the state debate tournament to mirror what is done at state drama and state speech as a final reading.

The debate people met at the ISATA conference and ultimately decided they would like to see the debate tournament ran in a way similar to speech and drama where students compete against everyone during individual events and only the team awards are decided based on classification.

Tracy Fuller explained that most coaches support this change and believe facing competitors from across all classifications would be beneficial for the debate students.

### **Speech Arts Outside Competition**

Ron Anthony moved, Rich Bauscher seconded to exempt speech arts participants from rule 8-11 regarding outside competition as a first reading Julie Hammons pointed out that the speech/debate season last from October through March which doesn't allow for students to participate in any outside competitions. Cheer and dance are already exempt from this rule.

### **Game Limitation for Freshmen**

Tim Perrigot moved, Gary Brogan seconded to table eliminating freshmen from game limitation counts as a first reading.

### **Volleyball Representation**

Kevin Howard moved, Jason Knopp seconded to approve the 2016-17 volleyball representation with the exception of the 1AD1 classification as a first reading.

<b>5A</b>	
I-II	1.5
III	4.5
V-VI	2

<b>4A</b>	
I-II	1
III	3
IV	2
V-VI	2

<b>3A</b>	
I	2
III	2
IV	1.5
V	1
VI	1.5

<b>2A</b>	
I-II	1.5
III	2.5
IV	1
V	1.5
VI	1.5

**1AD1**  
Tabled

<b>1A DII</b>	
I	1.5
II	1.5
III	1.5
IV	2
V-VI	1.5



## Soccer Bracket

Gary Brogan moved, Kevin Howard seconded to approve the bracketing and pairing for the 2016 state soccer bracketing and pairing as drawn by IHSAA policy as a first reading.

### **5A - Boys**

1-2A  
5-6B

3A  
1-2B/3E

5-6A  
3C

3B  
3D

### **5A - Girls**

1-2A  
5-6B

3A  
3D

5-6A  
3C

3B  
1-2B/3E

### **4A - Boys**

5-6A  
4B

3A  
3C

4A  
5-6B

1-2A  
3B

### **4A - Girls**

1-2A  
5-6B

4A  
3B

3A  
4B

5-6A  
3C

### **3A - Boys**

3A  
6B

1-2A  
4B

6A  
5A

4A  
1-2B/4C

### **3A - Girls**

5A  
1-2B

4A  
5B/6B

1-2A  
4B

6A  
3A

**Soccer Play-Ins**

Kevin Howard moved, Tol Gropp seconded to approve the 2016 soccer play-in games, sites, dates and times as a first reading. Some sites will be determined after the field is set.

