

TENNIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 11, 2020

Meeting was called to order 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Al Lammers. Members attending: Chad Jilek, Cindy Rasche, Heidi Grunwald, and Shawn Petersen. Absent: Danielle Stubbs. Craig Ihnen and Jean Berger represented the IGHS AU.

Members were introduced and a review of Committee purpose was given. Committee was reminded concerns should be forwarded to a Committee member or to the IGHS AU. Committee was also informed these minutes are not official until they have been approved at the next IGHS AU Board of Directors meeting.

Motion by Rasche to approve the August 12, 2019 Advisory Committee minutes, second by Jilek and unanimously approved.

Rasche asked to increase the number of playing dates so teams can play schools outside of their conference. This may be due to playing schools' quality of play. Rasche's concern is with what's good for the kids and feels often schools travel great distances to find matches. It was recommended schools play more double-doubles, triangulars and/or tournaments. Ihnen suggested Rasche talk to coaches and athletic directors within their conference to change rules regarding allowing out-of-conference play.

Ihnen reminded Committee of the IGHS AU's policy regarding playing singles and doubles competition at different locations around the state, with team play at a central location. Playing team competition at a central location is important because of indoor court availability and to help alleviate lengthy travel.

Berger shared the Ad Hoc Committee survey results. Due to season overlap, multiple sport athletes, etc. a committee was created to help avoid these issues. A calendar was shared with Committee showing the new 2022 post-season dates. The new dates move singles and doubles play up one week earlier and the second round moves to the following Tuesday. This also helps alleviate conflicts with boys' play and court availability. The Committee favored the new schedule. Ihnen reminded Committee matches can still be played up to the last date of state play.

The final sites have been finalized for the 2021 season:

2A	University of Iowa Ankeny or Waukee	Singles, Doubles Team
1A	Byrnes Park, Waterloo Johnston	Singles, Doubles Team

Ihnen informed Committee of the awards given (trophies, medals, roses, pink shirts, ticket punched) at the state level. Lammers also commented on the awards given at the first round of state team play and how this added to the excitement of the tournament.

A review of the state playing changes were given. Moving to no-add scoring when going indoors was met favorably with coaches. Ihnen stated this can also be a safety issue. Jilek felt this move worked great.

Question was raised if Committee was comfortable with the current post-season ruling stating a team must have six players to commence competition. Committee acknowledges this can be an issue in 1A competition only. Committee discussed, and wondered if some coaches with a weaker team might not include the fifth and six position purposely. Rasche stated it is important to play as many players as possible and not take an opportunity away from a player. **Jilek motion if not possible to fill all six positions with six players, play can commence**

with a minimum of four players with permission granted from IGHSAU prior to the start of play. Grunwald second, unanimously approved.

Committee discussed reimbursement for indoor usage at the regional level. Upon discussion, **motion by Grunewald the IGHSAU reimburse regional hosts if forced to utilize indoor courts. Also, it is up to the home team meet director to decide if moving indoor. Rasche second motion and unanimously approved.**

The State Co-Ed Meet was briefly discussed. All concur this tournament is a great experience for everyone involved. Reminder was given if a team is part of a shared program during the regular season, they must play in that same class, whether or not they are still a part of that shared program. Also, during the season if the boys team plays in one class and the girls in another (or vice versa), then the co-ed team will play in the larger class. Committee agrees it is important to complete the tournament in one day as hotel and miscellaneous costs and teams still in school are of concern.

Lammers and Rasche both expressed appreciation to the IGHSAU for their leadership during the pandemic and felt information released was done efficiently.

Committee wishes to extend their appreciation to Jilek and Stubbs for their years of service to the Tennis Advisory Committee.

With no further business, **motion to adjourn by Jilek, Grunwald second and unanimously approved.**

Heidi Reed
Recorder