



IHSAA Executive Committee

Tuesday, August 8, 2013

PRESENT

Chairperson Phil Ford, Mike Broughton, Victor Bush, Steve Cox, Nathan Dean, Don Gandy, Tim Grove, Jimmie Howell, Jed Jerrels, Patti McCormack, Paul Neidig, Geoff Penrod, Janis Qualizza, Debb Stevens, Rae Woolpy, Dave Worland, 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

Minutes of the June 29, 2013 meeting were recommended for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Jed Jerrels; motion passed 16-0.

APPROVE REQUEST FROM INDIANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Commissioner Cox 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. A motion to approve the request was made by Paul Neidig; seconded by Don Gandy; motion passed 16-0.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

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

APPROVE NEW APPLICATIONS FOR IHSAA MEMBERSHIP

Commissioner Cox presented the new IHSAA membership applications from Indianapolis Lighthouse Charter, Indianapolis; Providence Christo Rey, Indianapolis; Smith Academy for Excellence (SAFE), Fort Wayne. Commissioner Cox explained the process by which the IHSAA Staff will mentor the new members over the course of their first four years of membership.

Following discussion, a motion to approve the application of Indianapolis Lighthouse Charter, Indianapolis was made by Geoff Penrod; seconded by Nathan Dean; motion passed 16-0.

A motion to approve the application of Providence Christo Rey, Indianapolis was made by Tim Grove; seconded by Dave Worland; motion passed 16-0.

A motion to approve the application of Smith Academy for Excellence (SAFE), Fort Wayne, was made by Mike Broughton; seconded by Don Gandy; motion passed 16-0.

ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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

1. Midwest Officials Summit at Minneapolis, MN on Sept. 22-24, 2013 (Asst. Commissioner Walter)
2. NFHS Section IV Meeting at Chicago, IL on Sept. 19 & 20, 2013 (Commissioner Cox)
3. NFHS/NIAAA Athletic Directors Conference at Anaheim, CA on Dec. 13-17, 2013 (Asst. Commissioner Gardner)
4. NFHS Winter Meeting at Scottsdale, AZ on Jan. 3-6, 2014 (Commissioner Cox)
5. NFHS Let's Connect Meeting at Naperville, IL on Jan. 9 & 10, 2014 (Asst. Commissioners Faulkens, Kaufman, Searcy, Sports Information Director Wille and Technology Director Sullivan)

A motion to approve the recommended participation in these workshops was made by Steve Cox; seconded by Victor Bush; motion passed 16-0.

POLICY HANDBOOKS

Assistant Commissioner Searcy discussed the 2013-14 Policy Handbooks.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

REPORT ON CATASTROPHIC, GENERAL LIABILITY, EXCESS LIABILITY, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY INSURANCE QUOTATIONS

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens presented the 2013-14 Catastrophic, General Liability, Excess Liability, Directors and Officers and Employment Practices Liability coverages. This year's quotation reflects a substantial increase in Directors and Officers and EPLI coverage from last year's assessment.

NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens reported that the IHSAA hosted the New Athletic Directors Workshop on July 23, 2013 for 52 individuals. In attendance were 48 high school athletic directors and 4 middle school athletic directors. Assistant Commissioner Faulkens recommended a refresher course, or a second meeting, for the new athletic directors.

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RETREAT

Assistant Commissioner Faulkens and Searcy reported on the Student Advisory Committee retreat held on July 27-28 at the Columbus Youth Camp in Columbus, Indiana.

2013-14 IHSAA DISTINGUISHED MEDIA SERVICE AWARDS

Sports Information Director Jason Wille presented criteria for selection of the three award winners.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SELECTED IHSAA SPORTS SEASONS

Commissioner Cox presented a proposal to amend selected sports seasons. The proposal involves six fall sports starting their season one week earlier (girls and boys cross country, girls and boys soccer, boys tennis, and volleyball) and moving the entire girls' basketball season one week earlier. This change would eliminate the overlap of the girls' basketball state championships and boys' basketball sectional championships. The start of the boys' basketball contest season would be pushed back to Wednesday of Thanksgiving week. The new tournament series schedule would begin in 2015-16. The proposal will be shared in detail with the membership at the fall area principal meetings.

SPRING FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

1. The baseball tournament showed an increase in the net despite inclement weather throughout the tournament series. The state championship attendance was near an all-time record as well.
2. Boys golf is a sport that generates limited income. The cost of greens fees continues to rise resulting in a deficit of approximately \$56,000, which is lower than the previous year's result. There were seven sectional host sites that did not experience any cost associated with greens fees, and one regional host as well.
3. The softball balance sheet showed a decrease in total revenue, primarily due to poor weather throughout the tournament series.
4. Girls tennis is a deficit sport that produces little income. The cost of the girl's tennis tournament series in 2013 was slightly lower than previous years, with a cost of approximately \$11,000 to the Association.
5. The boys and girls track and field tournament series recorded a positive net balance and a healthy attendance at the state championships.

Commissioner Cox presented the spring sport summary or attendance, expenses, revenue, and net. He reported that the spring revenue improved 16%.

TRANSFERS

Assistant Commissioner Gardner reported on transfers that have been ruled on as of July 31, 2013:

Full Eligibility.....	326	85.8%
Limited Eligibility.....	39	10.2%
Temporarily Ineligible.....	14	3.7%
Ineligible.....	1	.3%
Total	380	

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:

Eastern (Pekin) High School – Commissioner Cox reported the following action resulting from a violation of Rule 101 (*Girls’ golf coach conducted two practices prior to established start date*)

1. The Eastern High School girls’ golf program is issued a warning.
2. Coach Rhonda McGee is reprimanded for causing this violation to occur

Lebanon High School - Commissioner Cox reported the following action resulting from a violation of Rule 15-3.4 (*Football coaching staff conducted team camp during moratorium week*).

1. The Lebanon High School football program is issued a warning.
2. Coach Kent Wright is reprimanded for causing this violation to occur.

Sullivan High School - Commissioner Cox reported the following action resulting from a violation of Rule 15-3.3c (*Boys’ tennis coach conducted an open facility program after the summer deadline*).

1. The Sullivan High School boys’ tennis program is issued a warning.
2. Coach Jeff Lookebill is reprimanded for causing this violation to occur.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Fall Area Principal Meeting Agenda – Bobby Cox
2. Reactions & Feedback from NFHS Summer Conference in Denver, CO
3. Communications:
 - Lizton Family Medicine – re: Pre-Participation Physical Examinations and Nurse Practitioners
4. For the Good of the Order

A motion to adjourn was made by Nathan Dean; seconded by Tim Grove; motion passed 16-0. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at IHSAA headquarters on October 3, 2013.

Phil Ford Chairperson

Bobby Cox Commissioner