**5A**  
 1-2B McCall/Payette HS  
 3E Sat. Oct. 15, 2016  
 1:00 p.m. Girls  
 3:00 p.m. Boys

**3A – Boys**  
 1-2B Lewiston/McCall HS  
 4C Sat., Oct 15, 2016  
 3:00 p.m. local time

**3A - Girls**  
 5B Blackfoot HS  
 6B Sat., Oct. 15, 2016  
 1:00 p.m. - Girls

**3A Football**

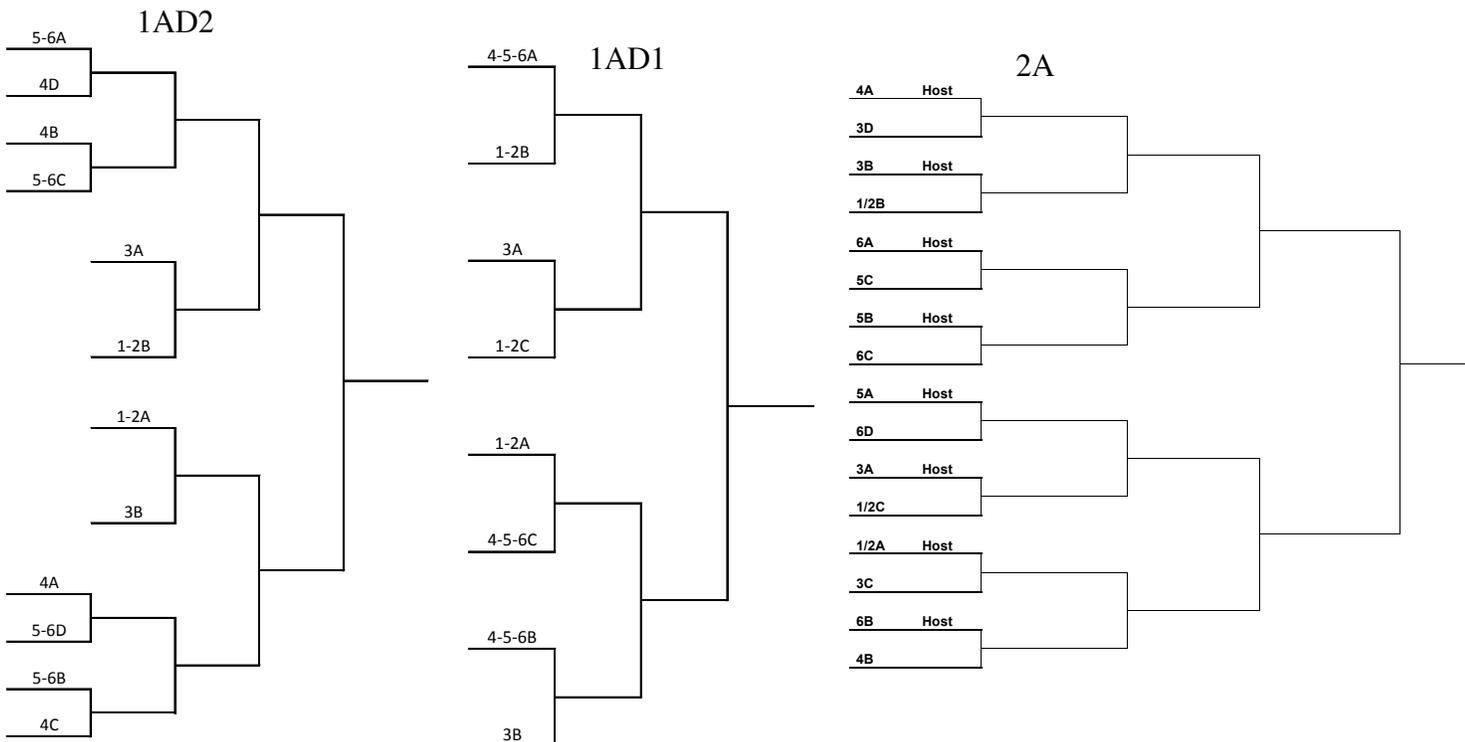
Tol Gropp moved, Jason Knopp seconded to approve 3A football to start playing on zero week as a first reading.

Buhl AD Stacy Wilson took the floor to explain the change. With changing from a 16-team to a 12-team tournament, they have one more week that teams could be playing, similar to the 4A and 5A schools. South Fremont AD Chris Tucker explained this would make it easier for 3A team to fill games.

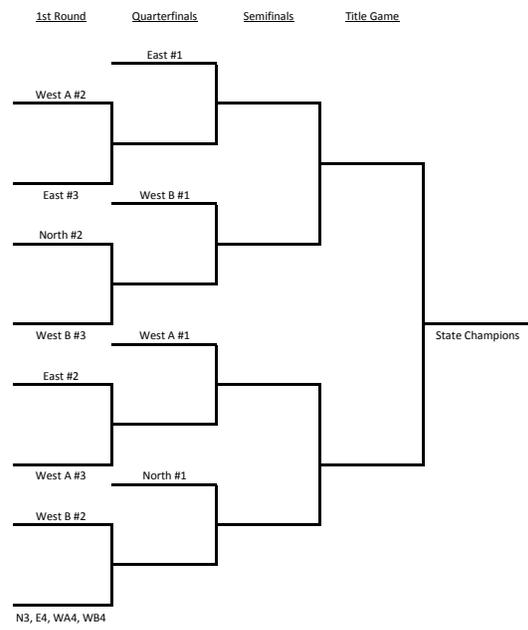
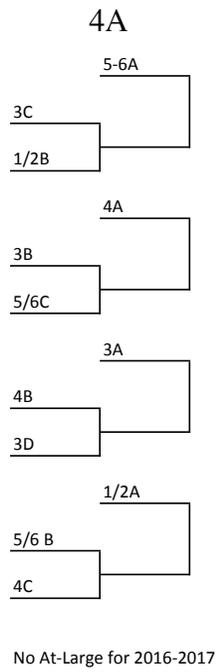
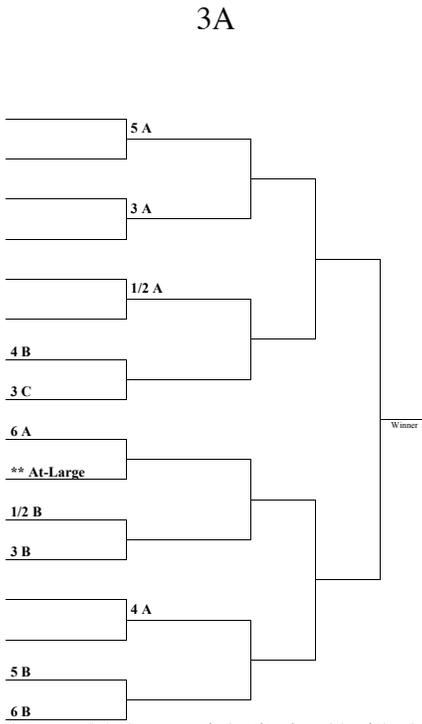
**Football Brackets**

