

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION
February 14, 2019**

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

Motion by Fadness, second by Boehmer and unanimously approved by all Directors present to accept consent items: 1) January 16, 2019 Board of Directors' minutes 2) January financials and 3) Volleyball Advisory Committee minutes, February 6, 2019

Eslinger reviewed the 2019 Track and Field Hall of Fame nominees. After brief discussion, **motion by Ebeling, second by Kroemer and unanimously approved by all Directors present to accept nominees as presented.**

2019 TRACK AND FIELD HALL OF FAME

Traci Ferren, Southeast Polk 1986

Jenny Runchey, Atlantic 1995

Collette Gnade, Waukee 2009

Ross reviewed the current basketball season. Weather played a factor in the first round games and several were postponed and then postponed again. The schools around the state were flexible, had great communication, and patience as the weather has been gruesome the last month. Many of the teams went almost two weeks without regular season games. Teams were playing double headers on Saturday. A couple of schools even played on Sunday afternoon. Many of the schools didn't make up regular season games due to the lack of time available to play. Kudos to Chuck Brittain for assigning and reassigning officials to all the post-season games.

A bowling update was presented by Eslinger. All but two of the state qualifying tournaments were contested as scheduled. The two that were postponed due to weather were played the next day. The state championships will be conducted at Cadillac Lanes in Waterloo. Class 1A on Monday, February 18, 2A on February 19 and class 3A on February 20. As there is no progress in the rebuilding of Plaza Lanes, the 2020 state bowling tournament will be played in Waterloo.

The Student Athlete Advisory Committee recently met at the state office. The committee worked on several of their goals: 1) creating three PA announcements addressing sportsmanship to be read prior to every high school sporting event 2) recorded a video addressing sportsmanship that will be played at all IGHSAU championships 3) created a poster to hang in teams' locker rooms at Wells Fargo Arena epitomizes the Iowa Girl. Words such as "smart", "strong", "important", "kind" and "ready" will appear on the poster. All member schools will be provided a number of these posters for display in their district and 4) developed the "School Spirit Showdown" that will

be conducted at the first quarter break at every state basketball tournament game. Each student section will have an opportunity to cheer. T-shirts will be thrown out to the winning student section. Throughout the week committee members will serve as team escorts escorting each team to their respective locker room. They will also serve as student ambassadors at the Players' Lounge.

Berger brought Directors up to date on the Midwest Basketball Showcase that is being planned for June 21, 22, 23 at Liberty High School of this year. The showcase will allow Division I college coaches an opportunity to recruit student-athletes. Five states will participate in this showcase: Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma. Liberty High School in Missouri is taking the lead in the planning process. The invitation/selection process: each state will determine the number of teams based on a percentage of participation – each state's population. In addition to games, there will be teaching and coaching clinic sessions. The IGHSAU is working with Joel Sullivan and the IGCA to create the selection process. All Iowa kids will play on Iowa teams. Berger explained that this showcase is basically an AAU tournament with the athletic governing organization responsible for it.

Berger gave a review of the meeting the four activity organizations had with the Republican Caucus regarding the scholarship rule. The language proposed by the four activity organizations to allow schools to have local control when it comes to students involved in speech and music was rejected. The activity organizations talked with the caucus about not wanting the scholarship rule to be punitive. The four executive directors were asked to put forth some options for addressing scholarship. Discussion ensued.

Directors reviewed and discussed the General Release document related to the Ottumwa lawsuit.

The Iowa High School Sports Network in the past has streamed both girls' and boys' state track and field events. Berger recently learned that this year the IHSSN would stream only the boys' events. Tom Florian met with Pete Tarpey, who currently streams other IGHSAU state championships, to discuss the possibility of streaming the girls' portion of the meet. The problem with streaming only the girls' events is that you have space to fill when the girls aren't competing. The IGHSAU now has a plan in place to stream field events and feature stories when there are no girls' racing be run. Within discussion, Berger stated that Florian has a plan for a quality broadcast.

A survey based on the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations will be sent to superintendents/principals (principals at districts with more than one high school and superintendents to all other districts) and activity/athletic directors. Each group will have its own tabulation of results. The survey is asking each district's input on possible changes to the Unified Activities Calendar for the four Iowa activity organizations. There are five main changes proposed, which include:

1. Move all boys' golf to the fall
2. Move all girls' tennis to the fall

3. Switch the weeks during which girls' state volleyball and swimming and diving are held
4. Play state baseball the same week as state softball
5. The week state baseball has traditionally been played becomes a week with no IGHSAU, IHSAA, IHSMA or IHSSA activities taking place and no contact between coaches/advisors and students.

The survey results will be shared in March 2020 at the Iowa High School Athletic Directors' annual convention. The four organizations' boards will meet in June at the NFHS national convention for final recommendations on any changes to the Unified Calendar. Discussion ensued.

Berger and Brown reviewed state basketball tournament schedule of events and Board itinerary.

Berger presented a new sports update. Directors were informed that Berger is planning on attending the first ever girls' state wrestling tournament held in Waverly-Shell Rock. This state tournament is a culmination of a three-year process. A woman from Iowa City West is the person in Iowa who has the pulse on girls' wrestling in Iowa and it is her intent to keep Berger informed of all aspects related to girls' wrestling in Iowa.

Directors were brought up to date on the soccer eligibility issue involving 15 soccer players from seven different schools. These girls all played on the same club team that competed against a community college team. During the investigation, the IGHSAU learned that there are some eighth grade girls going into ninth grade this fall that participated in the contest. No administrator from any of the schools involved ever talked to the girls or parents about the scholarship rule nor was the information contained in the student handbook. Within discussion, Berger stated she is considering sitting the players for a couple of matches and then reinstate them, place the school on probation for one year and require the school administrator to share with the IGHSAU how the school plans to educate students and parents going forward. These are the same guidelines used in a previous situation. Directors expressed support for Berger's direction. Directors asked Berger to gather additional information and have a recommendation letter ready for Board's review in March.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Karon Brown
Associate Director