

**PRESENT**

Chairperson Nathan Dean, Nancy Alspaugh, Mike Broughton, Victor Bush, Steve Cox, Jim Diagostino, Phil Ford, Tim Grove, Ken Howell, John Marks, Paul Neidig, Pam Noble, Geoff Penrod, Janis Qualizza, Debb Stevens, Mike Whitten, Deborah Watson, Director Elect Jimmy Howell, Commissioner Bobby Cox, Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Phil Gardner, Sandy Searcy, Theresia Wynns, Communications Director Chris Kaufman, Sports Information Director Jason Wille, Attorney Bob Baker

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 23, 2012 were recommended for approval. A motion for approval of the amended minutes was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Debb Stevens; motion passed 17-0.

**APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER**

A motion to recommend Sandra Walter, athletic director at Lawrence Central High School, as an IHSAA Assistant Commissioner was made by Steve Cox; seconded by Victor Bush; motion passed 17-0. Walter has spent 12 years at Lawrence Central, the last 10 as athletic director and two years as assistant athletic director. Prior to that she was the women's sports director at Hamilton Southeastern (1999-00), athletic director at Knightstown (1998-99) and began her career at Rushville (1992-98) as a mathematics teacher. Walter earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Ball State University in 1992 and completed her master's in athletic administration in 1997. She has served as tournament director for 18 IHSAA sports during her career and also is an active 16-year member of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) and Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (IIAAA).

A motion to recommend Chris Kaufman, IHSAA Communications Director, as an IHSAA Assistant Commissioner was made by Jim Diagostino; seconded by Nancy Alspaugh; motion passed 17-0. Kaufman has overseen the IHSAA's marketing efforts since 2006, and is responsible for the corporate partners, served as an Association spokesperson, helped form the IHSAA Champions Television Network and provided support at all state championship events among other responsibilities. Previously, the 45-year old had worked 16 years at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis as its Director of Marketing and Communications.

**REVIEW STATUS OF GYMNASTICS AS AN IHSAA SPONSORED SPORT**

Assistant Commissioner Searcy reported on the status of gymnastics as an IHSAA sport. Per Rule 1-4 of the IHSAA By-Laws, sports that do not maintain at least 25% participation of the member schools will be reviewed annually for purposes of determining future tournament and recognition status. The number of member schools that participate in gymnastics is 80, of which sixteen field a partial team. A motion to continue IHSAA sponsorship of girls gymnastics was made by Steve Cox; seconded by John Marks; motion passed 17-0.

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF JIM DIAGOSTINO FROM THE IHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

A motion to approve the resignation of Jim Diagostino, IHSAA Board member representing District II, Class AA, was made with regret by Geoff Penrod; seconded by Mike Whitten; the motion was approved 17-0.

**ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF PAM NOBLE FROM THE IHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

A motion to approve the resignation of Pam Noble, IHSAA Board member occupying the female seat in the Southern District was made with regret by Nancy Alspaugh; seconded by Tim Grove; the motion was approved 17-0.

**2011-12 BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD TOURNAMENT STARTERS**

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens presented a list of track and field starters who have applied to work the 2012 tournament series.

**2011-12 GIRLS TENNIS CHAIR OFFICIALS**

Assistant Commissioner Wynns presented a list of USTA officials who may assist with the 2012 girls tennis tournament series.

### **2011-12 BASEBALL TOURNAMENT UMPIRES**

Assistant Commissioner Gardner presented a list of baseball umpires who have applied to work the 2012 baseball tournament series.

### **2011-12 SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT UMPIRES**

Assistant Commissioner Searcy presented a list of softball umpires who have applied to work the 2012 softball tournament series.

### **REPORT ON RFP PROCESS FOR THE 2013 GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Commissioner Cox presented plans to solicit bids from a variety of venues to host the 2013 Girls Basketball State Championships. Letters seeking proposals were sent earlier in April, with the deadline for submission May 31, 2012.

### **TRANSFERS**

Assistant Commissioner Gardner reported on transfers that have been ruled upon during the 2011-12 school year. This report included the following actions as of March 31, 2012:

Full Eligibility	3674
Limited Eligibility	304
Ineligible	<u>33</u>
Total	4011

### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

Assistant Commissioner Wynns relayed information pertaining to unsportsmanlike conduct reports that have been received this year. Unsportsmanlike conduct reports for sports total 654, which have increased from last year's figure.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS ON SELECTED WINTER SPORTS**

Assistant Commissioner Gardner reported on the attendance and finances for the 2011-12 Boys Basketball Tournament Series. Total paid attendance decreased from last year. Expenditures, however, decreased as well but the net result reflected in a 29% decrease in the tournament.

Assistant Commissioner Wynns reported that attendance at all levels of the 2012 Girls Basketball Tournament increased, but expenditures increased slightly as well. The net revenue reflected a 20% increase as a result.

Assistant Commissioner Searcy provided the Executive Committee with the annual attendance and financial report for the 2011-12 Gymnastics Tournament Series. The net balance for the gymnastics tournament series showed a larger deficit of approximately \$12,000.

