



## **IHSAA Executive Committee**

### **Thursday, August 5, 2010**

#### **PRESENT**

Chairperson Geoff Penrod, Nancy Alspaugh, Steve Cox, Phil DeLong, Nathan Dean, Jim Diagostino, Robert Faulkens, Phil Ford, Tim Grove, Ken Howell, Jed Jerrels, John Marks, Paul Neidig, Pam Noble, Janis Qualizza, Joe Santa, Debb Stevens, Mike Whitten, Commissioner Blake Ress, Assistant Commissioners Bobby Cox, Phil Gardner, Sandy Searcy, Theresia Wynns, Communications Director Chris Kaufman, and Attorney Bob Baker.

#### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the June 24, 2010 meeting were recommended for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Phil DeLong; seconded by Tim Grove; motion passed 18-0.

#### **APPROVE REQUEST FROM INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

Commissioner Ress presented a letter of special request from the Indiana School for the Deaf. The IHSAA By-Laws provide for special accommodations for the Indiana School for the Deaf and Indiana School for the Blind. A motion to approve the request was made by Mike Whitten; seconded by Nathan Dean; motion passed 18-0.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT**

Commissioner Ress presented a Conflict of Interest Statement to be signed by the IHSAA Executive Committee members.

#### **APPROVE ADJUSTMENTS IN 2010-11 TOURNAMENT FINANCES**

Commissioner Ress presented a proposal to adjust various tournament finances. After considerable discussion, a motion was made to approve the proposal, and also to raise session ticket prices for football and basketball sectionals to \$6, and to raise season ticket prices for basketball sectionals and regionals to \$10 was made by Paul Neidig; seconded by Phil Ford; motion passed 18-0.

#### **APPROVE NEW APPLICATIONS FOR IHSAA MEMBERSHIP**

Commissioner Ress presented a new IHSAA membership application from Faith Christian School, Lafayette, Indiana; Gary Lighthouse Charter School, Gary, Indiana; and Lakeland Christian Academy, Winona Lake, Indiana. Following discussion, a motion to approve the applications of Faith Christian School was made by Phil DeLong; seconded by Tim Grove; motion approved 18-0. The application of Gary Lighthouse Charter School and Lakeland Christian Academy were approved contingent upon successful resolution of outstanding issues.

#### **ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

Commissioner Ress requested permission to have representatives attend conferences and workshops outlined below:

1. The Mid-West Officials Summit to be held in Columbia, Missouri, on September 19-21, 2010. Assistant Commissioner Wynns will be an active participant in this event.
2. The National Federation Section IV meeting will be held in Boone Iowa, on September 23-24, 2010. Permission is requested for Commissioner Ress and the Commissioner Elect to attend.
3. The National Federation's Winter Meeting will be held at Savannah, Georgia on January 3-5, 2011. Permission is requested for Commissioner Ress and the Commissioner Elect to attend.

A motion to approve the recommended participation in these workshops was made by Jim Diagostino; seconded by Joe Santa; motion passed 18-0.

#### **DISTRIBUTE POLICY HANDBOOKS**

Assistant Commissioner Searcy distributed the 2010-11 Policy Handbooks.

#### **POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Ress reviewed those sections of the IHSAA By-laws dealing with the powers and duties of the Executive Committee.

#### **ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR CATASTROPHIC MEDICAL, GENERAL LIABILITY AND EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Assistant Commissioner Cox presented the 2010-11 Catastrophic Medical, General Liability and Excess Liability insurance coverage. This year's quotation reflects a 1.2% decrease from last year's assessment.

**REPORT FROM ASSOCIATED SPORTS PRODUCTIONS, INC.**

Commissioner Ress presented the annual report on revenues generated by television, broadcasting, and internet rights during 2009-10. It was reported that the number of radio and television stations that are covering IHSAA Tournament Series events have remained consistent from past years.

**IHSAA STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE REPORT**

Assistant Commissioner Searcy reported on the seventh annual IHSAA Student Leadership Conference, conducted on June 22 at Pike High School. More than 800 student athletes, athletic administrators, and principals attended the conference. Two keynote speakers and over 40 breakout session topics were provided, focusing on a curriculum designed to foster leadership and good sporting behavior.

**REPORT ON PRESENCE AT INDIANA BLACK EXPO**

Assistant Commissioner Wynns reported that the IHSAA sponsored a booth at the 2010 Indiana Black Expo. IHSAA staff members were on hand, as well as IHSAA licensed officials. The theme for this year was official's recruitment, and Assistant Commissioner Wynns felt that it was a successful event. The IHSAA hopes to continue having a presence at the Black Expo in the future, as it was a positive experience.

**NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP**

Assistant Commissioner Cox reported that the IHSAA hosted the New Athletic Directors Workshop on July 27, 2010 for 57 individuals.

