

PRESENT

Chairperson Tim Grove, Derick Bright, Jim Brown, Victor Bush, Steve Cox, Nathan Dean, Don Gandy, Jimmie Howell, Richard Lance, Patti McCormack, Paul Neidig, Geoff Penrod, Janis Qualizza, Debb Stevens, Deborah Watson, Mike Whitten, Rae Woolpy, Dave Worland, Director-elect Ed Gilliland, Commissioner Bobby Cox, Assistant Commissioners Robert Faulkens, Phil Gardner, Chris Kaufman, Sandy Searcy, Sandra Walter, Directors Ed Sullivan, Jason Wille, and Attorney Bob Baker.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 11, 2014 meeting were recommended for approval. A motion for approval was made by Jimmie Howell; seconded by Jim Brown; motion passed 18-0.

APPROVE INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY COACHES ASSOCIATION PROPOSALS

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens reviewed the proposals presented by the Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Associations.

1. Change the IHSAA tournament entry form to comply with the NFHS rule allowing athletes to be entered in 4 events (excluding relays), but only compete in 4 events (including relays). A motion for approval was made by Mike Whitten; seconded by Janis Qualizza; motion defeated 7-11, with Steve Cox, Debb Stevens, Geoff Penrod, Don Gandy, Jimmie Howell, Dave Worland, Rae Woolpy in favor.
2. Change the IHSAA rule to specifically state that only outdoor performances will be accepted for sectional entries, including performances used for 3 participant standard verification. A motion for approval was made by Steve Cox; seconded by Geoff Penrod; motion passed 18-0.
3. Change the advancement procedure from Sectional to Regional by qualifying the first 3 places automatically and adding a "callback" for 4 more qualifiers from the sectionals that feed into each regional, following the current practice of callbacks from regional to state. A motion for approval was made by Richard Lance; seconded by Jim Brown; motion passed 16-2 with Patti McCormack and Paul Neidig dissenting.
4. Change the current procedure of only allowing a designated alternate in an individual event to be entered prior to the start of the meet to allowing a designated alternate in individual events to be entered when an athlete is clearly injured during warmups or another event and is unable to compete further. A motion for approval was made by Paul Neidig; seconded by Dave Worland; motion failed 0-18.
5. Award medals to the top 25 individuals in the IHSAA state championship meet instead of the current 20 medals. A motion for approval was made by Geoff Penrod; seconded by Jimmie Howell; motion failed 0 - 18.
6. Change the current Cross Country sectional entry deadline from Week #13 Wednesday to Week #14 Tuesday. A motion to amend the proposal and assign the deadline to Monday of Week #14 was made by Mike Whitten; seconded by Debb Stevens; motion passed 18-0. A motion to approve the amended proposal was made by Don Gandy; seconded by Deborah Watson; motion passed 18-0.

Approved proposals go into effect immediately.

2014-15 BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Assistant Commissioner Gardner presented a list of 455 basketball officials who have applied to work the 2014-15 Boys Basketball Tournament Series. The basketball tournament series will require 6 per sectional for a total of 384 officials to conduct the sectional.

2014-15 WRESTLING TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens presented a list of 141 wrestling officials who have applied to work the 2014-15 Wrestling Tournament Series. Mr. Faulkens indicated that 128 officials are needed at the sectional level.

2014-15 SWIMMING & DIVING TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Assistant Commissioner Searcy provided a list of 56 possible starters who have applied for the 2014-15 Swimming & Diving Tournament Series. The swimming and diving tournament series require 40 officials at the sectional level for each gender.

2014-15 GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

Assistant Commissioner Walter presented a list of 2014-15 licensed gymnastics judges. The tournament series calls for 48 officials to conduct the six sectionals.

