

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION  
October 17, 2018**

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

**Motion by Kroemer, Francis second and unanimously approved to accept consent items 1) September 6, 2018 Board of Directors' minutes 2) September financials and 3) Softball Advisory Committee minutes, September 11, 2018.**

Berger shared with Directors the three recommendations from the Softball Advisory Committee 1) retain the current ruling regarding the higher-seeded team as the home team and occupy the third base dugout with no coin flip 2) if intentionally walking a batter, the batter must be pitched to and 3) current IGHSAU policy prohibits schools with softball facilities with turf infields from hosting post-season play. There are several schools building new facilities with possible turf infields. If the IGHSAU allowed these facilities to host post-season tournaments, the host team would have an unfair advantage since they would have played on this type of surface all year long. The committee would be supportive of schools with turf infields hosting post-season tournaments if there could be some provision that if a team were to play there, they could have the option of practicing before the regional game. Discussion ensued. Management indicated it was not in favor of the committee's recommendation that if intentionally walking a batter, the batter must be pitched to. Berger stated that the NFHS rule allowing teams to intentionally walk batters is only one year old and further data on its effect on the game is needed. Management prefers following the NFHS rule. Management supports allowing schools with turf infields to host regional play with practice opportunities for schools assigned to that facility. It was noted that the IHSAA baseball policy allows use of turf fields in post-season play. Also noted was the "diversity" of the playing facilities that school districts utilize for regular season. Minimum requirements focus on meeting NFHS rules and do not center on types of outfield, backstops, fencing or infields. Management also noted that teams who have turf infields are at a disadvantage when playing on other types of infields. Local districts are in the best position to determine the construction of facilities for use by schools and communities. **Motion Kroemer, Zittergruen second and unanimously approved by all Directors to retain the higher-seeded team as the home team and occupy the third base dugout with no coin flip. Motion by Fadness, second by Kroemer and unanimously approved to continue following the NFHS rule regarding intentionally walking a batter. Motion by Ebeling, second by Boehmer and unanimously approved to allow schools with turf infields to host post-season tournaments with the stipulation that the opposing teams have an option to practice at the facility prior to regional games.**

Eslinger reviewed the nominees for the 2018 Volleyball Hall of Fame. **Motion by Francis, second by Zittergruen and unanimously approved to accept Volleyball Hall of Fame nominees as presented.**

**2018 VOLLEYBALL HALL OF FAME**  
**Laura Rodham, Dubuque Wahlert 1979**  
**Delisa Debolt, Dubuque Hempstead 1986**  
**Brittany Van Beek, Western Christian 2005**

Management asked that Zane Hugo, Iowa City High be appointed to the Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee replacing Sarah Smith, Grinnell. **Motion by Ebeling, second by Fadness and unanimously approved the appointment of Zane Hugo, Iowa City High to the Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee.**

Brinkmeyer presented the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee minutes, September 12, 2018. This was the first meeting of the advisory committee. The committee determined that it would like to have three face-to-face meetings per year – one in September, one in January and one in May. Committee members will assist at the state volleyball and state basketball tournaments. They will serve as ambassadors to greet and assist state-qualifying teams. The committee established for themselves seven goals and expectations.

- 1) Be a source of communication related to girls' sports in their respective areas of the state.
- 2) Share with students, staff and communities the value and importance of having the current structure of the four activity organizations (IGHSAU, IHSSA, IHSAA, IHSMA).
- 3) Provide feedback to the IGHSAU to build on the current sports and experiences.
- 4) Create more awareness for sports that do not receive the same attention/focus at the local and state levels as some of the other sports receive.
- 5) Sportsmanship related ideas. IGHSAU posters for locker rooms, video board PSAs with Student-Athlete Advisory members; signage at venues, recordings from the students to be played at events.
- 6) Engaging crowds at the state tournaments – providing "theme" days for the students and spectators – competitions for schools to receive prizes. Ideas to increase student spirit.
- 7) Feature SAAC members with their impact in their home districts.

Brown presented an update on the recently completed Board of Directors and Representative Council elections. Greg Dufoe, ADM was re-elected to a four-year term of office on the Board of Directors serving the southwest district. Representative Council election results: Davis Eidahl, Solon was re-elected to a three-year term from the southeast district; Steve Smith, ACGC was re-elected to a three-year term of office representing the southwest district; Keith Turner, Rockford and Nashua-Plainfield was re-elected to a three-year term from the northeast district and Jon Wiebers, Ridge View was elected to a three-year term of office representing the northwest district. Reminder was given that last month Directors approved the appointment of Jennifer Donels, Davis County to a one-year unexpired term of office in the southeast district. Ms. Donels replaced Jeff Dicks, who moved from the district.



Ross shared state qualifying cross country assignments and indicated the meets will be held on Thursday, October 18 with the state meet on Saturday, October 27. Due to heavy rains, adjustments in state cross country parking for the general public had to be made. A shuttle service will be provided to the course – parking locations will be at four different locations around Fort Dodge. Parking at the golf course will be limited to individuals with parking passes (staff, workers, media, and qualifying schools). Each qualifying school will be given the opportunity to purchase an additional parking spot at the golf course to help in transporting tents, tables, etc. for team camps. New this year are the use of two large video boards, which will display state meet individual and team results, state team qualifying photos and records from last year's championship. The two video boards are provided by the IGHSAU, IHSAA and the Iowa Track Coaches Association.

