

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION October 14, 2021

This administrative session of the Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Ebeling. Directors present: Ebeling, Boehmer, Adams, Fadness, Seivert. Attending via zoom: Fleshner, Dufoe. Attending from the State Office: Berger, Ihnen, Ross, Eslinger, Brinkmeyer and Kirtley. Absent: Kroemer.

Ebeling welcomed Associate Director Erin Kirtley as a new member to the IGHSAU staff. Kirtley gave Directors a brief description of her background and stated she will be researching adding the sport of wrestling. Kirtley informed Directors of the recent district athletic directors meetings she has attended, and of the concerns regarding sharing of coaches and facilities, seasons, etc.

Assistant Director Taylor Anderson will be working with sponsorships and branding. Anderson was unable to attend due to his meeting with a potential sponsor.

Motion by Boehmer, Fadness second and unanimously approved to accept consent items: 1) September 7, 2021 Board of Directors' minutes; 2) September 7, 2021 Executive Session minutes; 3) September Financials; 4) September 15, 2021 SAAC minutes.

Eslinger presented minutes from the Softball Advisory Committee. There were three recommendations:

- A pitching chute to be marked on the playing field. Some feel this would help umpires call illegal pitches more consistently. This motion was examined, but discussion was held regarding educating umpires more on this topic. Motion died for lack of motion.
- Ejecting a coach or player prior to the start of a game, or after the completion of a game. Directors discussed, and agree umpires should have the ability to eject due to verbal abuse or if threatened. **Motion by Fadness, Boehmer second to include an Iowa Adaptation that allows umpires to eject a coach or player prior to or after the completion of a game. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Allowing coaches to work with catchers DURING pitcher/catcher workouts. Presently a coach is only allowed to work with a pitcher, but as catching is also a skilled position, Committee felt allowing additional instruction should be allowed. **Adams motion to allow coaches to work with catchers during pitcher/catcher workouts, second by Dufoe and unanimously passed.**

Eslinger informed Directors one appointment is needed for the Swimming and Diving Advisory Committee. Management recommends Darin Robertson, Johnston High School to the Advisory Committee. **Motion by Boehmer, Adams second and unanimously approved to accept management's recommendation to appoint Darin Robertson.**

Directors were informed one appointment is needed for the Softball Advisory Committee. Management recommends Mike Crozier, Northwood to the Advisory Committee. **Motion by Adams, Fadness second and unanimously approved to accept management's recommendation to appoint Mike Crozier.**

Eslinger reviewed supporting documentation for the 2021 Volleyball Hall of Fame nominees. Following discussion, **motion by Boehmer, Fleshner second to accept Volleyball nominations as presented. Motion unanimously approved.**

2021 Volleyball Hall of Fame

Brooke Wolterstorff, Western Christian, 2012

Kayla Gesink, Western Christian, 2011

Carrie Gilley, Davenport North, 1990

Eslinger updated Directors on the final election outcome. Results are as follows:

Jennifer Donels, Davis County - elected to the IGHS AU Board of Directors, representing the southeast district.

Davis Eidahl, Solon - re-elected to the IGHS AU Representative Council, representing the southeast district.

Jon Wiebers, Ridge View - re-elected to the IGHS AU Representative Council, representing the northwest district.

Devin Embray, Glenwood - re-elected to the IGHS AU Representative Council, representing the southwest district.

Dan Fox, East Buchanan was elected to the IGHS AU Representative Council, representing the northeast district.

Motion to approve the above elected positions by Adams, Fadness second and unanimously approved.

Directors were informed:

Tim Dugger, Postville has been appointed to the Representative Council, representing the northeast district.

Chad Wahls, New London has been appointed to the Representative Council, representing the southeast district.

Motion by Fadness, Adams second and unanimously approved to fulfill the representative council.

Ihnen informed Directors two appointments are needed for the Tennis Advisory Committee. Management recommends Mitzi Hetheron, Johnson High School and Brian Daoust, Shenandoah High School to the Advisory Committee. **Motion by Boehmer, Adams second and unanimously approved to accept management's recommendation to appoint Mitzi Hetheron and Brian Daoust.**

Ross informed Directors the dates of the 2021-22 Basketball Officials Clinic are October 20 (Ames), October 27 (TBD), November 3 (Treyner), and November (via Zoom). Clinics will have points of emphasis with video clips, which provides positive feedback. New officials will

separate for discussion and demonstration for these video clips. Diversity will also be a topic during the Officials Clinic. **Do I add: Adams suggested diversity information could be sent to all coaches, with Sievert adding having an equity coordinator would be beneficial as they would have reference to this topic.**

Ross updated Directors on the 2021 State Cross Country Qualifying Meet assignments, stating there are several new sites this year. Ross explained the process in which sites and regions are established.

The State Co-Ed Cross Country Championships will run two classes each day:

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| Friday, October 29 | Class 4A | girls – 10:30 a.m., boys – 11:15 a.m. |
| | Class 3A | girls – 2:30 p.m., boys – 3:15 p.m. |
| Saturday, October 30 | Class 2A | girls – 10:30 a.m., boys – 11:15 a.m. |
| | Class 1A | girls – 2:30 p.m., boys – 3:15 p.m. |

Brinkmeyer updated Directors on the upcoming State Volleyball Tournament. The IGHSAU will host 313 regional matches this year. Directors were reminded Dragonfly is the new platform for officials registration and assignments. IGHSAU staff recently met with the Alliant Energy PowerHouse staff regarding the upcoming state tournament.

Directors were updated on the 2021 State Swimming and Diving Meet. Eslinger stated Regional sites and team assignments will be released shortly. Online ticketing will be processed through Varsity Bound, and the Marshalltown YMCA/YWCA will benefit by charging for parking this year.

As the contract with Alliant Energy PowerHouse is expiring soon, a new proposal has been received from Cedar Rapids. Coralville, boasting the Xtream Arena will soon be submitting a proposal. This proposal will have information regarding layouts, financials, seating, hotels, concessions, etc. Ebeling suggested a five-year contract should be considered.

Berger informed Directors at next month's Representative Council/Board of Directors meeting, Bill Bauer from the IGHSAU's auditing firm, Meriwether, Wilson and Company, PLLC will be present to discuss any questions or concerns regarding the audit report. Other items to be discussed will include a shot clock update, girls wrestling update, and fall and winter sports updates.

The upcoming IGHSAU/IHSAA joint meeting will discuss 6th grade eligibility, conference realignments and schools wanting more flexibility (different seasons). An update regarding Dragonfly will be given, along with possible changes to cooperative sharing agreements.

Berger informed Directors of the significant adjustments found in the draft audit, stating these were the Image Sport bankruptcy write-offs and the accrued liability (scholarship monies).

Directors were asked for their lodging and travel needs for the upcoming fall championships. Brinkmeyer will email Directors duties for awards presentation prior to the state championships.