

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION
January 10, 2018**

President Dufoe called this administrative session of the Board of Directors to order at 10:00 a.m. Directors present: Dufoe, Zittergruen, Francis, Ebeling, Boehmer, Kroemer, and Fadness. Seivert arrived at 11:00 a.m. Attending from the state office: Berger, Brown, Ihnen, Ross, Eslinger and Brinkmeyer.

Motion by Kroemer, Francis second to approve consent items:

November 9, 2017 Board of Directors' minutes

November 9, 2017 Joint Committee minutes

November 29, 2017 Cross Country Advisory Committee Minutes

December 6, 2017 Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee Minutes

December 2017 Financials

Within discussion, Berger informed Directors that she and Ross met with Alan Beste, Jared Chizek and an Adaptive Sports representative. The request from Adaptive Sports to increase the number of events at the state track and field championships will continue to be discussed. One possible addition -- the 800 meters. Discussions with Adaptive sports is ongoing.

Brief discussion ensued regarding December financials and scholarship rule associated with track and field.

Motion to approve consent items was subsequently approved by all Directors.

Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee recommendations from their meeting on December 6 were presented by Eslinger. Committee recommended to eliminate the one-minute cool-down between heats during regional competition. After the completion of each event there will be a five-minute warm-up/cool-down for all swimmers. Cool down facilities (if available) will be utilized only during the five-minute warm-up period. Regional awards will be presented after the five-minute cool-down. Following brief discussion wherein management indicated its support for the recommendation, **motion by Boehmer, Kroemer second and unanimously approved by all Directors to approve the elimination of one-minute cool-down between heats during regional competition. After completion of each event there will be a five-minute warm-up/cool-down for all swimmers.**

Following a year of substantial research by the IGHS AU and discussion with various stakeholders, the Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee recommended and management supported, a change in the state swimming and diving championship format. The recommended change is for a preliminary-final format. The format will feature three sessions. The preliminary swimming meet will take place on Friday evening. State diving competition will move from Friday evening to the second session on Saturday

morning. And the state meet culminating in the swimming finals will take place Saturday evening. Under the new format, the number of state swimming qualifiers will increase from 24 to 32. The number of state diving qualifiers will increase from 30 to 32. The qualifiers will be determined in two ways: 1) A qualifying standard will be set for each individual swimming event. The time standard will be the average of the 16th place time from the last five state swimming meets in each event. Swimmers can qualify for the state meet if this standard is achieved in a full-automatic timed yard pool in the regular season. All times must be verified in QuikStats. Times from lead-off legs in relays are eligible as long the time is an FAT time. 2) The regional meet. Coaches will still need to enter swimmers and divers into the regional meet regardless if the swimmers have met the qualifying standard. All swimmers must be entered in the regional meet to compete at the state meet. Athletes must also compete and finish in the event at regionals to qualify for state meet competition. If a swimmer is disqualified at the regional meet or does not finish the regional event, they will not be allowed to compete in that event at the state meet even if they have achieved the qualifying standard during the regular season. The field of 32 state qualifiers will consist of swimmers that have met the qualifying standard and competes in that event at the regional meet. The rest of the qualifying field will be filled from the fastest regional times from swimmers who did not meet the state standard during the regional meet. Regional champions from each event are automatic state qualifiers regardless of time. There are no qualifying standards for relay events. Regional champions, plus the next fastest 26 times, qualify for the state meet. Relays will be a four-heat, timed final on the Saturday evening session of the state meet. Diving: The procedure for regional diving will not change. Regional champions, plus the next 26 best diving performances, qualify for the state meet.

The format for state meet prelims: There will be four preliminary heats of each individual swim event. Events will be circle seeded (24 fastest swimmers in the last 3 heats – in the last three heats, the fastest swimmers are in the middle lanes). The eight fastest swimmers from the prelim heat advance to the Saturday evening finals. The ninth-16th fastest swimmers from the prelim meet will swim in the consolation heat on Saturday evening. No matter the time, the highest a swimmer in the consolation heat can finish is ninth, but can still earn team points. No relays will take place on Friday evening. All relays will be timed finals on Saturday evening.

