

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 revised minutes of the February 17, 2012 meeting were recommended for approval. A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Geoff Penrod; motion passed 17-0.

FOOTBALL COACHES PROPOSALS

The Executive Committee took the following action in response to proposals presented by the Indiana High School Football Coaches Association during the February meeting:

The IHSAA staff intends to survey the membership regarding the three sections of the football coaches' proposal, as well as discuss this issue at the Spring Principals Meetings. After receiving that response, the IHSAA Executive Committee intends to analyze the issues thoroughly. A motion to table this proposal until further data can be harvested was made by Phil Ford; seconded by John Marks; motion passed 17-0.

SOCCER COACHES PROPOSALS

The Executive Committee took the following action in response to proposals presented by the Indiana High School Soccer Coaches Association during the February meeting:

1. Change the "Caution Accumulation Rule" for Tournament play to the following:
Players/Coaches start with a "clean slate" on Accumulated Cautions for the IHSAA Tournament. Players/Coaches that accumulate a 3rd Caution during the Tournament would receive a one match suspension. Players/Coaches who receive two additional Cautions would be suspended for an additional match;

A motion for approval was made by Steve Cox; seconded by Nancy Alspaugh; motion passed 13-4 with Phil Ford, Ken Howell, Paul Neidig, and Mike Whitten voting against the proposal.

2. Coaches who allow a student athlete to participate in a contest in violation of the "Caution Accumulation Policy" will be suspended for one match. Coaches who allow a student athlete to participate in a contest in violation of the "Caution Accumulation Policy" will be suspended for one match;

A motion for approval was made by Jim Diagostino; seconded by John Broughton; motion failed 0-17.

3. Junior varsity games should be played with a 'running clock';

A motion for approval was made by Geoff Penrod; seconded by Ken Howell; motion failed 1-16 with Victor Bush voting to approve.

4. The IHSAA should assign officials as crews in the IHSAA soccer tournament series.

A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Jim Diagostino; motion failed 0-17.

BASKETBALL COACHES PROPOSALS

Marty Johnson, representing the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, presented the following proposal:

1. The IHSAA should set a specific starting date that all member schools will follow as it pertains to summer participation rules.

Action will be taken at the April Executive Committee meeting.

IHSAA C EUGENE CATO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Commissioner Cox reported on the Brady Awards Banquet to be held at the Indiana Roof Ballroom on April 12th, in conjunction with the Methodist Sports Medicine awards ceremony. Scholarship recipients and their parents will be guests of the IHSAA at this event.

TRANSFERS

Associate Commissioner Gardner reported on transfers that have been ruled upon during the 2011-12 school year. This report included the following actions as of February 29, 2012:

Full eligibility	3,390	91.56%
Limited eligibility	284	7.57%
Ineligible	<u>24</u>	.87%
Total transfers	3,698	

SPORTSMANSHIP

Assistant Commissioner Wynns reviewed the slight increase of unsportsmanlike conduct reports that have been received by the Association.

REPORT ON DISTRICT I MEDIA AWARD

Sport Information Director Jason Wille reported on the District I IHSAA Media Award winner. Stu Swartz retired last summer after 45 years with *The Goshen News*, including the last 12 as sports editor, having covered several state championship teams among thousands of area high school football, basketball, softball and baseball games. He was a junior at Goshen High School when he got his start with the local newspaper which was looking for someone to cover area high school baseball games. Swartz rejoined *The Goshen News* as a full-time staffer in April of 1971. Area high school athletic directors who worked with Swartz appreciated the extensive coverage he gave their student-athletes and how he always displayed integrity, class and professionalism. Swartz has been the recipient of numerous awards over the years for his writing and sports coverage and is a member of the Elkhart County Sports Hall of Fame.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP REPORT

Director Chris Kaufman presented a report of current and future corporate partnerships with the Association.

REPORT ON OFFICIALS TOURNAMENT RATINGS SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner Wynns reported on the new ratings system that will be utilized during the 2012-13 tournament series. In the final analysis, the vote submitted by schools will comprise 50% of the total evaluation. Five additional components will determine the remaining 50% of the evaluation.

FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Assistant Commissioner Searcy presented a financial report for the girls and boys swimming & diving tournament series'. Overall, both tournaments show an increase in total attendance, which is reflected in the overall net revenue.
2. Assistant Commissioner Faulkens reported on the financial status of the wrestling tournament series. The IHSAA net increased approximately 26% from last year's figures.
3. Commissioner Cox submitted a Budget Analysis by Sport, the 2011-12 Paid Attendance Analysis, and the 2011-12 Master Financial Report.

