

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION
March 5, 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, Dufoe, Fadness. Attending from the state office: Berger.

Motion by Kroemer, Boehmer second and unanimously approved to accept consent items: 1) February 11, 2021 Board of Directors' minutes 2) February 25, 2021 Joint Committee Minutes.

Greg Williams of Monticello and Scot Lamm of Mt. Pleasant were approved as members of the IGHSAU/IHSAA Joint Track and Field Advisory Committee. **Motion by Fadness, second by Kroemer and unanimously approved.**

Directors reviewed the proposed Joint Cross Country format for the 2021 State Championships in Ft. Dodge. The championship was a two-day event in 2020 due to COVID-19 concerns. Survey results from 2020 indicates a favorable desire to continue that format. IHSAA/IGHSAU staff are in favor of two-day event, on Friday-Saturday. Fadness indicated the proposal should include a rotation of classes on Friday and Saturday every year due to overlap with football playoffs on Fridays for all schools. **Motion by Fadness, Kroemer second to accept the format change with class rotation for the 2021 State Cross Country Championship. Motion unanimously approved.**

Directors reviewed the 2021 State Bowling Tournament with the revised schedule and decrease in fan attendance due to COVID concerns. The format of holding separate girls' and boys' championships has offered an opportunity to also discuss a separate individual tournament, utilizing two sites in the same city.

Spring sports COVID guidance was reviewed and concerns from schools regarding the lack of a mask mandate were noted. Directors discussed an IDPH recommendation on travel that had recently been issued.

The contract for the 2021 State Soccer tournament at Cownie Soccer Complex in Des Moines was reviewed. Several items related to the City of Des Moines COVID restrictions on attendance were noted. Berger informed Directors she planned to discuss the contract issues with the Park and Recreation liaison and the City Manager's office to clarify the capacity restrictions.

Berger updated Directors on the E. Wayne Cooley Scholarship winner, Elise Boulton of Montezuma, who will be presented the award at the state basketball tournament.

The schedule of events for Directors on Friday and Saturday of the state basketball tournament were reviewed.

Directors discussed the recent girls' wrestling state championships and inquiries regarding the sanctioning of new sports by the IGHSAU. It was noted that the messaging on the process needs to indicate that member schools are at the forefront of the process. Berger was directed to develop messaging for athletic/activities directors, principals and superintendents on the process. Consideration will be given to presentations at the IHSADA convention, meetings of conference superintendents as well as AEA meetings on the topic. Sievert also suggested communication should be developed and

shared with Iowa legislators on the topic to keep them informed of the IGHSAU process and the role of member schools.

Boehmer brought up the topic of shortage of blank shells for track starters across the state. Berger will investigate a possible supplier for the blank shells which can be utilized for purchase by our track officials. The availability of the shells through the Iowa Track and Field Officials Association will also be researched.

There be no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jean Berger
Recorder