

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION
May 19, 2018**

President Dufoe called this administrative session of the Board of Directors to order at 7:00 a.m. Directors present: Dufoe, Ebeling, Zittergruen, Francis, Kroemer, Boehmer and Fadness. Absent: Seivert. Attending from the state office: Berger, Brown and Brinkmeyer.

Motion by Kroemer, second by Francis and unanimously approved by all Directors present to approve consent items: April 11, 2018 Board of Directors' minutes and April 25, 2018 Basketball Advisory Committee minutes.

Brinkmeyer reviewed profile of each Softball Hall of Fame nominee as recommended by the Softball Awards Jury. Following discussion, **motion by Ebeling, second by Boehmer and unanimously approved by all Directors present to approve Softball Hall of Fame nominees as presented.**

2018 SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME

Tracy Langhurst, Cedar Rapids Jefferson and Cedar Rapids Washington, 1983
Tana Colt, Akron-Westfield, 2007
Cassandra Darrah, Wayne, 2010
Nicole Fisher, BCLUW, 2010

Brinkmeyer shared with Directors that over the past year, the state office has been working on the creation of a Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Intent of the committee is to be a voice for female student-athletes and a sounding board for the Board of Directors and Representative Council. Committee members will assist in promotion of the educational value of interscholastic athletics, and discuss issues dealing with scholarship, sportsmanship, safety and student leadership. They will participate in leadership seminars, community service project(s) and assist with selected state tournament responsibilities. Committee members will also help create student surveys, facilitate local leadership events and provide feedback on issues directly impacting female student-athletes. Two representatives from each of the four districts were selected with an additional three selected on an at-large basis. Application process was open to any female student-athlete in grades 9-12 during the 2018-2019 school year. Eligible candidates must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, be available for scheduled teleconferences and in-person meetings, have a history of leadership on athletic teams and other extracurricular activities, community service and show an understanding of the role of school sports and the value of participation for females. The state office received a great deal of inquiry from member schools and in the end, received 62 applications for the SAAC. A committee comprised of IGHSAU staff members met and selected the 11-member committee. In selecting committee members, consideration was given to school size, grade level, and activities in which the applicant participated. The 11-member Student Athlete Advisory Committee was selected with all five classes and sports represented. Committee members will serve a two-year term. The first

meeting for the SAAC is scheduled on September 12 at the state office. **Upon review and discussion, motion by Fadness, second by Kroemer and unanimously approved by all Directors to approve the Student Athletic Advisory Committee as presented.**

An update on golf was given by Brinkmeyer. First round of regional play was May 14 (classes 1A and 2A) at 25 sites. Brinkmeyer reminded Directors that the top eight individuals advance (plus 8th-place ties) to the regional final meet, top two teams advance to the regional final plus the third-place team if the host school, playing on its home course, finishes first or second. Twenty regional final meets for all classes is scheduled for May 21. The top eight individuals (plus 8th-place ties) advance to the state tournament. The top two teams only advance to the state meet. At the regional final, third-place teams do not advance to the state meet if the host school finishes first or second on its home course. The state golf tournament will be played over two days – May 29 and 30. Class 1A will play at the American Legion Course in Marshalltown, 2A at Lake Panorama National Golf Course in Panora, 3A at Coldwater Links in Ames and 4A at Elmwood Country Club in Marshalltown. New this year, the first round of state tournament play will commence with a shotgun start. The second-day will start with tee times at 9:00 a.m. The new second-day format is intended to create more of a tournament atmosphere with the lowest-scoring golfers paired in the last group of the day. The state co-ed tournament will be contested at the American Legion Golf Course in Marshalltown (1A) and Coldwater Links in Ames (2A) and will utilize a shotgun start.

Brinkmeyer presented an update on soccer. So far this season there have been 9 ejections (1 coach and 8 players), which is comparable to past years. Regional tournaments for 1A are May 29, June 1 and 4, 2A will compete on May 24, 29 and June 4 and 3A tournaments are May 26, 30 and June 4. The state soccer tournament will be held at the Cownie Soccer Complex in Des Moines on June 7-9. Reminder was given that state tournament competition will begin one hour earlier than in previous years. The change allows management more flexibility in case of weather issues.

Jim Albertson has been contracted as the IGHSAU's Coordinator of Soccer Officials. A reminder was given that this soccer season the IGHSAU is implementing a soccer survey project to gather information from coaches and officials following each soccer game. Those reports are currently being received by the IGHSAU. Subsequently, the state office is able to follow up on any issues that are reported such as the condition of a soccer field. Brinkmeyer indicated she would like to condense the regional soccer tournament schedule. She also informed Directors that the Soccer Advisory Committee will have preliminary discussion on the potential of a co-ed state soccer tournament. Benefits for a co-ed tournament would allow girls' and boys' teams to play every other day allowing a day's rest between matches and would also allow the girls' tournament to be moved up one week, which provides families an additional free week in the summer.

