

IHSBCA CLINIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2016 – 8:30 p.m. / January 22, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

Sheraton Hotel – West Des Moines

Officers: Lee Toole – Executive Director, Steve Hanson – President, Jake Souhrada - 1st VP, Tony Adams – 2nd VP, Rick Admire – 3rd VP.

Members: Casey Klunder, Ryan Stensland, Ryan Berg, Dave Dirx, Dave Middleton, Mike Botts, Jay Ryan, Bill Freese, Gary Nyhus, Lanny Peterson, Andy McGaffin, Roger Hoel, Mark Hey, Trent Eckstaine, Keith McSweeney, Andy VanFossan, Jon Heydon, Don Lyons, Gary Paulson, John Waddle, Bret Hoyer, Dave Rock, Dennis Barton, Jerry Roling, Paul Keitel, Dan Pomeroy, Charlie Stumpff, Tom Souhrada, Ethan Miller, Jon Fitzpatrick, Devin Schwiesow, Bob Mantell, Troy Rood.

Meetings Called to Order by President, Steve Hanson

1. Introductions of Board and attending members.
2. Discussion and approval of minutes from November 8th fall meeting.
Motion to accept minutes – Andy VanFossan, second – Jerry Roling.

Financial Report: Executive Director, Lee Toole

1. Detailed financial report submitted. Financial status is very good. No discussion.
2. Motion to accept report as submitted – Roger Hoel, second – Bob Mantell.

President's Report: Steve Hanson

1. Sincere thanks for opportunity to go through the chairs.
2. Many positive changes in association over the years. We all need to encourage coaches, especially our new young coaches, to get involved more with the association.
3. Technology will be an important component of the IHSBCA in future.
4. Maintain a positive relationship with IHSAA but continue to work for the betterment of Iowa High School Baseball.

Executive Directors Report: Lee Toole

1. Clinic speakers and award recipients have confirmed. Good attendance anticipated for clinic.
2. Umpire clinic/certification renewal credit approved by IHSAA.
3. With Roger Barr's retirement, Todd Tharp and Jared Chizek will now be IHSAA contacts.
4. Very good vendor representatives this year (36). Please thank and support.
5. New FCA breakfast sponsor – Chick-Fil-A – a plaque will be presented to them for support.
6. Committee reports need to be submitted at Friday's a.m. meeting to Rick Admire.
7. All-District meeting sites will be determined after general meeting Friday morning. Make sure site is willing to host and you have a confirmed chairman to run meeting.
8. Vice presidents (Tony and Rick) will introduce and time speakers during clinic. Jake will confirm individual committee's and their members. We need to continue to encourage new, young members to join committees.
9. Discussion with Jared Chizek of IHSAA indicates a "pitch count" policy is being considered by the NFHS. Discussion and input by IHSBCA will be needed.
10. Would like Awards committee to look at criteria for District Coach of Year. Also, should we consider making the Assistant COY award similar to District COY Award in all classes/districts?
11. Officers are in the process of formatting a list of duties/responsibilities for each position. This will help as they move through the chairs so there is a better understanding of responsibilities.
12. Taking a serious look at Hall of Fame rings and a new vendor. It's been a frustrating process to find a cooperative manufacturer for these rings.

13. Website information needs to be updated with wins/losses and schools need to be in correct classification. Coaches need to help verify and update this.
14. Future All-Star Series sites: 2016 – Mason City, 2017 – Des Moines, 2018 – Carroll (?).
15. Junior Showcase continues to go well. Will continue working to streamlining process, especially with college coaches pre-registration and check-in process.
16. Looking at the need to realign borders for All Star Series selections. There have been a lot of changes in last few years, especially with geography of large schools, 4As.

No further discussion. Motion to accept – Andy VanFossan, second – Jon Fitzpatrick.

Hall of Fame Report: Roger Hoel

In the process of selecting Hall of Fame members for next year. Always need new nominations.

All District Committee Report: Jon Fitzpatrick

1. Discussed splitting 3A into five districts like others, but that does not look feasible.
2. Advised keeping two Catchers on all district teams, utility is now “Next Best Player”, keep the 1B, 2B, 3B, SS by positions, not over-all infield.
3. Coaches, try to email statistical information on nominees in advance to All District host.
4. Coaches, let all-district committee know if you would like to be re-aligned.
5. Coaches who would like All District document for their meeting need to contact Jon Fitzpatrick
6. Should it be mandatory to include "quikstats" defensive stats?
7. Jon Fitzpatrick will update district assignments on IHSBCA website.

