

Below you will find the **agenda of our meeting in black** and **in red the discussion or minutes**.

The following were in attendance: Steve Kunkel, IHSB commissioner; Ken Howard, Woodland Bowl, IBCA President; John Downing, Eastside Lanes/Do Ri Me Lanes, IBCA Vice-President; Scott Devers, Mike Aulby's Arrowhead Bowl, Advisory Board; Mark Schoch, Royal Pin Leisure Centers, Advisory Board; Chuck Wilson, Country Club Lanes, Advisory Board; George Webb, Advisory Board; Kim Buell, Indianapolis North CC; Kim Burton, Wabacanoe CC; Chris Harrison, Michiana West CC; Kandon Kane, Lucky Strike Lanes, White River Valley I CC; Sue Kendall, Mid-Central CC; Russ Kendall, Mid-Central; Tim McCoy, Duneland CC; Curt Morrison, Southeastern Indiana CC; Kathy Muzzillo, Auburn Bowl, Fort Wayne CC; Gerry Ness, Wabash Valley North, Lafayette Jefferson; Rich Sarrazin, Fort Wayne, Bishop Dwenger; Jane Shafer, Mid-Indiana CC; Tom Staten, Indianapolis South CC; Mike Taylor, Michiana West, SB Clay and Butch Shepard, Suburban, Kankakee Valley.

After Action Questions

- I. The purpose of this meeting is to share ideas from across the state to improve the program. We want your input. We are 10 years in on the program and have basically operated the same from the beginning. This is still an IBCA program and we will maintain the final say of how the program will be run. We are going to make a slight structure change this year. I (the commissioner) am under the guidance of the IBCA Board. The president, Ken Howard, and I will appoint a 'Rules Committee' to review and amend the rules. We will ask this committee to set the rules for the Middle School program as well. We will name a 'tournament and site selection committee' from this committee. The tournament director will run the tournament and make the call. This smaller committee (which will include USBC Rules) will have the final say on tournament protests.
- II. Coordinator responsibilities and compensation
 - A. How can we consolidate and/or eliminate work? **I put a lot of the blame on the coaches for making the coordinator job so hard. I feel the too many coaches don't do their job. The paperwork, particularly the certification, takes the most time.**
 - B. Can we require coaches to register online? Everything? **We discussed the 3 certification options: 1) the regular individual membership (like we have always done), 2) the new 'basic' membership which is targeted for short season leagues and cost just \$5 and 3) the Free USBC team registration. After a good deal of discussion we decided to go to the Free team registration and allow the bowlers the option of the other two certifications. We feel that everyone (coaches or coordinators) can get access to a computer; either at work, the center or library. The attending coordinators also agreed that they could help the few that couldn't/wouldn't do it. The group thought that we might still need to have parents/kids/coaches sign the travel and code of conduct forms.**
 - C. This year you were rewarded with a \$50 per team compensation when I received all your final paperwork. You were given a 1099 for this compensation. How many gave it back to the conference? **I need to see if we can send the rebate check to either the conference (without the need of the 1099) or to the coordinator.**
- III. Coaches' responsibilities/criteria
 - A. Do we need to set a minimum age for coaches, 21 or older? **We didn't feel as though 21 was a magic age. We do think the coaches need to be mature, particularly the head coaches. We agree the coach should be a high school graduate. We don't want to have conferences add rules on their own. We want everyone to use the same set of rules. Right now the center and/or school is responsible for the coach (es) for their team. They should want, provide a mature individual person for the position. The coordinator and center/school should handle any problem with a coach on an individual basis.**

