

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION
February 13, 2020**

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

Motion by Kroemer, second by Fadness and unanimously approved by all Directors present to accept consent items as presented: 1) January 15, 2020 Board of Directors' minutes 2) January Financials 3) Volleyball Advisory Committee minutes, January 23, 2020 and 4) SAAC minutes, January 29, 2020.

Brinkmeyer shared with Directors that the Volleyball Advisory Committee discussed increasing the number of allowable volleyball dates from 14 to 15 with the option of implementing contest parameters per IGHSU recommendation. The suggested increase in dates is due in part to schools having a limited number of home matches. Many schools would like the opportunity to maximize the community involvement and financial benefits, including keeping their school's longstanding rivalry matches alive. Committee further stated they are not encouraging schools to increase their weekend tournaments with the additional date, but to use it to gain another home weeknight match. Some conferences have tried utilizing triangulars and quadrangulars to accommodate their large conference size and gain home matches. Fleshner and Boehmer both spoke to playing triangulars during the week and trying to fit more matches into a fewer number of days. Kroemer stated that with the post season being shortened by one week, a number of schools are not playing in tournaments the week before post-season begins. Management indicated they will conduct additional research and come back to the Board.

The poster created by the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) was shared with Directors. The theme of the poster is role modeling for young, future student-athletes. The committee adopted the quote, "Somewhere behind the athlete you've become and the hours of practice and the coaches who have pushed you, is a little girl who fell in love with the game and never looked back....play for her"-Mia Hamm. The poster will be sent to all member schools in the fall.

One member of the SAAC, Faith Carpenter, prepared a student survey regarding concussion symptoms and distributed it to students in her conference. Results of the survey showed that most students are unaware of concussion symptoms. Other committee members asked if Faith would share the survey with them so they could in turn survey students in their conferences.

An appointment was needed to fill the official's seat on the Joint Track and Field Advisory Committee. Ross recommended Mark Tigges. After brief discussion, **motion by**

Kroemer, second by Boehmer and unanimously approved by all Directors present to appoint Mark Tigges to the Joint Track and Field Advisory Committee.

Michael Krawczyk, soccer coach at Nodaway Valley High School was appointed to the Soccer Advisory Committee through a motion by Kroemer, Fadness second and unanimously approved by all Directors present.

Executive Director Berger reviewed the revised IPTV contract noting that they had specifically addressed all the concerns of management and Directors. **Motion by Fadness, second by Boehmer and unanimously approved by all Directors present to approve the IPTV contract pending administrative approval.**

Management has been in negotiations with the Iowa Farm Bureau for a new five-year Title Sponsor contract since last October. The proposal from management to Farm Bureau was reviewed by Executive Director Berger. After lengthy discussion, **motion by Boehmer, Kroemer second and unanimously approved by all Directors present to accept the Iowa Farm Bureau proposal as prepared and presented by IGHSAU management. The proposal will be presented to Farm Bureau.**

Eslinger presented an update on bowling. State qualifying meets are Tuesday, February 18 with the state tournament on Monday, February 24 for class 1A, Tuesday, February 25 for 2A and Wednesday, February 26 for class 3A. Eslinger shared with Directors that state host site Cadillac Lanes XBC, Waterloo will have two set of bleachers for spectator seating for the state tournament.

Ross reviewed regional basketball dates as well as regional final dates. The state tournament is scheduled for Monday, March 2 - Saturday, March 7. Brief discussion ensued.

Executive Director Berger shared with Directors that a press release announcing that the IGHSAU and the Iowa Events Center have signed a 10-year contract for the venue to host the girls' state basketball tournament is forthcoming. Promos advertising the new agreement will be broadcasted throughout tournament week.

House File 2202 was introduced to the Iowa Legislature. The Bill requires high school students to participate in extracurricular interscholastic athletic practices, contests, or competitions based on biological sex as determined at birth. Within discussion, Executive Director Berger and Directors shared their concerns. The Bill has not come out of subcommittee nor has there been a hearing scheduled.

The Bill addressing how schools should be classified has been withdrawn. This is due to the research, completed and ongoing, by the IGHSAU and IHSA Joint Classification Committee.

The revised Chapter 36 "Extracurricular Interscholastic Competition" of the Iowa Administrative Code now provides the IGHSAU, IHSA, IHSSA and IHSMA with the

discretion to set a family week or weeks during the summer for a period up to 14 days in length in which no contact with students is allowed. The exact week has not been determined.

The changes to Chapter 36 of the Iowa Administrative Code now provides that a student may not be required to sit out in more than one school-sponsored extracurricular activity for a failing grade. This becomes effective July 1, 2020.

Executive Director Berger informed Directors she met with Fort Dodge city officials to obtain information as it relates to RAGBRAI. Fort Dodge has been selected to serve as an overnight stay on Monday of the state softball tournament. Additional meetings will be held to address the IGHS AU's concerns.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:30 through a motion by Fadness, second by Boehmer and unanimously approved by all Directors present.

Karon Brown
Associate Director