Awards Committee Report: Ryan Stensland

1. Proposed Assistant Coach of Year change to:
 - a. By Class 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A
 - b. Must be member if IHSBCA but no minimum number of years
 - c. Could win two years in a row, but not third year beginning in 2016
 - d. District nominees at meetings must have at least two, but don't need three.
2. Discussed Coach of Year Award with a bat awarded for first time winner but another award for additional years – tabled for more discussion.
3. Hall of Fame rings – Optional award for members to purchase. Lee will continue working on it
4. Discuss timing of IHSBCA All State Teams compared to release of other All-State Teams.
5. Will begin process for 50th Anniversary IHSBCA ideas, (50th in 2018).
6. Will look at possibility of ballots for awards winners be submitted electronically.
7. Special thanks to Lee for taking time to order rewards.

All Star Committee Report: Troy Rood

1. Very excited about hosting series in Mason City, August 4 -7.
 2. Excellent group to head-up the committee.
 3. Detailed All Star schedule and facilities proposal submitted.
- Report approved – Dave Dirx, second – Ryan Stensland.

Umpires Committee Report: Mike Botts

1. Will be using “Virtual Umpire” at clinic
2. Continuing to work with IHSAA to approve clinic for rules meeting.
3. A Facebook page for umpires will be linked to IHSBCA webpage.

Lanny Peterson Award/Graphic Edge Player of the Year Award : Steve Hanson

1. 2015 Lanny Peterson Award winner: Grant Thimesch from Marshalltown High School
2. 2015 Graphic Edge Player of the Year Award winner: Zach Daniels from CR Kennedy HS

State Rating Poll Committee Report: Mark Hey

1. Point men for class rankings: 4A: Troy Rood - Mason City, 3A: Keith McSweeney – Solon, 2A: Derek Flack – DM Christian, 1A – Matt Zoske – BCLUW.

2. Mark Hey will monitor school classifications throughout year.
3. Emails will be sent out to coaches in respective classes in spring for rating information for first preseason ranking by first Monday of the week of the first legal playing date.
4. Point men will gather information from Quikstats, coaches input, Todd Kimm – Radio Iowa.

Membership Committee Report: Devin Schwiesow

1. Working to identify members by class on a Goggle Document.
2. Hope to get 100% membership by coaches in the association.

Clinic Survey/Mini Clinic Committee Report: Ethan Miller

1. Evaluation process will be electronic this year. It will be on the website after the clinic.
2. Excellent lineup of speakers this weekend. Already have some speakers lined up for next year.

IHSAA Advisory Committee Report: Mark Hey

1. Detailed report submitted – Points of emphasis:
 - a. Suspended game regulation NFHS Rule 4 – Section 2 – Article 3, NO change
 - b. Ejections were down in 2015 from 2014
 - c. 4A sub-state finals at 5:00 at sites without lights
 - d. Seeding changes for 1A and 3A
 - e. Beginning 2017 potential for district and sub-state date changes
 - f. State Tournament semi-final matchups
 - g. Baseball schedules preseason through state tournament
 - h. Potential for pitch count limitations
 - i. Baseball rule change

Motion to accept – Jon Waddle, second – Paul Keitel

Junior Showcase: Trent Eckstaine

1. The site (SE Polk) and player selection process is very stable at this point.
2. Emphasize importance of players/coaches signing up early to avoid problems at registration.

Audit/Constitution Committee Report: Bret Hoyer

1. All things in order, information submitted by Lee looks good.
2. Look at paying for IHSBCA membership on-line through the website.

Steering Committee Report: Don Lyons

1. Continue working with and improving use of technology within the organization. We have a communications committee but may need to look at a technology committee.
2. All Star Coaches have been selected and will be announced at clinic.
3. Association needs to provide information of recently deceased members.
4. Allow Lee more authorization to spend more money for headliner speakers.
5. Need recommendations for speakers. Place recommendations on evaluation form.
6. Discussion on Lee's performance as Executive Director. Lee is doing an outstanding job. At Lee's request "Freeze salary".

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. New Officer – Dave Middleton, North Polk.
2. Input needed for NFHS pitch count rule.

Suggestions for good of association/announcements: None

Motion to adjourn (Jan. 21) – 10:00 p.m. Casey Klunder, second – Jon Fitzpatrick.

Motion to adjourn (Jan. 22) – 12:15 p.m. Andy VanFossan, second - Dave Dirkx.

Minutes respectively submitted by Rick Admire, 3rd VP.