

BASKETBALL COMMITTEE ADVISORY MINUTES

April 25, 2018

Meeting was called to order by chairperson Rachel Fisher. Other members present: Aaron Feddersen, Greg Bodensteiner, Kristin Meyer, Thad Streit, Nicole Goodwin, Jerry Hulsing, Jerry Shields. Absent: Royce Ranniger. Chuck Brittain attended as supervisor of officials for the IGHSAU. Attending from the State Office: Gary Ross and Jean Berger.

Members were introduced and an explanation of Advisory Committee's purpose was given.

Motion by Hulsing, Bodensteiner second to approve April 19, 2017 Basketball Advisory Committee minutes as filed. Motion carried unanimously.

The ejection report was given. Committee was informed eight coaches and six players were ejected during the 2017-18 season.

Ross distributed numbers on regional and state basketball attendance figures. Attendance had a slight decrease from 2017.

Ross informed Committee of the physical changes to Wells Fargo Arena for teams, including a pink brick road, banners, the display of historical action photos, etc. The IGHSAU strived in making the in-house atmosphere more appealing. Hulsing loved the in-house interviews and feels mic'ing coaches during the championship game adds interest to viewers. It was suggested the semi-final teams' locker room videos be played at a different time so players could watch.

Bodensteiner hopes the Cooley Corner continues as it was appreciated by all qualifying and non-qualifying coaches. It was suggested coaches could be reminded of this through an email blast as some non-qualifying coaches didn't realize they could access Cooley's Corner.

Committee commended allowing the community to come down to the Winners Circle after their championship game.

As next year's state tournament will be the 100th year for state basketball, the IGHSAU is seeking ideas to commemorate this event. Berger asked Committee to solicit suggestions from other coaches and contact the IGHSAU with ideas.

Ross informed Committee a questionnaire was sent to state participating athletic directors, coaches and players asking for feedback from the state tournament. The results of that questionnaire was discussed with Committee, which showed many favorable compliments on the tournament experience. Very few negative comments were given, with Management already discussing improvements with Wells Fargo Arena management.

Berger asked Committee for ways to increase attendance at the girls' state tournament for non-qualifying teams. Committee stated the problem is usually unexcused absences. Berger asked if something educational could be added to their experience. Some coaches have to take personal days, pay for drivers and pay for their sub.

Committee expressed appreciation for the earlier start time on Saturday during the state tournament.

Live streaming is appreciated, especially for those who live out of state and would not be attending the tournament.

Brittain informed Committee of the changes incurred for officials at this year's state basketball tournament. Two "up-and-coming" bench officials were invited each day, attended pre-game meetings and switched working the bench every-other game. This is intended to give those officials motivation and state tournament experience. Brittain also stated 45 officials worked two games during the week, with 15 working one game.

Brittain explained 1200 officials were reviewed by observers throughout the season. The response from the officiating world was very positive as they knew there were people in the stands watching them. Brittain stated the philosophy behind this was not for post-season work, but to give officials feedback regarding improving their game. These observations were charted, which assisted in: 1) recommending for post-season play; 2) mechanics; 3) putting together crews; 4) help in progressing. Bodensteiner felt it would be important to let coaches and officials know they are present, however this information can be obtained from Arbiter.

Discussion was held regarding the decrease in the number of officials not only in basketball, but other sports as well. Coaches are strongly encouraged to help recruit those who would be good candidates and have an interest in officiating. Committee suggested classes being offered in local communities and possible college credit for officiating camps.

Briefly discussed Arbiter. Hulsing stated the difficulty in recommending officials is when officials do not post their photos. Brittain stated the importance of officials signing the back of the scoresheet (legibly!) and placing their photos on Arbiter. Hulsing stated he ranks his officials after each game on his own spreadsheet. Berger stated in the upcoming softball season there will be a "pull down" to rate umpires throughout the week. Hopefully this will be successful and can be upgraded to other sports as well.

In soccer, officials will be expected to rate a school's administration and spectators. Committee concurs administration needs to address parents on sportsmanship issues. Shields stated his school has a school-wide meeting with all parents and teams and sportsmanship expectations are stressed.

Implementing a shot clock was discussed at length. Committee concurs nobody enjoys watching a team stall and agree it's up to a team to get the ball back. Some believe a shot clock would add more excitement to the girls' game and teams could potentially have more possessions with a shot clock. Bodensteiner is not convinced we would have "better" basketball if a shot clock were implemented and that it would not improve the girls game. Bodensteiner also suggested there could be a wider disparity between scores. Meyer feels it could make the game go faster and would make decision-making more important. Fisher believes adding a shot clock would make the game better, improve excitement and reward

good defense. The “perception” would be appealing, but many teams wouldn’t use a shot clock. Some statistics show utilizing a shot clock does not produce higher scores and percentages decrease. Fisher also stated cost would be a factor for some schools, however her facility already has a shot clock wired and installed. Streit feels implementing a shot clock would take away an important strategy of the game. Others state not only would the shot clock be an added expense, but wiring the shot clock, adding bigger scorers’ tables, and training would add expense.

Ross informed Committee of the schedule change from Class 5A-1A. Committee agrees it is important for 5A schools to play during the day as it affects student attendance. Bodensteiner felt the schedule was fair as long as every team has the same amount of time off between games. **Bodensteiner motion the IGHSAU look at the time schedule in relation to classes to make it fair for every class, including those who play on Monday evening (same as some boys regional substate games). Shields second and passed unanimously.**

Ross briefly reviewed the PROPOSED 2018-19 National Federation rule changes with Committee. Among the proposals being discussed by the national committee:

- Implementation of a shot clock.
- Briefly discussed eliminating the jump ball.
- College rule of five fouls per quarter with no 1-and-1. Committee feels this could speed up the game, but the 1-and-1 is a big advantage.
- Implement restricted area arc.

Meyer asked for feedback regarding playing 18-minute halves. Meyer’s team has played this and she would favor implementing this change. She feels the increase in minutes could potentially increase the amount of playing time per game for players, which could also increase participation. Committee discussed playing halves instead of quarters and is in favor of the current structure.

Briefly discussed the individual participation limit, due to some girls having to play both jv and varsity in one night so they’re getting more playing time, versus the disadvantage when two games are not played on the same night. Committee favors the current structure.

Ross informed Committee an AdHoc committee was formed with constituents from the IGHSAU, IHSAA, IHSSA and IHSMA. The purpose of this committee was to discuss the overall placement, length of season, etc. of ALL high school activities. Also being discussed is a state-mandated break, number of contests and length of regular and post-season.

Ross showed the Committee a pinned-map representing each class for post-season play. This was beneficial as it showed the process in which pairings are established. Committee could visualize the difficulty securing balanced regionals when working with geography and rated teams. Ross also informed Committee the previous year’s first round opponent, ratings, records and geography go into consideration when establishing pairings. Ross reminded Committee classes 1A-3A play their regional final at a neutral facility and classes 4A-5A play their regional final at the higher rated team’s home court.

Ross stated a Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) is being formed for the 2018-19 school year. It is hopeful this Committee will meet to discuss problems, promote educational value of athletics, innovate ideas, provide feedback on issues impacting female athletes, and assist with hospitality for state tournaments. Applications are currently being reviewed for Committee assignment.

Committee wishes to express thanks to Bodensteiner, Feddersen, Shields and Ranniger for their years of service on the Advisory Committee as their terms are expiring.

The date for the 2019 Basketball Advisory Committee Meeting is April 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

With no further business, **motion to adjourn by Goodwin, Bodensteiner second and unanimously approved.**

Heidi Reed
Recorder