

*Indiana High School After-Action Meeting
April 22, 2008*

Annual Meeting was held at Woodland Bowl on April 22, 2008. The following were in attendance: Advisory Board: Steve Kunkel, Cathy Sumner, Mark Schoch, George Webb, Chuck Wilson, Scott Devers, Bruce Kanfantaris, Conference Coordinators: Tom Staten, Kandon Kane, Dan Quilliam, Kim Burton, Mike Lepay, Mike Kraushaar, Rich Sarrazin, Visitors: Curt Morrison, Mike Quick, Brian Nicademus. Those not in attendance: Board Members: Paul Lemond, Jim Bishoff, Coordinators: Tim McCoy, Brian Schwanke, Ken Muzzillo, Rob Alex, Pat Sparks, Charley Burge, Jane Shafer

The meeting came to order at 10:05 am with Steve Kunkel-High School Bowling Commissioner summarizing a letter he had written. The letter informed the attendees that the purpose of the meeting was simply to brainstorm ideas. There would be no decisions made. Suggestions would be made and the information would be taken back to the Advisory Board for possible changes. He also advised the group that the Indiana High School Bowling Program was under the direct supervision of Indiana Bowling Centers Association and directly responsible to the IBCA Board of Directors. IBCA proposed and approved the budget for the program. The budget and financial statements will be present and discussed at the annual meeting in October 2008. All member centers are encouraged to attend and will receive the information and have the opportunity to question and concerns. Steve also informed the group that the information would be available through their member center. He also explained that the HSB program is a growing program and moving towards being self-supporting. The ability to add programs and decrease entry fees is a direct result of our increase tournament revenues.

I. IHSAA or IHSB?

A. Continue or Not?

The business session was opened with the discussion on the decision to remain IHSB instead of seeking the IHSAA endorsement. The two main reasons for the decision were: Scholarships and Participation in other events during season. The surveys sent out were returned with 2/3 in agreement to remain IHSB. Kandon Kane voiced, "that students wanted to participate in TKO's and leagues"; Rich Sarrazin stated, "His coaches are happy with everything as is". Kim Burton would like to see more "schools give recognition". Chuck Wilson stated that if students had to choose between TKO's, Leagues and Tournaments versus IHSAA they would choose TKO's, Leagues and Tournaments. Everyone was in agreement that we would continue as we are, "a club", but keep the communication line open with the IHSAA for possible compromises and acceptance.

B. Make changes to improve our program, even if it means straying away from IHSAA rules.

It was suggested to allow Sunday participation. Due to weather conditions sometimes it might be needed. Mark Schoch and Bruce Kafantaris would like to see Sunday bowling only in case of emergencies. Mike Quick would like to see all Sunday bowling. Each area would govern the use of Sunday programs.

C. Incorporate the IHSAA rules we follow into our rules and do away with using their rulebook. Using two rulebooks is very confusing.

Everyone was open to the idea of incorporating the IHSAA rules we use into our “IHSB Rules” and so away with any reference to IHSAA rules. In other wards, incorporate our good things with their good things. All agreed.

D. Co-Ed rules – continue to follow IHSAA? Girls can bowl with the Boys in conference play but in tournament play each must bowl with respective sex.

We agreed to use the same rule as we have. During the season girls may bowl on the boy’s team, but in tournament play they would only be allowed to bowl singles. Also it was brought up that for JV teams if schools do not have enough to have a team, bring schools together for competition.

E. Find a State and/or Local Sponsor

Everyone supported the idea of State and/or local sponsors. Everyone was in support of banners or signs to be hung in centers for advertising rather than patches or logos on shirts. They did not want the shirts to look like billboards.

F. Limit the number of games?

Everyone was in agreement not to limit the number of games or matches. We have a start and finish date. The area will be in charge of their number of meets.