Ron Anthony moved, Tim Perrigot seconded to approve the 2016 football representation and bracket as a first reading.

Perrigot voiced his opinion on the new 3A at-large bid, saying they need to have a system for picking that bid in place and representatives picked before the season starts.



5A



- NORTH**
- CDA
- LEWISTON
- LAKE CITY
- POST FALLS
- WEST A**
- BOISE
- CAPITAL
- COLUMBIA
- MERIDIAN
- MT. VIEW
- NAMPA
- WEST B**
- BORAH
- CENTENNIAL
- EAGLE
- KUNA
- ROCKY MT
- TIMBERLINE
- EAST**
- BONNEVILLE
- HIGHLAND
- HILLCREST
- MADISON
- RIGBY

\*\*\* The Committee will select the At-Large team (made up of a rep from each district). This is the next best team based on: 1. Head to Head 2. Common Opponent (point differential not a factor) 3. Coin Toss. The committee will 1<sup>st</sup> meet via conference call or email Week 7.

**Tennis Representation**

Gary Brogan moved, Kimber Chrz seconded to approve the 2016 state tennis tournament representation as a first reading.

5A	4A	3A
I-II      3	I-II      2	I-II      4
III        9	III        5	III        6
V-VI     4	IV        5	IV/V/VI  3
	V-VI     4	

**1A Softball Tournament**

Tim Perrigot moved, Rhonda Heggen seconded to approve changing the 1A softball tournament from a four team tournament to a six team tournament as a first reading.

More teams are involved in 1A softball and the additional teams would give it more of a tournament feel. This would be in effect beginning 2016.

**1A Football Mercy Rule**

Tim Perrigot moved, Rich Bauscher seconded to approve changes in the 1A football mercy rule as a first reading. The clock will be continuous once the point differential is 40 points. Losing coaches may forfeit the game in the second half.

Coaches of 1A football are all in favor of the changes.

**F-1 Visas**

Ron Anthony moved, Rhonda Heggen seconded to table discussion on F-1 visas and foreign exchange students until further information has been produced.

## **Board of Control Appeals**

Rich Bauscher moved, Gary Brogan seconded to approve modifications to rule 4-3-4 to allow District Boards of Control to fine schools for incurred expenses for appeals as a first reading.

## **North Gem**

Tim Perrigot moved, Kevin Howard seconded to approve North Gem's request to allow an eighth grader to practice with their wrestling team because of an uneven number of participants for one year as a final reading. Kimber Chrz pointed out that this was for convenience instead of actual need.

## **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

### 1. IHSAA Bids for Merchandise and Webcasting

The IHSAA has opened up bids for merchandising, webcasting and volleyball/soccer balls. Coaches will be consulted on what they would like to see in the volleyballs and soccer balls and questions from the board and schools will be addressed in regards to the webcasting bid.

### 2. Waiver of Transfer to gain varsity eligibility

Dwight Richens points out that students are able to freely transfer from bigger schools to smaller schools in order to gain more playing time if they haven't participated at their former school. The change would need to be made to rule 8-14-2. No action was taken.

### 3. Neutral officials

Ron Anthony moved, Kevin Howard seconded moving neutral officials at semi-final and final rounds in football to the January meeting.

Currently, schools can choose to have neutral officials at their games. South Fremont AD Chris Tucker wants neutral officials at all state play-off games to protect officials from having to officiate big games in their home districts.

### 4. Sanctioning vs Sponsoring

This is a question brought by Kevin Howard about the terminology regarding music. Ty Jones questioned if what was needed was more information given to schools about the IHSAA's relationship to music. Howard agreed that is what was needed.