

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION
January 12, 2022**

This administrative session of the Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Dufoe. Directors present: Dufoe, Donels, Fadness, Kroemer, Boehmer, and Seivert. Present via Zoom: Adams and Fleshner. Attending from the State Office: Berger, Ihnen, Ross, Brinkmeyer, Eslinger, Anderson, Van Wyk, and Kirtley.

Berger introduced new staff member Ben Van Wyk who joined IGHS AU staff on January 10. He previously served as Activities Director at Ogden High School and will be working officials, the Dragonfly platform and internal operations for the championships.

Luke Eustice and Kylee Walker from Think Iowa City introduced themselves to the Board and thanked the IGHS AU for the opportunity to host state volleyball. Invited board to come over for the IWCOA state wrestling tournament.

The December, 2021 BOD minutes, January, 2022 Financials and the January 7, 2022 Executive Session minutes are the consent items on the BOD meeting. **Motion by Kroemer/second by Donels and unanimously approved to approve the consent items on the agenda.**

Ross reviewed about the joint cross country advisory meeting including issues and corrections for Varsity Bound and results; recommended format for the state cross country meet and the number of state qualifying sites and teams assigned by class. The recommendation is to remain at eight sites with the same format of Wednesday/Thursday for the regional qualifying. The recommendation for the two-day state meet and which classes will run on each day and the options available was outlined. The Advisory Committee's recommendation was to keep 3A/4A on Friday, with 1A/2A on Saturday flip flop the class order for each day each year. Dufoe and several Directors had questions regarding the recommendation on why 3A/4A and 1A/2A could not switch days as originally presented when the state meet was moved from one to two days. Adams had concerns about the same classes missing school every year on Friday, not only for students, but also for the coaches who are teachers. That impacts all students in classes taught by the coaches. Fadness gave concerns about this and how it originally was presented to change and it has not. Kroemer gave her perspective about the impact on larger schools and concerns of missing school. Boehmer believes the joint committee needs to discuss further and bring back to both Boards. Ross also went over other items from the advisory meeting, including the timing systems, time of races, awards presentations, etc.

The Tennis Advisory minutes and three recommendations were reviewed. 1) All rounds in regional singles and doubles up to the semifinals as 2 out of 3 with a 3rd tiebreak no ad scoring. Then semifinals and finals will be played scoring with ad scoring. 2) Regional team play will have a set order of play with singles 1-6 first followed by doubles. Exceptions may be made in case of weather or court situations. 3) The IGHS AU will adopt the USTA wording for the blood rule with updates in the tennis manual as noted.

Motion by Fadness/second by Kroemer and unanimously approved to accept the minutes and the recommendations as presented.

The Swimming & Diving Advisory Committee minutes were presented with the following motions for approval: 1) Allow girls' diving coaches 10 instructional diving sessions (contact days) following completion of the boys' state swimming championship through June 1. 2) Qualifying standards as presented with 16 qualifiers under the current format. 3) Move the State Diving Competition to Friday evening of the State Championship with State Preliminary races contested on Friday afternoon.

Motion by Kroemer/second by Adams and unanimously approved to accept the minutes and three motions.

2022 Basketball Hall of Fame nominations are Julie Goodrich, Adel, 1970-74; Keanna Levy of Waterloo West, 199-2003 and Alexis Conway of MOC-Floyd Valley, 2010-14. **Motion by Boehmer/second by Adams and unanimously approved to support the Hall of Fame recommendations.**

2022 Track and Field Hall of Fame nominations are Rose Ripslinger, Davenport Assumption, 2010-14, Jalyn Roberts-Lewis, Des Moines Roosevelt, 2010-14 and Whitney Westrum, Waukee, 2006-0. **Motion by Fadness/second by Donels and unanimously approved to support the Hall of Fame recommendations.**

The Joint Bowling Championship contract was presented for Board Approval. A new individual tournament and team format changes necessitated a second site for the championships. After discussion on the changes, **motion by Kroemer/second by Fleshner and unanimously approved to approve the contract.**

The BOD reviewed a girls' wrestling presentation including the current season information of 1,004 participants at 185 schools. Five years ago, 93 girls were participating in wrestling in Iowa. Directors reviewed the number of participants at the schools on an Iowa map and discussed the option of cooperative sharing agreements for low participation schools. Sport rules, weight classes, season format, one classification, potential dates for a season as well as other practice and competition options were all reviewed and discussed by the Directors. A tentative timeline for sharing with various constituents and final recommendations for BOD approval was also presented and reviewed.

Motion by Kroemer/second by Adams and unanimously approved to sanction girls' wrestling as the 11th sport for the IGHSAU, beginning in the 2022-2023 school year as the first season.

The announcement of the IGHSAU sanctioning is planned for the championship round of the IWOCA State Championship.

The first draft of the IGHSAU contract with Global Spectrum for the state volleyball championship was reviewed by Directors. The IGHSAU general counsel is currently reviewing

the contract as well and his changes will be forwarded to the arena management. Berger asked for permission to move forward with contact once legal review and changes were agreed to by the arena and counsel. **Motion by Adams/second by Boehmer an unanimously approved to grant Executive Director Berger authority to sign the contract for the state volleyball championship, pending legal counsel approval.**

IGHSAU staff work on a new mission and vision statements, along with goals and projects that have been identified to date were presented for BOD review. The staff will continue the work in the coming months and bring back to the BOD further plans for discussion and approval.

North Scott High School's response to the IGHSAU on several sportsmanship issues was presented by Director Berger. Directors expressed concerns about North Scott hosting IGHSAU events in the post season and how others might feel coming into the facility; directors raised concerns about how adult behavior is being addressed or not addressed and how will the school address the actions of the adult community. Kroemer spoke about the importance of dealing with issues at the home site. Fleshner expressed concerned about dictating to local districts how to handle issues and/or problems. Directors indicated that the IGHSAU can communicate that the report has been received and more information and input can be requested if needed.

The issue between the students at Dubuque Wahlert and the Waterloo East girls' basketball teams in which allegations of racial comments were made by the basketball team. Both Schools were asked to investigate and filed reports with the IGHSAU. The regular season aspect of this issue and both schools' involvement was discussed. Boehmer suggested a discussion at the AD conference on this issue as well as hosting guidelines for the schools.

The February meeting of the BOD will be **February 16th 10 a.m.** at the IGHSAU offices.

Motion to adjourn at 1 p.m. by Kroemer/second by Fadness and unanimously approved.