

# Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

MAY 27, 1969

The Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Harold "Pinky" Primrose (C.R. Washington) at Mason City High School. The minutes of the last Board meeting and General meeting were approved as read.

Bernie Hutchison (Norway) reported that the treasury had a balance of \$282.03 with two bills yet to come in to him.

Mr. Primrose explained how the Hall of Fame selections were made for the first members selected. A discussion followed regarding the qualifications of the future Hall of Fame nominees. It was then suggested to rely on the integrity of the Hall of Fame committee to select worthy members.

Bill Freese (Davenport Central) gave the All-State committee report and the committee suggested that all of the work be done on the district level. Each selection should be sent to the district chairman and if the coach selects one of his own players he should include the batting average and a short summary of the boy's past performance. A discussion followed and it was decided that there would be one All-District team from each district and these teams would make up the three All-State teams,

Mr. Primrose then discussed a communication he had with an I.D.P.A. man about the selection of an All-State team. The I.D.P.A. man would like to have the professional baseball scouts select the All-State teams. After a discussion the Board decided to have Mr. Primrose present the program for selection that the Board had previously discussed to the I.D.P.A. representative. The Board decided that they would rather have a Coaches All-State team.

Elmer Starr (Mason City) read the qualifications for Coach of the Year as recommended by the Coach of the Year committee. They are as follows;

1. He must be a member of the association.
2. His team must have had a successful season, i.e. they must have won more games than they have lost.
3. His team must have reached the District Finals in any one of the three tournaments.
4. He must have been a head coach for at least three seasons.
5. He must have promoted high school baseball on both the local and state level.

A discussion followed on when the Board would select the Coach of the Year. It was suggested by Mr. Primrose that the nominations be placed on the same ballot as the All-State nominations.

Bill Freese reported that there was no new development on the Constitution since the General meeting and that the Constitution would be sent out in the Fall.

The question of membership dues was reviewed and it was decided that the dues were previously set at \$5.00 for each head coach, \$3.00 for assistant coaches and fans and would be free to all honorary members. There will be a package charge for a school baseball staff to be announced at a later date.

Coach of the Year

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Under old business Mr. Primrose reported that no one has sent any information to him concerning films, articles, etc., for the newsletter. He also brought to the attention of the Board that it would be beneficial to all if there were a canvas at the site of the State Baseball Tournament in case of poor weather. He said that many people travel a long way, spend money, and have to leave their jobs to see the games and if the games are rained out all this is wasted. If there were a canvas it <sup>could</sup> prevent rainouts and could even increase attendance.

It was moved and seconded that the Mid-Winter Clinic be held the week-end of the Girls State Basketball finals next year. Motion carried.

Under new business Elmer Starr moved that it be recommended to the baseball advisory committee of the State Board of Control that they purchase a canvas for the site of the State Baseball Tournament. Don Burgess (Denison) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Don Burgess moved that the All-State selections be made by the district member coaches only. The ballots will be sent to each district chairman who, with a committee of five and one I.D.P.A. member, will tabulate the results. Anyone who wishes to attend the meeting will be welcome. The results will then be sent immediately to the President who will then set a release date for the All-District Teams. Each All-District team will be composed of one utility player who may be from any position, three pitchers, two catchers, five infielders, and four outfielders. The ballots will be sent out by the President the first week of the summer sectional and each coach will be allowed five days to get his ballot returned to his district chairman. The motion was seconded by Dennis Olejnik (Decorah). Motion carried.

The district chairmen were then appointed by the Board and are as follows:  
Southwest District--Don Burgess (Denison)  
Northeast District--Harold Primrose (C.R. Washington)  
Southeast District--Bill Freese (Davenport Central)  
Northwest District--Vince Myers (Bancroft)  
Central District----Bob Locker (D.M. Lincoln)

It was moved by Dennis Olejnik that the nominating committee for the Hall of Fame be the executive committee. Their selection will be based on the information received by the President. There shall be a maximum of five new Hall of Fame members each year. The motion was seconded by Gay Bowden (West Union). Motion carried.

Elmer Starr moved that the qualifications for the Coach of the Year candidates be accepted as previously stated. His motion was seconded by Jim Ellinger (Grandville Spalding). Motion carried.

Don Burgess moved that the committee selecting the All-District team also be in charge of the membership of their area, and that each new membership be good until 1970. The motion was seconded by Dennis Olejnik. Motion carried.

The next Board meeting will be held at Ames the originally scheduled day of the semifinals of the State Summer Baseball Tournament.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Hunt