

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION  
February 11, 2021**

This administrative session of the Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Ebeling. Directors present: Ebeling, Kroemer, Sievert, Adams, Boehmer, Fleshner (attended via zoom). Absent: Dufoe, Fadness. Attending from the state office: Berger, Ihnen, Ross, Eslinger, and Brinkmeyer.

**Motion by Kroemer, Adams second and unanimously approved to accept consent items: 1) January 13, 2021 Board of Directors' minutes 2) January 13, 2021 Executive Session minutes 3) February, 2021 Financials 4) January 20, 2021 SAAC Minutes.**

Brinkmeyer presented minutes from the Volleyball Advisory Committee and reviewed the recommendation to adopt the protocol for teams to occupy the same team bench throughout the match. In the event there is a clear and distinct disadvantage, teams may switch sides, observing all social distancing protocols. If head coaches cannot come to an agreement about a disadvantage, then match officials will determine if a disadvantage is present. Directors briefly discussed placement of the home team's student section and felt not changing benches would be beneficial to management. **Motion by Boehmer, second by Kroemer and unanimously approved to approve an Iowa Adaptation to NFHS rules, allowing teams to occupy the same bench throughout the match.**

Eslinger reviewed supporting documentation for the 2021 Track and Field Hall of Fame nominees. Following discussion, **motion by Boehmer, Adams second to accept Track and Field nominations as presented. Motion unanimously approved.**

**2021 Track and Field Hall of Fame**

Teesa Price, Iowa City High, 1999  
Teresa Breyfogle, Galva-Holstein, 1993  
Jessica Gehrke, Iowa City West, 2010

Eslinger reminded Directors due to the cancellation of the 2020 State Track and Field Meet, the 2020 Track and Field Hall of Fame recipients will also be presented at the 2021 State Meet.

**2020 Track and Field Hall of Fame**

Morgan Casey, Northeast, 2010  
Ellen Dougherty, Sioux City East, 2010  
Taylor Twedt, West Fork, 2012

Eslinger reviewed the 2021 State Bowling Tournament. Each qualifier and coach will be allowed two spectators. To eliminate contact between workers and participants/spectators, wristbands will be sent following qualification. Due to COVID-19 the schedule has been adjusted to allow less teams in the facility during competition. Each day will have two sessions:

Class 1A	Girls	8:30 a.m.	February 22
Class 2A	Girls	1:30 p.m.	February 22
Class 3A	Girls	8:30 a.m.	February 23
Class 3A	Boys	1:30 p.m.	February 23
Class 2A	Boys	8:30 a.m.	February 24
Class 1A	Boys	1:30 p.m.	February 24

Ross updated Directors on the 2021 regional basketball:

- 1) Classes 1A-3A regional assignments were released on February 4.
- 2) Classes 4A and 5A regional assignments were released February 10.
- 3) All regional games will commence at 7:00 p.m. unless adjusted due to weather.
- 4) Live streaming policy has been provided to schools.
- 5) Regional playing dates are as follows:
  - a. Class 1A – February 11, 16, 19, 24
  - b. Class 2A – February 13, 16, 19, 24
  - c. Class 3A – February 13, 17, 20
  - d. Class 4A, 5A – February 17, 20, 23

Directors were updated on state basketball updates:

- 1) Seating will be reserved in pods of 2, 4 and 6 seats. All tickets will be sold for one game, utilizing three levels of the arena. Seating will be allowed up to approximately 5,000.
- 2) Schools will be given a code for tickets in one section for students.
- 3) No pep bands will be allowed.
- 4) Items presented virtually only:
  - a. Parade of Champions
  - b. All-Iowa Drill Team
  - c. Half time performances
  - d. Academic all-state recognition
- 5) Cooley Corner and the Student Lounge will not be available this year.
- 6) The Winners Circle will be utilized by teams/administration only this year in an area back of house. The general public will not be invited to celebrate with team champion.
- 7) A reserved seating area in the endzones will be utilized for qualifying teams, state officials, administrators, VIP.
- 8) The 50-Year Honor Team will not be presented, however, the 1971 championship game will be highlighted on the video board and a script will be read.

Ihnen entered at 10:34 a.m.

Regional attendance procedures were discussed. Ross informed Directors the home school determines their spectator regulations. If numbers are below 200 (300 in a regional final), schools must contact the IGHSAU.

Berger informed Directors that Smitty's Officials Apparel has been contracted as the IGHSAU exclusive apparel merchandiser for officials. Berger stated it is not mandatory that an official purchase from Smitty's, but if the Girls' Union logo is used, the official must use Smitty's. The IGHSAU will receive 10% of the gross income from the contract

Berger updated Directors on the E. Wayne Cooley Scholarship Committee. Berger stated the six finalists will be notified today. This year's interview will be held via zoom on February 17. Brinkmeyer informed Directors a letter with plaque is sent to each non-finalist in March. Kroemer asked that notification to non-finalists be sent earlier than is currently done.

Members of the IGHSAU staff and Ron Fadness from the Board were present at a recent University of Iowa volleyball match and toured the new Xtream Arena. The Arena has five adjoining full-size courts, conveniently located restaurants and hotels and ample parking. The IGHSAU will have to be creative

with office space, media rooms, etc., but are confident this can be secured. Ebeling suggested Berger send out inquiries to other venues in the state inviting them to make a proposal.

Berger informed Directors Deb Richarz, LeMars has been offered and accepted the position of Coordinator of Volleyball Officials. Richarz brings 38 years of experience of teaching with coaching experience in volleyball, basketball and track and field. Richarz has over 35 years of experience as an IGHSAU volleyball and softball official, and 20 years as a state tournament official. She was the first female to work a state softball tournament, and was a NFHS Distinguished Official Award recipient in 2013.

Kroemer and Adams updated Directors on the recent Joint Classification Committee meeting. Much of the data studied focused on football. This discussion and data may be beneficial with girls' classification. Staff will discuss and bring any ideas to the Board of Directors, who will then communicate with the IHSAA.

Berger updated Directors of the upcoming state basketball events and informed Directors lodging will be secured at the Downtown Hilton, Des Moines. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Downtown Hilton. Berger will forward schedule of award presentations, credentials, parking, etc. to Directors once available.

Directors were informed Representative Council member Troy Heller notified the IGHSAU that he is retiring in June of 2021. The Directors noted other possible changes for the Rep Council for the upcoming year.

A portfolio composition of IGHSAU investments was presented to Directors. Dave Jesse, IGHSAU financial advisor, presented investment strategies. He recommended a change in the percentages within the Union's financial plan. After departure by Jesse, discussion continued. Directors are comfortable with this adjustment and feel this increase is not aggressive. **Motion to approve adjustments recommended by Jesse by Adams, Boehmer second and unanimously approved by all Directors present.**

Kroemer asked about the progress of the Iowa Girl Foundation. Berger had been exploring ideas for the foundation, but due to COVID-19 her progress has been delayed.

Ross informed Directors a meeting is scheduled to discuss guidance on a dead week for high school students for the IGHSAU, IHSAA, IHSSA, and the IHSMA.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Heidi Reed  
Recorder