TRANSFERS

Assistant Commissioner Gardner reported on transfers that have been ruled upon during the 2013 school year. This report included the following actions as of December 31, 2015:

Full Eligibility	2798	85.23%
Limited Eligibility	231	7.04%
Temporarily Ineligible	242	7.37%
Ineligible	<u>12</u>	0.37%
Total	3283	

SPORTSMANSHIP

Assistant Commissioner Walter reported on the unsporting behavior reports received by the Association as of January 15, 2015. The total number of unsporting behavior reports for the winter season received at this time is 231 winter sport ejections/technical fouls.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens submitted the football financial report for 2014-15. Overall attendance at all levels of the tournament showed a 15% decrease in part due to inclement weather at the regional and semi-state levels. However, the attendance at the football state championships showed a 3% improvement from the previous year.

Commissioner Cox presented the Fall Financial Report. The net revenue to the Association showed a 10% decrease over the previous year.

LITIGATION REPORT

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

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Commissioner Cox reported on the following bills:

1. Senate Bill 119 – Annual physical examination for interscholastic sports. Provides that a school corporation may participate in an interscholastic athletic association or association event only if the association meets certain requirements regarding annual physical examinations or certifications from a physician.
2. Senate Bill 134 – Battery on a sports official. Increases the penalty for battery if it is committed against a person certified as a referee, an umpire, or an athletic official.
3. Senate Bill 403 – Student athletes and head injuries. Provides that the law concerning concussions and head injuries applies to student athletes in grades 5 through 12 who participate in interscholastic or intramural sports. (Current law provides that the law concerning concussions and head injuries applies to high school student athletes). Requires all coaches and assistant coaches of student athletes and coaches and assistant coaches who coach football to individuals who are less than 20 years of age to complete certain certified coaching education courses. (Current law requires coaches and assistant coaches who coach football to individuals who are less than 20 years of age to complete certain coaching education courses).
4. House Bill 1056 – Student transfers. Provides that a student may transfer to a school corporation if the student's parent is an employee of the school corporation and the school corporation has the capacity to accept the student. Provides an elementary school student who attended an accredited nonpublic elementary school in the attendance area of a school corporation in which the student does not have legal settlement may attend a high school in the school corporation if the school corporation has the capacity to accept the student and the majority of the students in the same grade as the transferring student at the accredited nonpublic school have legal settlement in the transferee school corporation.

REPORT ON NATIONAL FEDERATION'S WINTER MEETING

Commissioner Cox reported on the National Federation's Winter Meeting. Much of the discussion surrounded various litigation facing currently State Associations.

REPORT ON NATIONAL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CONFERENCE

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens presented information regarding some of the sessions he attended during the NIAA Annual Conference in National Harbor, Maryland. There were 45 athletic attendees from Indiana this year.

PENALTIES ASSESSED

Columbus North High School – *(Assistant softball coach provided instruction to student athletes during the school year out of season)*. Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 15-2.2c.

1. The Columbus North High School softball program is issued a warning. This warning is official notice that an illegal act has occurred, is a matter of record, and shall not be repeated.
2. Assistant Coach Crystal Lucas shall be suspended for the controlled scrimmage and the first interscholastic contest on the 2014-15 Columbus North softball schedule as recommended by the school.

Lowell High School – (*Wrestler participated in a tryout before an assistant college coach*). Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 15-1.1f.

1. The Lowell High School wrestling program is issued a warning.
2. Head Coach Bobby Howard is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. The head coach holds total responsibility for the participation and supervision of his student athletes in his own facility.
3. The student shall be suspended for the next Lowell High School varsity wrestling meet.

Westview High School – (*Asst. baseball coach conducted a weightlifting session on a Sunday*). Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 9-13.

1. The Westview High School baseball program is issued a warning.
2. Coach Rick Yoder is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Dates for 2015 Spring Area Principal Meetings – Bobby Cox
2. Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Discussion – Chris Kaufman
3. Congratulations:
Pat Rady, Head Boys’ Basketball Coach, Cloverdale High School – 2014 NFHS National Coach of the Year in Boys’ Basketball
4. For the Good of the Order

A motion to adjourn the January meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Dave Worland; seconded by Deborah Watson; motion passed 18-0. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, February 20, 2015.

_____ Chairman
Tim Grove

_____ Commissioner
Bobby Cox