Because Ross was unable to attend the meeting due to responsibilities associated with the state track meet, Berger shared the track and field update. State qualifying meets were held on May 10. A review of how state qualifiers are determined was presented: Class 1A – 10 sites, first place plus 14 at large, 2A – eight sites, first and second place plus eight at large, 3A – eight sites,

first and second place plus eight at large and class 4A – six sites, first and second place plus 12 at large. “Ticket Punched” placards were given to the automatic qualifiers the night of the state qualifying meets. The IGHSAU was represented well on social media the night of state qualifying meets with qualifiers posting pictures with their “Ticket Punch” placards.

This is the first year GoFan has been utilized at the state co-ed track and field meet. Spectators can purchase tickets in advance utilizing GoFan. Purchasing a ticket upon arrival at the stadium remains an option. Two representatives from GoFan have been on site all three days to assist with any situations that may occur. There have been miniscule problems. Every day ticket sales have increased.

Directors reviewed and discussed the 2018 state softball tournament schedule as presented by Berger. Teams losing in the quarterfinal round will play one additional game the following day – either Tuesday or Wednesday. All semifinal round games will be on Wednesday. Third and fourth-place consolation games are scheduled on Thursday and Friday approximately one hour prior to the championship games. Championship game times are approximate and could change depending on television. Currently, the class 1A championship will be played on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and the 2A championship at 8:15 p.m. Class 3A will play its championship game at 3:30 p.m. on Friday followed by 4A at 5:45 p.m. and 5A at 8:00 p.m.

Coaches will now evaluate umpires on a weekly basis. They will be required to evaluate umpires at the same time they update QuikStats. This is an effort to try and get more umpire data and more coaches involved. Our Coordinator of Softball Officials will have access to the information and will be able to utilize it when making tournament assignments.

In the absence of Ihnen, Berger gave the tennis season update. Team tennis regional finals are being contested today. Class 1A state tennis will be at Byrnes Tennis Center in Waterloo and class 2A at Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Complex in Iowa City. Singles and doubles competition will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 30 and 31. State team tennis is slated for Saturday, June 2. State co-ed tennis tournament will be held Tuesday, June 5 in Des Moines and Ankeny. Fadness voiced concern about the tennis facility in Waterloo. Berger shared with Directors there are two criteria in selecting sites for the state tennis tournament 1) number of courts. Twelve courts are needed at each site and 2) the availability of an inside facility. An inside facility is needed in case of inclement weather. There aren't a great number of sites that offer both. Additional discussion ensued.

Discussion regarding management's request that the Board of Directors grant the IGHSAU Executive Director the authority to use discretion to recommend that students entering or leaving a private school have immediate eligibility under 36.15(3) a. 9 of the General Transfer Rule in cases when there is a founded case of bullying and harassment. This request was made due to the fact that non-public school students are not provided relief under exception “j” of 281.36.15(4) Open enrollment transfer rule. Exception “j” states: “if the district of residence determines that the pupil was previously subject to a founded incident of harassment or bullying as defined in section 280.28 while attending school in the district of residence.” Situations

involving the General Transfer Rule when there is a case of founded bullying and harassment may be handled between the Executive Director and Board via email to streamline the process. All other cases under this exception would continue to be heard by the Board as appeals. Directors will have additional discussion on this subject during the June meeting.

Berger provided a preliminary budget for fiscal year 2018-2019. Within review, question was raised regarding increasing ticket prices. Berger stated that if an increase were to occur, she would recommend using the additional funds to increase the per diem awarded state qualifying teams that receive monies for mileage only. Directors discussed raising ticket prices as an option rather than charging admission for state golf and tennis. Increasing ticket prices will again be discussed in June.

Directors reviewed a tentative Board of Directors-Representative Council combined session agenda. Directors asked that the following be added to the agenda: 1) Representative Council members presenting "Ticket Punched" placards at regional final competitions in their district 2) ticket prices and 3) the website (have Council members received comments or concerns regarding the new website).

Berger shared with Directors that a contract is now required with member schools hosting IGHS AU competitions. A draft of the "Tournament Site Availability and Host Agreement" was reviewed and discussed. There is currently no insurance section addressing "hold harmless and indemnify." Management will meet with its insurance broker to discuss the language that needs to be included in the General Terms and Conditions of the agreement.

The IGHS AU Officials' Code of Ethics Policy has been updated. In addition to the "Officials' Code of Ethics" the new policy now includes "Conduct of Officials", "Criminal History Policy" and an "Appeals Process". The IGHS AU has also adopted "Social Media Guidelines for Officials" from the National Association of Sports Officials. Directors reviewed and discussed the document.

Brown reviewed itinerary for the annual June meeting and NFHS Convention.

Due to the adjusted state softball tournament structure on championship Friday, Directors discussed adjusting the July meeting time to mid-morning.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Karon Brown
Associate Director