### **LITIGATION REPORT**

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

### **REPORT OF NFHS SUMMIT AND LEGAL MEETING**

Commissioner Cox reported on topics discussed during the recent NFHS Summit and Legal Meeting. Commissioner Cox and Attorney Bob Baker attended the two day event. A variety of legal issues were shared amongst state associations executive directors and association attorneys.

### **PENALTIES ASSESSED**

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

#### **Batesville High School**

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 3-10 (*Track and field athlete practiced and participated in a meet with an incomplete pre-participation physical and consent form on file*)

1. The Batesville girls' track and field program is issued a warning.
2. Coach Lisa Gausman is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. This is a health and safety issue and it is absolutely imperative that the "IHSAA Pre-Participation Evaluation Form" complete in every detail be on file for all student athletes prior to their participation in a practice, let alone any competitions.

#### Brownstown Central High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3 (*Girls' tennis player participated in two matches prior to an athletic transfer report being ruled upon*)

1. The Brownstown Central High School girls' tennis program is issued a warning.
2. It is absolutely mandatory that the "IHSAA Transfer Report" be submitted and acted upon by the Association prior to a student being allowed to participate in a contest at their new school.
3. In accordance with Rule 3-9 of the IHSAA By-Laws, the scores of the meets the ineligible student participated in shall be recalculated to remove all points acquired by the ineligible athlete.

Brownstown Central High School is instructed to inform all schools involved of this violation and the refigured scores.

#### Concord High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 51-4 (*Baseball player pitched 12 innings within a three day period*)

1. The Concord High School baseball program is issued a warning.
2. Coach Jim Treadway is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. A lack of attention to detail regarding the rules of participation is not an acceptable explanation for a rules violation.
3. In accordance with Rule 3-9.5a, Concord High School shall notify Mishawaka High School of this violation and if Concord was victorious, the game shall be forfeited.

#### Evansville Memorial High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 15-1.1a (*Boys' golfer participated in a non-school sponsored event after being denied a waiver for said participation*)

1. The Evansville Memorial High School boys' golf program is issued a warning.
2. The three contests already served as suspension for this violation as issued by Evansville Memorial High School shall meet said penalty.

#### Fort Wayne Northrop High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 18-1 (*Boys' track and field athlete participated in a meet while academically ineligible*)

1. The Fort Wayne Northrop High School boys' track and field program is issued a warning.
2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible for further competition until he meets the minimum standards for academic eligibility.
3. In accordance with Rule 3-9 of the IHSAA By-Laws, Fort Wayne Northrop High School shall notify the participating schools in the Fort Wayne North Side HS Relays Meet of this violation. Any points scored in competition by the ineligible athlete shall be vacated and team scores for this event recalculated.

#### Greenwood Community High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 15-2.2a (*Eight boys' basketball players participated in a non-school sponsored contest together during the school year out of season*)

1. The Greenwood Community High School boys' basketball program is issued a warning.
2. Any player involved in the violation shall be suspended for two Greenwood Community boys' basketball contests during the 2012-13 season. These suspensions may be spread out over the first ten regular season contests.

#### Guerin Catholic High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of violation of Rule 15-1.2a (*Baseball player participated in a non-school sponsored contest during the contest season without an approved waiver*)

1. The Guerin Catholic High School baseball program is issued a warning.
2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended from participation in three baseball games on the Guerin Catholic High School schedule.

#### Perry Meridian High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of violation of Rule 15-2.2a (*Four girls' basketball players participated in a non-school sponsored contest on the same team*)

1. The Perry Meridian girls' basketball program is issued a warning.

2. Any player involved in the violation shall be suspended for one Perry Meridian girls' basketball contest during the 2012-13 season. These suspensions may be spread out over the first four games of the season.

#### South Bend Clay High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 18-1 (*Softball player participated in a junior varsity contest while academically ineligible*)

1. The South Bend Clay High School softball program is issued a warning.
2. The student athlete involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible for further competition until she meets the minimum standards for academic eligibility.
3. In accordance with Rule 3-9 of the IHSAA By-Laws, South Bend Clay High School shall notify LaPorte High School of this violation and the contest shall be forfeited if South Bend Clay was victorious.

#### Wapahani High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 3-10 (*Cross country athlete practiced and participated in a meet without a pre-participation physical and consent form on file*)

1. The Wapahani boys' cross country program is issued a warning.
2. Coach Josh Johnson is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. This is a health and safety issue and it is absolutely imperative that the "IHSAA Pre-Participation Evaluation Form" complete in every detail be on file for all student athletes prior to their participation in a practice, let alone any competitions.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Fall Area Principal Meetings
2. Communications:
3. Congratulations:
  - Paul Neidig, Indiana Basketball Coaches Association – Administrator of the Year
4. For the Good of the Order

A motion to adjourn the April 30, 2012 meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Ken Howell; seconded by Tim Grove; motion passed 17-0. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on June 21, 2012.