

**PRESENT**

Chairperson Nathan Dean, Nancy Alspaugh, Mike Broughton, Victor Bush, Steve Cox, Phil Ford, Don Gandy, Tim Grove, Ken Howell, Jed Jerrels, John Marks, Paul Neidig, Pam Noble, Geoff Penrod, Janis Qualizza, Debb Stevens, Mike Whitten, Deborah Watson, 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, and Intern Joe Hoffman.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 15, 2011 meeting were recommended for approval. A motion for approval was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Steve Cox; motion passed 18-0.

**2011-12 BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS**

Assistant Commissioner Gardner presented a list of 520 basketball officials who have applied to work the 2011-12 Boys Basketball Tournament Series. The basketball tournament series will require 384 officials to conduct the sectional.

**2011-12 WRESTLING TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS**

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens presented a list of 147 wrestling officials who have applied to work the 2011-12 Wrestling Tournament Series. Mr. Faulkens indicated that 128 officials are needed at the sectional level.

**2011-12 SWIMMING & DIVING TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS**

Assistant Commissioner Searcy provided a list of possible starters who have applied for the 2011-12 Swimming & Diving Tournament Series. The swimming and diving tournament series require 40 officials at the sectional level for each gender.

**2011-12 GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS**

Assistant Commissioner Searcy presented a list of 2011-12 licensed gymnastics judges. The tournament series calls for 64 officials to conduct the eight sectionals. Because of the lack of available gymnastics officials, several gymnastics sectionals will be held on Friday evening instead of Saturday morning.

**TRANSFERS**

Assistant Commissioner Gardner reported on transfers that have been ruled upon during the 2010-11 school year. This report included the following actions as of December 31, 2011:

Full Eligibility	2903
Limited Eligibility	269
Ineligible	<u>24</u>
Total	3196

**SPORTSMANSHIP**

Assistant Commissioner Wynns reported on the unsporting behavior reports received by the Association as of January 16, 2012. The total number of unsporting behavior reports received at this time is 482. Assistant Commissioner Wynns reported that each school will be receiving a new membership banner from the Association. Member schools should have also received their 2010-11 IHSAA Sportsmanship Banner. Banner presentations will be made to schools winning the award for the first time.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens submitted the football financial report for 2011-12. Overall attendance at all levels of the tournament decreased. As a result, the football state tournament series net proved to be 26% lower than the previous year.

Commissioner Cox presented the Fall Financial Report. The net revenue to the Association showed a 17% decrease over the previous year.

## **LITIGATION REPORT**

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

## **REPORT ON NATIONAL FEDERATION'S WINTER MEETING**

Commissioner Cox reported on the National Federation's Winter Meeting. Among the topics discussed were: The NFHS technology committee report, which included services that can be provided to members. Centennial celebrations of various state associations were shared. Non-school participation, particularly soccer, was discussed. Also addressed was the influx of students transferring to high schools with F1 visas. David Cranfill from the 360 Group presented PSA's for each state association, funded by the NFHS.

## **DISTRICT III MEDIA AWARD**

Mark Brochin of The Original Company and WWBL has been honored with the 2011-12 IHSAA Distinguished Media Service Award for District III. Since moving to Washington in 1982, Brochin has spent most of his career working for The Original Company which owns 12 stations in Indiana and Illinois and is the state's largest radio group to carry high school sports. His primary duties are with WWBL, The Bullet 106.5 in Washington. He produces and delivers 10 local sportscasts a day on three of the Original Company stations. In addition, his responsibilities include maintaining and updating the sports portion of the company's web sites. Brochin is a 1974 graduate of Connersville High School and a 1978 graduate of Indiana University with a degree in Telecommunications and minors in Marketing and Speech. He started in radio as a high school sophomore at WCNB in Connersville in August 1971.

## **DISTRICT II MEDIA AWARD**

Ray Cooney of The Commercial Review in Portland has been selected to receive the IHSAA Distinguished Media Service Award in District II. The 33-year-old Cooney became the sports editor at The Commercial Review in March of 2001 and later added the position of assistant managing editor in 2005. He is the paper's one-man sports department, and as such his duties include sports writing and reporting, photography and layout and design. The paper focuses its coverage on Jay County and South Adams high schools in Indiana, and Fort Recovery High School in Ohio. Over the last decade, Cooney has earned Hoosier State Press Association awards for sports event coverage, sports feature writing, sports feature photo, sports action photo, news writing under deadline pressure, headline writing and multiple picture group.