**SPRING FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The following reports were presented regarding the financial status of sports conducted during the spring season:

1. Overall the baseball tournament was a financial success. However the attendance at the state finals was down.
2. Boys golf is a sport that generates limited income. The cost of green's fees continues to rise resulting in deficit of approximately \$64,000.
3. The softball balance sheet showed an increase in total revenue, primarily due to a change in tournament format.
4. Girls tennis is a deficit sport that produces little incomes. The cost of the girl's tennis tournament series in 2010 was lower than the previous years due to an increase of paid attendance at the semi-state and state levels of the tournament.
5. The boys and girls track and field tournament series recorded a positive net balance, although it showed a significant decrease from last year's revenue. Increased expenditures at the sectional and regional levels appear to be the cause.

**TRANSFERS**

Assistant Commissioner Gardner reported on transfers that have been ruled on as of July 31, 2010:

Full Eligibility .....	236
Limited Eligibility .....	45
Ineligible.....	3
Total.....	284

**LITIGATION**

Attorney Bob Baker updated the Executive Committee on the current status of pending litigation against the Association.

**PENALTIES ASSESSED**

The following penalties were assessed for various violations of the IHSAA By-Laws:

Brownsburg High School – Commissioner Ress reported the following action resulting from a violation of Rule 15-3.4 (*Cross country coach had conditioning session w/team members during moratorium week*)

1. The Brownsburg High School cross country programs are issued a warning.
2. Coach Bret Neylon is reprimanded for causing this violation to occur
3. The IHSAA accepts and supports as appropriate the actions taken by Brownsburg High School in reaction to this rule violation.

Decatur Central High School - Commissioner Ress reported the following action resulting from a violation of Rule 15-3.4 (*Volleyball coach met with volleyball players during moratorium week*).

1. The Decatur Central High School volleyball program is issued a warning.
2. Coach Dava Taylor is reprimanded for causing this violation to occur
3. As a result of this violation, Coach Taylor (or any other volleyball coach at Decatur Central High School) may not have any contact with the volleyball players during Week 4 (July 26-31) of the IHSAA calendar.

Fort Wayne Snider High School - Commissioner Ress reported the following action resulting from a violation of Rule 15-3.1c (*Football players participated in a summer camp in full protective equipment*).

1. The Fort Wayne Snider High School football program is issued a warning.
2. Coach Kurt Tippmann is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur.

Manchester High School – Commissioner Ress reported the following action resulting from a violation of Rule 15-3.4 (*Girls' golf coach played golf w/several team members during moratorium week*).

1. The Manchester High School girls' tennis program is issued a warning.

2. Coach Dorey Mobley is reprimanded for causing this violation to occur
3. The IHSAA accepts and supports as appropriate the two meet suspension of Coach Mobley at the start of the 2010 girls' golf season.

Penn High School – Commissioner Ress reported the following action resulting from a violation of Rule 15-1.1a (*Girls' golfer plans to participate in two non-school events during contest season*).

1. The Penn High School girls' golf program is issued a warning.
2. The student athlete who participates in these non-school tournaments shall be suspended from participation in two Penn High School golf matches for each violation.

Richmond High School – Commissioner Ress reported the following action resulting from a violation of Rule 15-3.4 (*Asst. baseball coaches coached American Legion team including Richmond players during moratorium week*).

1. The Richmond High School baseball program is issued a warning.
2. Head Coach Josh Amyx is reprimanded for authorizing his assistant coaches to continue coaching the American Legion team during the IHSAA moratorium week.
3. Assistant Coaches Rod Maddix and Bobby Rutherford are reprimanded for causing this violation to occur. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable explanation for a rules violation.
4. Coaches Maddix and Rutherford shall be suspended from coaching for the first four games (at all levels) of the 2011 baseball season.

Zionsville High School – Commissioner Ress reported the following action resulting from a violation of Rule 15-1.2 (*Volleyball player plans to participate on beach volleyball team during contest season*).

1. The Zionsville High School volleyball program is issued a warning.
2. The student athlete involved in this violation must complete ten separate days of practice under the direct supervision of the Zionsville volleyball coaching staff prior to being able to compete in a match on the Zionsville High School team. Additionally, the student athlete shall be suspended for four matches for violating Rule 15-1.2.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Concussions and IHSAA approved Designated Health Care Professionals – Blake Ress
2. Fall Area Principal Meeting Agenda – Blake Ress
3. 2010-11 Media Awards – Chris Kaufman
4. Reactions & Feedback from NFHS Summer Conference in San Diego
5. Communications:
  - a. Letter from Allan Dueck, Principal, Bethany Christian Schools
  - b. Letter from Mike Ganger, Michiana Sports Authority
6. For the Good of the Order

#### **HIRING OF COMMISSIONER-ELECT**

The Personnel Committee recommended hiring Bobby Cox to become Commissioner effective on February 1, 2011, upon the retirement of Blake Ress. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Phil DeLong; seconded by Mike Whitten; motion passed 18-0.

A motion to adjourn the August meeting of the Executive Committee was made by Phil Ford seconded by John Marks motion passed 18-0. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at the IHSAA headquarters at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 7, 2010.