

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION
September 7, 2017**

This administrative session of the Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Ebeling. Directors in attendance: Ebeling, Dufoe, Zittergruen, Francis, Tracy, Kroemer, Boehmer and Seivert. Attending from the state office: Berger, Brown, Ihnen, Eslinger, Brinkmeyer and Ross.

Consent items: 1) July 21, 2017 Board of Directors' minutes 2) July 2017 financials 3) 2017-2018 advisory committee appointments (Tammi Veerbeek, Western Christian, Claude Howard, Springville and Kent Kocour (official) be appointed to the Volleyball Advisory Committee. Val Sitzmann, Kingley-Pierson and Chad Pitts, Iowa Golf Association be appointed to the Golf Advisory Committee) 4) Soccer Advisory Committee minutes, June 27, 2017 5) Golf Advisory Committee minutes, June 22, 2017 6) Joint Committee minutes, July 28, 2017 7) Track and Field Advisory Committee minutes, June 19, 2017 8) Bowling Advisory Committee minutes, April 24, 2017 and 9) Tennis Advisory Committee minutes, July 11, 2017 were unanimously approved through a motion by Tracy and second by Francis. There was discussion on several items prior to approval. Discussion included Eslinger's clarification on one recommendation by the Soccer Advisory Committee that a game that has met the requirements of being played into the second half (a complete game) but has ended due to weather/facility/injury be recognized as a complete game, even if it ends in a tie. Directors discussed two recommendations from the Golf Advisory Committee. The first recommendation states that in the first round of regionals only, if the host team advances to the regional final meet from their home course, then the third place team would advance to the regional final round as well. Within discussion management indicated it intended to implement the change for the 2018 season. A second recommendation from the committee addressed state tournament pairing procedures. Committee recommended to continue with Day 1 pairing procedures and shotgun start, and Day 2 use a double tee format start. The top four teams and bottom four teams paired on Day 2 as well, based on Day 1 scores. The change would create more of a tournament atmosphere, especially as the leaders approach the last hole. However, utilizing the proposed format would lengthen the time it takes to complete the tournament. Tracy voiced concern about extending the length of time it would take to play the final round when utilizing the double tee time format rather than shotgun start. Kroemer agreed and was also concerned that the other teams may not stay until the end of the tournament to watch the award presentation. Brinkmeyer stated the only course that time would be a factor was Lake Panorama. She spoke with the general manager and he did not feel the double tee format would pose a problem with their site. Ebeling and Zittergruen were of the opinion that the responsibility of administering the state golf tournament belongs to management, including format.

Action Items:

Motion by Kroemer, second by Dufoe and unanimously approved that a soccer match that has met the requirements of being played into the second half (a complete game) but has ended due to weather/facility/injury be recognized as a complete game, even if it ends in a tie.

Motion by Zittergruen, second by Boehmer and unanimously approved to accept recommendation of southeast district Board of Director (Ebeling) and southeast Representative Council members (Jeff Dicks and Steve McDermott) to appoint Davis Eidahl, Superintendent of Solon Community Schools to the Representative Council serving the southeast district. Mr. Eidahl replaces Chris Armstrong who retired from school administration and left a one-year unexpired term.

Over the last couple of years as the number of teams and golfers has continued to decrease, Directors have discussed the possibility of adjusting golf classification. This fact prompted the Golf Advisory Committee to discuss the possibility of reducing the number of classes from five to four. Consensus of the committee was if the number of classes is reduced to four, the number of state participants should remain similar to the five-class system, or have more team representation. Brinkmeyer provided Directors detailed information including proposed class breakdown, individual state-qualifying score difference averages (medalist compared to 5th place), third place team score difference from second place team and the average number of individuals from non-qualifying state teams advancing to state with top eight individual qualifiers compared to top five. Lengthy discussion ensued. **Motion subsequently filed by Kroemer, second by Tracy and unanimously approved by all Directors that beginning with the 2018 spring season, the largest 50 schools will compete in class 4A, the next largest 60 schools will make up class 3A; the next largest 80 schools will compete in class 2A; and class 1A will be comprised of the remaining schools. Each class will have five regions. The top two finishers in team competition from each regional final site advance to the state tournament, resulting in the advancement of 10 teams in each of the four classes. The top eight individuals from each regional final site, regardless of team affiliation, advance to the state tournament.**

Isaac Newton Christian Academy, a non-public school, has requested membership within the IGHSAU. Per constitutional writing, membership is open to all junior and senior high schools in the state that are accredited by the Iowa Department of Education. Berger shared with Directors a letter from the DOE verifying that Isaac Newton Christian Academy is a non-public school and is fully accredited. **Based on the information received from the DOE, motion by Dufoe, Francis second and unanimously approved by all Directors present to allow Isaac Newton Christian Academy membership within the IGHSAU.**

Following discussion, **motion by Dufoe, Boehmer second and unanimously approved by all Directors to adopt the state track and field order of events to be used during regular-season meets.**

Motion by Zittergruen, second by Dufoe and unanimously approved by all Directors to increase the break at the state track and field meet from 10 minutes to 15 minutes.