G. Enrollment, Grades, Penalties.

We want to continue with the present attendance and grade rules. We want to add to the rules that we must meet the IHSAA minimum or the school policy to compete. This MUST be stressed to the coaches; it is their responsibility to insure that their bowler’s are eligible. Steve will be looking up a form for both students and parents to sign giving the school permission to release the student’s status: “eligible or ineligible to the coach. If a student is found to be ineligible and they have competed when ineligible, scores will be changed back to the infraction.

H. Transfer to another school

The proposal was made to use a form similar to that of IHSAA for transfer students. We will accept a sign off by both schools and allow the student to participate.

I. Smoking, Alcohol, Drugs – Follow School Policy – Put in our Rules

All were in agreement to follow school policy. All felt that smoking; drug and alcohol use and penalties should fall under school’s policies.

Centers/Coaches should follow these rules and the penalties for breaking of these rules.

J. Centers/Coaches need to work with schools to form official clubs – so that students can be recognized at school

Centers/Coaches should be encouraged to work with schools to form official clubs to gain the school’s acceptance.

II. USBC Rules

A. Rule 400 – Let’s accept it completely. Awards up to \$500 in merchandise – Able to Bowl Singles with signing waiver form – Gift Certificates and Scholarships

We had much discussion concerning USBC rule 400. Although much of the discussion didn’t totally agree with the rule, we did agree that we should abide by it since it is our governing body.

B. Individual certification – plus optional FREE HS membership – Penalties

We want to continue with the individual membership. This is another of the issues that we are going to strongly push on the coaches to monitor. We will still disqualify any bowler we find that is not in compliance for the conference or tournament. Dan Quilliam stated that coaches must check certifications numbers and make sure that the students have not received an adult number.

C. Entire conference must be certified and a member of the state program. We won’t allow some schools to join and not others. We want all teams in a conference to become members of the IHSB. They all need to be in to participate in our tournament.

III. IHSB Rules

A. Dress code – Enforcement and Penalties

1. Dress Slacks, jeans, cargo-pants, corduroy

The first topic discussed was our uniform and jewelry rules. Our discussion was that we may be old fashion or archaic with our rules, but we don’t feel that they are hard to follow. The sentiment was to leave the pants and jewelry rules alone. The group felt that if we lower our expectations the dress code would only get looser.

2. Shirt Rule – logo - school name/logo – style – tucked in

The discussion on the shirts determined that everyone needs to have the IHSB logo on the shirt somewhere, and the entire team must have it in the same place. We will allow any location on the shirt but all team members must have it the same. The same issue concerning the school name and names of bowlers, the team must all be the same. The consensus was correctable issues should be corrected without disqualifications.

a. Classic Products still our preferred vendor

All agreed to try to use Classic Products as often as possible.

b. Others permitted?

Will allow other vendors must get permission from Steve to use IHSB logo.

c. Reasons to use other vendors

Some reasons to use other vendors might be because of price, gifts from other print shops, and delivery time

d. If conferences elect to use an independent vendor, they should have them by the first event.

All were in agreement that the same rule should apply regardless of the vendor used. All should have their shirts by second meet.

3. Jewelry, rings, bracelets, necklaces, hoop earrings, other body piercing

All agreed to enforce the rule that is in effect. The group did not have a problem with a nose or eyebrow piercing (that could not be removed) to be covered by a band-aid.

4. Tattoos

All agreed - no problem yet.

B. Change format to have 1 regular and 5 baker games each match

There was very limited discussion about changing the format. It was vetoed stating that the students would not go for it, plus it would change the number of games needed for All State.

C. Center Sponsorship

1. *It is still an IBCA Program and member centers will still receive discount.*

All agreed.

2. *Schools are tied to Centers/ Written Permission*

Schools are tied to Centers because in most cases the Centers have invested the time and money for the schools to get the programs started. Therefore the schools are tied to the Centers unless there is a substantial reason to move. If a school wants to move they must get a signed release from both centers. Without that release the school would have to sit out for a one-year period before they could participate.

