

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION
June 12, 2019**

President Zittergruen called this administrative session of the Board of Directors to order at 8:30 a.m. Directors present: Zittergruen, Francis, Dufoe, Ebeling, Boehmer, Kroemer, Fadness and Seivert. Attending from the state office: Berger, Brown, Ihnen, Ross, Eslinger, Brinkmeyer and Florian.

Motion by Francis, second by Kroemer and unanimously approved to accept consent items: 1) May 18, 2019 Board of Directors minutes and 2) May 2019 financials.

Berger presented proposal from the Iowa Hall of Pride asking for a five-year, \$50,000 commitment for a renovated volleyball display. The IHOP indicated it envisions an interactive display with new large screen kiosks featuring highlights from the state volleyball tournament, instructional techniques, new interviews, and an interactive volleyball station where visitors can test their volleyball skills. In return, the IGHSAU will receive branding on the display and recognition on the donor wall. Within discussion Berger indicated the payment could be a one-time payment of \$50,000 or a \$10,000 payment each year for the next five years. Berger indicated she had budgeted a one-time payment of \$50,000 in the 2019-2020 budget. **Following additional discussion, motion by Fadness, second by Dufoe and unanimously approved to make a one-time payment of \$50,000 to the Iowa Hall of Pride to renovate the volleyball display.**

Berger presented the 2019-2020 budget. Discussion ensued. Berger indicated state basketball attendance increased from previous years but decreased at the regional level. State basketball expenses declined somewhat. The decrease is due to the number of Class 5A central Iowa teams qualifying. Directors also discussed the possibility of charging admission per person rather than per car at the state cross country meet. Possibly discontinuing school membership fees was discussed. Fadness thought that from a public relations standpoint, it would be a good move. Ihnen reminded Directors that the Iowa High School Speech Association and Iowa High School Music Association do charge membership fees. Seivert indicated that it might be a good time for the four activity organizations to approach the Iowa Senate and House and ask to make a presentation. Within the presentation the groups could demonstrate how well all four work together and the reasons why it is important to have four separate organizations. Berger suggested sharing information that is presented at AEA meetings regarding the four organizations. Making a presentation at the Iowa School Board Association Convention and the new athletic directors' workshop was suggested. Dufoe stated that the 2019-2020 proposed budget is in front of the Directors now and the issue of charging admission at the state cross country meet could be discussed later this year. The decision would need to be a joint decision with the IHSSA. Berger agreed with Dufoe that charging admission per person at the state cross country meet as well as membership fees could be discussed over the next year for a couple of reasons—1) the Farm Bureau contract is up for renewal and 2) additional increase in sponsorships. Ihnen stated that the IHSSA is able to maintain low entry fees because of the membership fee. He was concerned about the issue becoming a public relations situation for the IHSSA if the IGHSAU discontinued membership fees. Dufoe was of the opinion that a change in IGHSAU membership policy would not have an impact on the IHSSA. Berger reviewed the proposed budget in detail. Kroemer asked about an increase in travel supplement for

state qualifying teams. Berger indicated the subject is still being reviewed and discussed by management. For comparison purposes, Berger has contacted the IHSAA regarding its travel supplement amounts. **Motion subsequently filed by Ebeling, second by Francis and unanimously approved to adopt the 2019-2020 budget as presented.**

During the April Board meeting, Berger and Ross shared with Directors extensive research documentation on the subject of classification. There are currently five classes in volleyball, softball and basketball. Basketball and volleyball classification is exactly the same: Class 5A – largest 40 schools, 4A next 48 largest schools, 3A – next 64 schools, 2A – 96 schools and 1A the remaining schools. Softball classification is the same except for Class 2A. That class has 80 schools rather than 96. The classification subject has been discussed by various advisory committees. Within discussion, Directors agreed having the same classification in softball, volleyball and basketball would be positive and well received by member schools. **Motion by Kroemer, second by Boehmer and unanimously approved to adjust softball classification to mirror that of basketball and volleyball. Class 5A – largest 40 schools, 4A next 48 largest schools, 3A -- next 64 schools, 2A – 96 schools and 1A the remaining schools.**

Berger shared with Directors that an appeal had been filed with the Department of Education by Shelby Hatcher. In the May administrative session, Directors upheld Berger's decision of ineligibility for Shelby Hatcher. It was Directors' opinion that none of the exceptions included in the Iowa Administrative Code 281-36.15(3) applied to Shelby Hatcher's transfer from Lewis Central High School to St. Albert High Schools. It is the family's opinion that Shelby met the number of hours required to be eligible just not the number of days. The hearing at the Department of Education is scheduled for June 17. Discussion on hours vs. days and the difference between school districts ensued.

Admission was charged for the first time at the state tennis and state golf tournaments. A couple of negative comments were received about paying admission at the state tennis tournament, but only positive feedback at state golf.

Directors were reminded they have a working lunch meeting scheduled during the state softball tournament. The meeting is Friday, July 26 at 11:30 a.m. Location is to be determined.

Brown reviewed itinerary for the NFHS annual conference.

Motion by Francis, second by Dufoe and unanimously approved that this administrative session adjourn and Directors move into executive session.

Karon Brown
Associate Director