Eslinger shared that regional swimming sites were released last week. He also reviewed swimming qualifying standards that are new this year. The standard time is the average of the 16<sup>th</sup> place time (the last scoring position) from the last five IGHSAU State Swimming and Diving Meets in each individual event. Swimmers can qualify for the state meet if this standard is achieved at an official IGHSAU-sanctioned meet in a fully-automatic (FAT) yard pool in the regular season or at the regional meets. All times must be verified in QuikStats. Times from lead-off legs in relays are eligible as long as the time is fully automatic (FAT). Relays do not have qualifying standards. Regional meet relay champions, plus the next 26 fastest times, qualify for the state meet. Divers do not have qualifying standards. Regional meet champions, plus the next 26 best scores, qualify for the state meet. Swimmers must be entered into the regional meet to compete at the state meet. Athletes must also compete and legally finish in the event at regionals to qualify for state. If a swimmer is disqualified at the regional meet or does not finish the regional event, they will not be allowed to compete in that event at the state meet even if they had achieved the qualifying standard during the regular season. If a swimmer automatically qualifies in an event during the regular season but is not entered in that event at the regional meet, she cannot compete in that event in the state meet.

Eslinger also reviewed the new state meet schedule. Preliminaries in all individual events will occur on Friday evening, November 2. Relays will be a timed final on Saturday evening. Those that place first through 16 in will advance to swimming finals on Saturday evening beginning at 4:00 p.m. Diving competition is scheduled for Saturday, November 3 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

A review of tennis tournament dates was presented by Ihnen. Regional tennis will be May 11, 15, 18 and 20. State tennis on May 20 and 21 and individuals on 29 and 30. Iowa City will host class 1A and Bettendorf class 2A. Team tennis is slated for June 1. Class 1A is at Johnston and class 2A at Ankeny. Ihnen reminded Directors that in order to host a state tennis tournament, the host site must have access to indoor courts.

A preliminary Board of Directors-Representative Council agenda was discussed. In addition to those items already listed, four additional items were added: 1) Theory of having four activity organizations. There is need to establish talking points from an IGHSAU perspective 2) interest



of Representative Council members in presenting regional final awards in their area 3) School safety and 4) On-line Education.

Brinkmeyer discussed the change in regional soccer tournament dates. While the soccer post-season occurs during an extremely busy time of year, there is one date that poses the most concerns. The date is the first Saturday of regional play, which consists of eight 3A matches. She further stated that management would like to see the contests on that Saturday moved to another calendar date. It was noted that schools must be given as much notice of the change as possible in case there are already scheduled matches. The eight 3A matches on Saturday, May 25, 2018 (week 47) would be moved to Thursday, May 23 2018 (week 4). Currently, there are sixteen class 2A matches scheduled for May 23. The additional eight matches on May 23 will not pose a problem in securing officials. Directors supported the change.

Regional volleyball tournaments began October 16. Regional finals are slated for October 29 (3A, 4A and 5A). Class 1A and 2A regional finals matches will be contested October 30. The state volleyball tournament schedule was also reviewed.

Basketball officials' clinics will begin October 17 at East Marshall High School. Four additional clinics are scheduled on October 24 at Spencer High School and Clarke High School. On November 1 clinics will be held at Harlan High School and West Delaware High School. The first hour of the clinic is devoted to rules and points of emphasis. The second hour is used for on the floor work. Attendees are separated into two groups – new officials and veteran officials. Each group receives specific instruction to their needs. The IGHSAU and IHSAA are trying to make these clinics valuable enough that officials will want to attend every year.

Directors were informed that Farm Bureau is now sponsoring HeadStrong Concussion Insurance for female student athletes. The insurance will pay for covered charges after the primary insurance has been exhausted. This is also referred to as "secondary policy". The insurance will also pay for any covered charges the primary insurance will not cover (including deductible, co-pays, and any other out-of-pocket charges). Two claims have been filed by female athletes.

Berger shared with Directors feedback received at district athletic director meetings across the state regarding the AdHoc recommendations. There was overwhelming support for a dead week in July. But, there was some question as what would happen to team camps. Athletic directors expressed some concern with moving tennis to the fall. This change, they feel, would make girls choose between the two sports. The larger schools favor this change more than the smaller schools. Athletic directors also expressed their desire to have both girls' and boys' soccer begin and end at the same time. They believe the state soccer tournament could be played the same week with a day in between for rest. Example: girls play Monday, Wednesday, Friday and boys play Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. They also believe that girls are being forced to choose which sport to play – soccer or softball. Ending the season earlier might enable a girl to play both sports. All of the feedback received from the district AD meetings will be discussed by the Representative Council in November. It was noted that whatever the decisions, it will be made by the respective Boards—it will not be a membership vote.

The Joint Committee has a lunch meeting scheduled on Thursday, November 8. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the state volleyball tournament. The preliminary agenda was reviewed.

Brinkmeyer confirmed state golf tournament sites – Ames Country Club, American Legion in Marshalltown, Otter Creek in Ankeny and Coldwater in Ames.

Seivert shared that the Department of Education will conduct a series of webinars regarding the School Safety Plan that each school district must develop.

**Motion by Faddness, second by Francis and unanimously approved by all Directors to adjourn this administrative session of the Board of Directors at 12:15 p.m.**

Karon Brown  
Associate Director