## **UPDATE ON BUILDING PROJECT**

Commissioner Cox reported on the progress of the building project. The roof has been replaced, and the landscaping is near completion. The renovation on the inside of the building is well underway.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Commissioner Cox addressed the Indiana Legislature regarding the class basketball bill. The language regarding class basketball has been removed from the bill, with the understanding that the IHSAA will survey the membership regarding this issue, and communicate with the public. House Bill 1139 has been introduced regarding the non-traditional student and their participation on IHSAA member school athletic teams. Commissioner Cox has conducted town hall meetings across the state discussing this topic. Attendance has been low at these meetings.

## **PENALTIES ASSESSED**

Carroll (FW) High School – (*Girls swimmer participated in several meet without an approved transfer report filed*). Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3.

1. The Carroll High School girls' swimming 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. Carroll High School is instructed to inform all schools involved of this violation and the refigured scores.

Clinton Prairie High School – (*Two wrestlers participated in a varsity wrestling meet while academically ineligible*). Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 18-1.

1. The Clinton Prairie High School wrestling program is issued a warning.
2. The student athletes involved in this violation shall be suspended and declared ineligible for further competition until they meet the minimum standards for academic eligibility.
3. The IHSAA accepts and supports the suspension of Coach Jeremy Corbin for one wrestling tournament as a corrective measure in this matter.
4. In accordance with Rule 3-9 of the IHSAA By-Laws, Clinton Prairie High School shall notify Western Boone High School of this violation. Any points scored in competition by the ineligible athletes shall be vacated and team scores for this event recalculated.

Hobart High School – *(Boys’ basketball player participated in two junior varsity games without an approved transfer report)*. Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3.

1. The Hobart 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, the contests in which the ineligible player participated shall be forfeited if Hobart was victorious. Hobart High School shall notify Marquette Catholic High School and Valparaiso High School of this violation.

Indian Creek High School – *(Wrestler participated in several matches without an approved transfer report)*. Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 19-3.

1. The Indian Creek High School wrestling 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. Indian Creek High School is instructed to inform all schools involved of this violation and the refigured scores.

Irvington Preparatory Academy – *(Boys basketball player participated in several junior varsity contests while in his ninth semester of school)*. Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 12-2.

1. The Irvington Preparatory Academy boys’ basketball program is issued a warning.
2. In accordance with Rule 3-9 of the IHSAA By-Laws, the schools against which this ineligible student competed shall be notified of this violation and Irvington Preparatory Academy shall forfeit any contests in which Irvington was victorious

Milan High School – *(Allowed a softball player from another school to participate in an open facility program)*. Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 15-2.5.

1. The Milan High School girls’ softball program is issued a warning.
2. Coach Yatzie Roysden is reprimanded for causing this violation to occur.

Northwestern High School – *(Allowed a high school graduate to practice with the wrestling team)*.

Commissioner Cox reported the following action as a result of a violation of Rule 15-1.1d.

1. The Northwestern High School wrestling program is issued a warning.
2. Coach Scott Miller is reprimanded for allowing this violation to occur

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Committee Appointments Update – Bobby Cox
2. Tentative dates for Spring Area Principal Meetings – Bobby Cox

District	Date	Time	Location
I	Wed. Apr. 11, 2012	9:30 a.m. ET	Warsaw H.S.
III	Tues. Apr. 17, 2012	10:00 a.m. ET	Vincennes Lincoln H.S.
II	Wed. Apr. 18, 2012	10:00 a.m. ET	Plainfield H.S.
III	Thur. Apr. 19, 2012	10:00 a.m. ET	Seymour H.S.

II	Wed. Apr. 25, 2012	9:30 a.m. ET	Pendleton Heights H.S.
I	Thur. Apr. 26, 2012	9:30 a.m. CT	Merrillville H.S.

3. For the Good of the Order

4. Communications:

- Abbie Newton, Co-President of the IHSAA Student Advisory Committee

A motion to adjourn the January meeting of the IHSAA Executive Committee was made by Mike Whitten; seconded by Ken Howell; motion passed 19-0. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2012.