The Bowling Advisory Committee, in order to allow more flexibility with changing the Baker line-up per game, permit coaches to do more coaching, and allow more flexibility to put players in different positions, recommended that substitutions may be made in this round between games. Following discussion, **motion by Zittergruen, second by Boehmer and unanimously approved by all Directors that for the Five Game Baker Format: As games progress, total pins are always visible on the scorerboard. Substitutions and bowling order changes may be made in this round between games. Teams will bowl all frames of each Baker game on one lane, switching lanes only between games.**

Informational items included:

- 1) State qualifying cross country meet sites
- 2) Thank you letter from Mike and Pam Dick
- 3) Thank you letter from Jack Lashier, Iowa Hall of Pride
- 4) Iowa Girl Poster. This year the poster will feature Governor Kim Reynolds
- 5) Coordinator of Officials. Chuck Brittain has been hired as Coordinator of Basketball Officials. He will help promote better communication between officials, conferences, administrators, coaches and the IGHSAU, and help provide consistency in the interpretation of rules and officiating mechanics. He is also responsible for the identification, training, evaluation and selection of officials for the tournament series. This same structure will also be implemented for softball and volleyball.
- 6) State tennis sites. Waterloo will host class 1A and the University of Iowa Tennis Center will host class 2A. State team tennis will be played in central Iowa at either Ankeny or Johnston. The agreement with Waterloo and the University of Iowa is for 2018 and 2019.

Discussion item: Ad Hoc Committee update.

Berger reviewed the recommendations concluded from the study by educational-based activities Ad Hoc Committee. In the short term more communication was recommended. Recommendations included 1) making the Unified Calendar more accessible to coaches/directors/associations/etc. 2) increase communication and clarification of “school sanctioned”, “sponsored”, “school provided” language to administrators and 3) provide awareness and communication for coaches/directors in all four organizations about student wellness. Long-term recommendations included 1) investigate number of contests in different sports and 2) investigate length of postseason for different sports as well as for different class sizes. Items that should receive continued investigation: 1) consider implementation of state-mandated breaks in the calendar 2) investigate the structure of the postseason schedule/format including qualifications/days/etc. 3) investigate the possible movement of sport(s) from the spring to the fall 4) explore both boys’ and girls’ soccer format and duration of soccer season 5) investigate structure and number of games for baseball and softball, particularly the postseason and 7) investigate the coach-contact rule for off-season. Berger stated the short-term recommendations will be implemented. During the Ad Hoc Committee meeting where members shared their

recommendations with the four executive directors, there was much discussion on the amount of time involved from the time girls start postseason play until the state tournament. Coaching contact as well as creating time for breaks for kids received lengthy discussion. Zittergruen shared that he has received concerns from his constituents regarding non-school entity and breaks for kids. Berger asked Directors to consider what our priorities should be so further discussion may be conducted at future meetings.

Under miscellaneous items, Francis stated that he was contacted by a district member requesting that the IGHSAU discuss volleyball playing format. Rather than playing best of five, this district member asked that discussion be conducted on playing best of three. The rationale was time—game as well as travel. The NFHS rule states best three of five, but if a change were desired an adaptation could be implemented. Reminder was given by Brinkmeyer that during regular-season triangulars and quads, schools may decide what format to use. Brief discussion ensued.

Ihnen informed Directors that Superintendent Russ Adams, MOF-Floyd Valley and IGHSAU Representative Council from the northwest district, was recently appointed to the IHSSA Executive Committee replacing Todd Wendt who retired from school administration.

Tracy stated that in the near future he would like the Board of Directors to discuss charging admission at the state golf and state tennis tournaments. He is of the opinion it brings integrity to the tournaments and because these are non-revenue sports, any income to help offset expenses would be welcomed.

Motion by Boehmer, second by Dufoe and unanimously approved by all Directors to adjourn this administrative session and move into executive session.

This administrative session of the Board of Directors adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Karon Brown
Associate Director