LITIGATION

Attorney Robert 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:

Blackford High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 15-2.2d (*Softball coach provided instruction to four softball players in a non-school sponsored league*)

1. The Blackford High School softball program is issued a warning.
2. Coach Sam Skeens is reprimanded for committing this violation.
3. Disciplinary actions taken by Blackford High School in this matter are accepted and supported by the IHSAA as appropriate responses.

Center Grove High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rules 19-3 (*Student participated in several junior varsity boys' basketball games without an approved athletic transfer report on file*)

1. The Center Grove boys' basketball 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, Center Grove High School shall notify all schools on their schedule of this violation and forfeit any contest in which the ineligible athlete participated.

Columbus North High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rules 9-13 and 15-2.2d (Multiple baseball players received instruction from members of school coaching staff and occasionally on Sunday)

1. The Columbus North baseball program is issued a warning.
2. Coaches Trevor Baty, Tony Benefiel and Brian Muckerheide are reprimanded for committing these violations.
3. The IHSAA accepts and supports the suspensions planned for by the Columbus North administration as appropriate actions in this matter.

Decatur Central High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rules 3-10 (2) (Four baseball players participated in multiple practices without a pre-participation physical and consent form on file)

1. The Decatur Central baseball program is issued a warning
2. Coach Jason Combs is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur.
3. 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.

Fall Creek Academy High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 15-1.2c. (*Student participated in several boys' basketball games without an approved athletic transfer report on file*)

1. The Fall Creek Academy boys' basketball 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, Fall Creek Academy shall notify all schools on their schedule of this violation and forfeit any contest in which the ineligible athlete participated.

Frontier High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 9-13 (*Six boys' basketball players participated in an open facility session on Sunday*)

1. The Frontier High School boys' basketball program is issued a warning.
2. Coach Rush McColley is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur. It is imperative that all coaches review the provisions of the IHSAA by-laws with all assistant coaches and students regarding both participation rules and Sunday activities.

Gibson Southern High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 9-13 (*Girls' tennis coach conducted a "senior meeting" with players on a Sunday*)

1. The Gibson Southern High School girls' tennis program is issued a warning.
2. Coach Kyle DeBord is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur.

Indiana Math and Science Academy

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rules 19-3 (*Several boys' basketball players participated without approved athletic transfer reports on file*)

1. The Indiana Math and Science Academy boys' basketball 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, all contests where these students participated shall be forfeited and reflected as losses on the Indiana Math and Science Academy boys' basketball season record. Indiana Math and Science Academy shall notify all schools in writing of this violation immediately.

Northridge High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rules 15-2.2d (*Boys' soccer coach provided instruction to girls' soccer players in non-school sponsored competition*)

1. The Northridge High School girls' soccer program is issued a warning.
2. Coaches Lawrence Baltazar and Bill Redinger are reprimanded for committing this violation.

South Bend Washington High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rules 3-10 (2) (Boys' track and field athlete participated in a contest without a pre-participation physical and consent form on file)

1. The South Bend Washington boys' track and field program is issued a warning.
2. Coach Larry Davidson is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur.

3. 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.

South Putnam High School

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rules 19-3 (*Student participated in several JV boys' basketball games without an approved athletic transfer report on file*)

1. The South Putnam High School boys' basketball 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, South Putnam shall notify all schools on the junior varsity schedule of this violation and forfeit any contests where South Putnam was victorious.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Meeting with the Presidents of Coaching Associations (April 27, 2012)
2. For the Good of the Order
NFHS 93rd Annual Summer Meeting, Nashville, TN
3. Communications:
Suzanne Blake, Principal, Southwestern (Shelby) High School
David Land, Executive Director, Indiana Football Coaches Association
Alan Matheis, Head Girls' Basketball Coach, Northeast Dubois HS
4. Congratulations:
Alysia Bennett, Sullivan HS, NFHS Section 4 Spirit of Sport Award Winner
Debb Stevens, IIAAA District 1 Charles Maas Distinguished Service Award

A motion to adjourn the March meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Mike Whitten; seconded by Ken Howell; motion passed 17-0. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters on April 30, 2012 (also annual meeting of Board of Directors).