State meet finals: The finals meet will be two heats in the individual events, a consolation final (9-16) and final (top 8 times from prelims). There will be four heats of each relay event.

Following questions and discussion, motion by Kroemer, second by Fadness and unanimously approved by all Directors, changing the state swimming and diving meet format and state qualifying procedure to that stated above. This change is effective the 2018 swimming and diving season.

Motion by Francis, Zittergruen second to approve 2018 Basketball Hall of Fame nominees as presented by Eslinger. Motion unanimously carried.

Kim Van Deest, Grundy Center 1989
Jamie Boyd, Underwood 2004
Amanda Zimmerman, Ballard 2009

Eslinger brought Directors up to date on the state bowling venue situation. The state bowling tournament venue, Plaza Lanes, which has hosted the state tournament for the last several years burned down and is a total loss. Eslinger and Tharp (IHSAA) are in the process of securing a venue for this year's tournament. Numerous locations within the Des Moines and Waterloo areas are being considered. Several criteria must be considered when selecting a venue including parking, entrances for spectators and athletes, meeting space and spectator seating. A decision will be made within the next week. The facility selected will be utilized for two years. Plaza Lanes proprietor plans to rebuild, but it will take two years to complete construction.

Seivert arrived at 11:00 a.m.

Ross reviewed the revised state basketball tournament schedule. This year the order of play is class 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A. Championships: Class 5A and 4A will play on Friday at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m., respectively. Class 3A championship is slated for 3:00 on Saturday followed by 2A at 5:00 and 1A at 7:00 p.m. In addition to order of play, the other change is beginning championship Saturday at 3:00 rather than 4:00 p.m.

An update on state golf sites was presented by Brinkmeyer. Due to the number of classes reduced from five to four, only four state meet sites are needed. Because the course is under new management and because of scheduled renovations, Jester Park will not be available to host. It was mutually agreeable by both the IGHSAU and Jester Park to terminate the current contract. Sites for the 2018 State Golf Tournament are: Class 1A – American Legion Golf Course in Marshalltown, Class 2A – Lake Panorama in Panora, Class 3A – Coldwater Links in Ames and Class 4A – Elmwood Country Club in Marshalltown.

In keeping with the structure used in volleyball and basketball, Cathy Creighton was recently hired as Softball Coordinator of Officials. She has an impressive resume which includes being a high school umpire for 29 years. She worked the state softball tournament, umpired for the Big 10, SEC, Summit, Big East, Mid-American and Missouri Valley Conferences and also many Division II, III and junior college conferences. Berger interviewed eight candidates before the decision to hire Creighton was made. Creighton is scheduled to speak February 3 at the softball officials' clinic in Johnston.

Eslinger updated Directors on progress of new web site. He indicated that we are currently in the process of proofing the site and are about 10 days away for actual testing. The site is on schedule to be launched in February.

Chuck Brittain, Coordinator of Basketball Officials has done a fine job this winter overseeing the basketball officiating program. To summarize some of the work being done related to officiating, Ross reviewed two items: 1) a sample memo that was sent to

basketball officials as an update and focus for officials and 2) three different samples of reports being utilized by Observers as they watch, evaluate and provide feedback to officials. Twenty-four Observers have conducted 700 observations around the state. The feedback from officials has been positive. Brittain will utilize Observers' and assignors' feedback, ratings, and recommendations from schools when assigning officials for post-season competition. Ross shared that this year an "upcoming official" that isn't working the state tournament will be invited to the tournament and attend the officials' pre-game meeting and assist officials at the scorer's table. Hopefully, this experience will encourage the official to stay with and continue to work hard at officiating. Discussion ensued.

Berger informed Directors that the Student Advisory Committee program will be rolled out this spring. Applications will be reviewed and students notified that they have been selected to serve on the committee. Application deadline is April. The first meeting of the committee could occur this summer. This group of students will be a sounding board for the advisory committees. Two girls from each of the four districts and three at-large seats will comprise the committee. Each member will serve a two-year term. The opportunity will be open to seniors.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. through a motion by Francis, second by Zittergruen and unanimously approved by all Directors.

Karon Brown
Senior Associate Director