D. Other Paperwork Information

1. *Creating a New Form*

All agreed that creating a new form similar to the bowler's code of conduct spelling out the coaches' responsibilities. The coaches would sign the form and it would list the duties including: attendance, grades, certification, code of conduct, transportation waiver, alcohol, drug, smoking and All State Nominations. The USBC Registered Volunteer Program was discussed and it was agreed that our coaches would have to be approved once it goes into effect.

2. The IBCA Board has approved an incentive for Conference Coordinators. They will be paid \$50.00 per school if all paper work is completed on time. Steve will sign off and request release of checks.

3. *Team Info-*

The team information form and monies need to be sent to Steve at the start of the season (Nov.). The rosters need to be turned in by first of the year (Jan.). They should list everyone that is qualified for the tournament. This would also be the tournament roster. Bowlers that qualify during January could be added prior to the sectional. Mark Schoch also stated that Steve should receive all conferences budgets, constitutions & schedules.

E. Tournament

1. *Is there an interest to run a State Holiday Tournament?*

NO

2. *Can others run one?*

We could run one but everyone agreed not to. Let individual conferences/centers run one if they wish. We won't allow anyone to use our name and logo for their tournament

3. *Format Change? Too much for one day*

No one thought there was a need for a format change. It was agreed that conferences could run their sectionals as need be. Indy sought approval to bowl their two team games on Thursday and begin with the baker games on Saturday to shorten the day and take less center time on Saturday.

4. *Need at least 1 hour down time*

There was a consensus to have an hour down time between team and singles events but the only way that could happen was to pay the hosting center lineage for that time.

5. *Need better policing of area for bad language etc.*

All agreed that the coaches should police their own students or have each coach police the team that they are bowling.

6. *Go back to 3 team games and use them for single qualifying*

All agreed to leave as is due to time

7. *Required each conference to send at least one volunteer to each event*

All agreed that we need more volunteers. Suggestion was to be more aggressive in asking for help.

8. *Have stepladder matches cross lanes to take advantage from lower seed.*

After a little discussion we felt it would be good in the stepladder matches to allow the incoming team (and singles) practice on the final lanes, but the winning team should either sit or roll on the practice lanes. It was suggested 5 minutes for the team event.

All agreed.

9. *How can we shrink crowds?*

The mention of the growing crowds but were unable to come up with an idea other than working with schools for bleachers, sitting up chairs etc...

10. *What is the best way to move forms to next site?*

All agreed to leave the same, get to Steve and he'll send them on.

11. *Tournament Site selection criteria – previous, experience, location, size*

All agreed that our process is working. We need to keep the State Finals in center of State. Regional's need to be North, South, East & West, Semi State's North and South. We like the idea of centers hosting regionals and semi-states before they host a final.

12. No one liked the idea of disqualifying teams. We felt we need to do as much as we can to stress the importance of grades, certification, etc and the threat of disqualification to the coaches. There will be no 'time limit' to determine issues and enforce the penalty.

F. Awards

1. State Tournament Awards

All agreed that we would love to do more but can only do what we have budgeted.

a. Rings instead of medals for champs

All would like to give rings to State Champs instead of medals. Felt like this would be too costly to do.

b. Standard Certificates at all levels instead of photo copied

All agreed to personalize certificates and pass out at next level of tournament.

2. All State Selection process and awards

It was brought up how many deserving candidates for All State were not nominated due to coaches neglecting their duties. It is the coach's responsibility to make sure this process is completed. Scott Devers and Cathy Sumner suggested that the Board could nominate any one that they felt deserved the nomination. We also felt it might help to take away the written recommendation required. Steve can make sure that the scores for the Top Ten and Finalists are picked up for nomination. He can also notify coordinators of bowlers submitted from his conference and see if there are any omissions.

3. Academic All State Form

It is the coach's responsibility to make sure students are nominated. The coach's will be encouraged to follow the process.

Another topic discussed was the FREE Coach's Clinic that will be offered this fall. Steve encouraged all to have their coach's participate. The dates and places were announced: September 28, Crazy Pinz, Fort Wayne; October 5, Terre Haute Bowling Center and October 12, Mike Aulby's Arrowhead Bowl, Lafayette.