

Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

MARCH-APRIL NEWSLETTER

The first annual IHSECA Clinic was a tremendous success. Over 160 different coaches, players, and fans attended the two-day clinic. The coaches that attended will be listed at the end of the newsletter.

The clinic speakers were great. They gave the coaches a lot of ideas and techniques. The coach in attendance benefited. We will try to make next year's clinic bigger and better.

Letters are coming in about the clinic. A few quotes from the letters are as follows: Pat Daugherty, Centerville Jr. College, "Your baseball coaches' association is probably the first real breakthrough in Iowa High School baseball in the past twenty years. I think your clinic selection was great." Jim Nelson, North Scott, "It was a fine baseball clinic. Will be looking forward to it again next year." Ken Blackman, White Sox scout, Hall of Fame member, "Congratulations on one of the finest meetings I have ever attended so far as baseball is concerned. I am sure the organization will open up a new era in Iowa high school baseball."

We appreciate the response you have given us. We hope the clinic will reflect to the betterment of Iowa high school baseball. If you have suggestions or comments regarding any aspect of the clinic, we'd appreciate hearing from you.

A poll was taken at the clinic and from study of the poll the coaches, players, and fans prefer a combination spring-summer program. Enclosed you will find the results of the poll.

If anyone would like a copy of Pat Daugherty's talk at the clinic, you can get a copy by writing Pat at Centerville Community College.

Joe Lutz of Southern Illinois gave the high school coaches food for thought in how to promote baseball with some of his innovations. Write Mr. Lutz and ask for some of his ideas if you missed the clinic.

A constitution was adopted at the first annual meeting. You will receive a copy of the constitution in the next newsletter. One of the big changes is the dues. The active member will pay \$5.00 per year starting in 1969-70 school year. The assistant coach will be \$3.00 with full voting rights. The reason for the raise in dues is the high cost of the newsletter, postage, envelopes, membership cards, etc. Next year we hope to help offset some of the costs of our clinic speakers.

Some committees have been formed to begin working on the guidelines to follow for the picking of the coach of the year in each district. These qualifications will be announced in a later newsletter. Committee assignments will be included in your next newsletter.

The coaches association inducted into its Hall of Fame five outstanding baseball men. They were: Cap Peterson - Luther, Mon Whitford - U.N.I., Ken Blackman - Waterloo, Emil Klumpar - C.R. Schools, and Otto Vogel - U. of I. who was unable to attend due to illness. They were introduced and a brief history of each was

given by Vern Bredeson, Dennis Olejniczak, Bernie Hutchison, and Bill Quinby. A committee has been set up to induct new members each year.

The Hall of Fame Committee met during the clinic and started to draw up criteria for new members. These criteria will follow in a later newsletter.

The All District Team committee has met and started to set up its guidelines for the selection of all district candidates from the five districts. The All District teams will be selected the week of the summer sectional. You will have five days to return your ballot to the district representative. A committee of five plus one sportswriter will select the all-district team. They will meet on the Sunday of July 20. The all district teams will be announced at noon on the Thursday, July 31 for publication in each district. All state selection will be held on the day of the state finals. Every active member will have one vote in his district. The team will consist of three pitchers, two catchers, five infielders, four outfielders, plus an honorable mention team. There will be three teams in each district. The first team will be presented for the all state selection.

The association lost about \$50 on meals. Coaches that indicated that they were coming and didn't show up caused this to happen. One change next year will be pre-registration for the banquet and Saturday lunch.

The proposed dates for the 1970 Mid-Winter Clinic are the weekend of the girls state basketball finals. It will be held tentatively at Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids.

Would like to remind you coaches to send in the results of your games to your local newspaper or the nearest newspaper, plus the Des Moines Register. Also, call the scores in to the radio and television stations in your area. The boys deserve to hear the scores just as they do in football and basketball. Remember, you will be promoting baseball by sending in all your scores. Also, send a schedule to your newspaper, radio and television people. Let's promote baseball!

A reminder of the clinics being held by the Iowa High School Athletic Assn. They will be held at Iowa City April 23, Creston, and Mason City on the finals of the spring tournament.

A couple of films you might be interested in seeing are: Ted Williams and Hitting put out by Sears. Another is The Name of the Game is Baseball which can be ordered from Modern Talking Pictures Service, 1212 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N. Y. 10036.

The next board of directors meeting will be held in Mason City the day of the state finals. Time of that meeting will be 10:00 a.m.

The association membership has risen to 184. New members by district are: Northwest District: None; Southwest District: James David Hook, East Union Comm. of Thayer, and Chuck Burnett, Atlantic; Central District: Dean Witmer, Perry, DeLon Thompson, Eagle Grove, Jack Smith, L.D.F., Jerry Kindhart, Huxley-Ballard, and Jim Mahomoy, Johnson.