- B. What authority does the coach have? How can he address parents/other coaches? **Just like in any other HS sport, the coach has the authority to set his rules. Players and parents may express their ideas, but the coach is in charge. It's the participants' decision to play by his rules or not play.**
- C. RVP (the \$50 rebate pay for 2 coaches per school). **We were in agreement with requiring coaches to pass a background check to coach IHSB. As long as it's our option, we will accept either the USBC RVP or other background checks. Every coach will be listed on the coordinator's list and anyone that has not passed the test or applied for one will not be able to coach. Coaches as expected to wear their RVP lanyard (or state issued credential) while coaching. Everyone thought this expense could be covered in a variety of ways and that would be up to the individuals and teams.**
- D. Forms, consolidate & eliminate work, kids/coaches do online?
- E. For HS coaches – can we require 2nd year coaches to be certified (like IHSAA does) – maybe this would be a “FREE CLINIC” paid for by dues – we could take it to conferences or at least regions. Level I (new or beginning) online - \$60, 5 hours; Bronze (intermediate) - \$275, 2-1/2 day; Silver (advanced training) - \$425, 3 day. **As much as we would like to see everyone obtain some level of certification, we didn't think we could require coaches to attend a clinic to coach. We will look into the idea of providing DVD's with information on coaching and pertinent IHSB info to each coach/team/school.**
- F. ASEP (American Sport Education Program) Coaching Clinic (about \$70 – all day clinic)
- G. Set Up more regional meetings of conferences to discuss scheduling and share ideas. **Regional meetings might be another alternative.**

IV. Rules

- A. Need to reword substitution rule to clarify that lineup changes can't be made during conf play. Free substitution, especially in tournament when it doesn't affect averages. **We will keep our present rule of 'no substitution' during the game for conference play. We will discuss the possibility of allowing Free Substitution during the tournament.**
- B. We need to re-write the bye rule to clarify it. **We still suggest having an odd number/bye team sit out that week. If, however, the conference want everyone to bowl every week everyone conference will use the same 'draw' rule. For the first week the odd team (last team number drawn) will bowl the team with the middle team number. (That is, if there are 9 teams in the conference, the number 9 team will bowl the number 5 team the first week.) For the remaining weeks on the schedule, the bye team will bowl against the team in the middle of the standings (wins, pins, points).**
- C. What if a kid bowls in an activity contrary to Rule #400, what's the penalty? **Any violation of the rule will result in suspension from our program if/until the violator is reinstated by USBC and IHSB.**
- D. Discuss Academic eligibility rule. **We no longer refer to IHSAA eligibility rules. Our participants have to meet the academic and conduct standards of their school for athletics, not club.**
- E. Length of season. Too long, too short? Set an exact length of season, either by date or better yet number of matches. Conferences determine who they play, how often, etc. **We will give a start and stop date. The number of matches will be determined by the conference and will be controlled by the cost of matches and desire of coaches and bowlers for participation.**
- F. Combine schools to field full teams. **NO! We want to keep this as a High School club. We feel that this is still the way to encourage bowlers to bring in friends to fill out teams. Allowing schools to combine would lead to the building of 'All Star' teams.**
- G. Tie breaker rules for matches and conf champs instead of total pins. A Baker game? **Total pins are still the best way to break ties in conference matches. We will allow conferences the option of naming Co-Champions or having a roll off to determine a Conference Champion. The format for that roll off needs to be determined prior to the start of the season.**

- H. Examine the pros and cons of changing seasons. We feel that the winter season is still the best season because of the availability of participants. We would compete with the other school sports for kids more in the fall and spring. The spring would put us in conflict with the youth state tournament.
- V. Uniform/dress code
 - A. Can girls wear Skorts??? NO. The length would be another source of discussion and need for ruling and enforcement.
 - B. New PBA Shirts. NO. The sentiment was to not allow the new PBA shirts with all the sponsor logos.
 - C. Uniform advertising – shirts, shoes, pants – check wording on rule
 - D. Shirt manufacture logo - HS sponsor patch/logo – IHSAA – National Federation – a 2 ¼” x 2 ¼” patch is allowed – per Eric Morgan and Theresia Wynns, IHSAA
 - E. Push for State/National sponsors – Pepsi, ball manufacturers, shoes, etc. This is something that we are still looking at. Any leads are welcomed.
 - F. Eliminate jewelry rule. It was an almost unanimous decision to lessen the jewelry rules, but not to abandon them completely. Most people didn’t have problems with earrings, bracelets or necklaces. The facial piercings, other than the small diamond studs in the nose, were most questioned.
 - G. Pants – no blue jeans – no tears or holes. Again it was almost a unanimous decision to less the strictness of the rule. No denim, no blue jeans, slacks of the same basic color seemed to be the consensus.
- VI. Home School Students. NO. For reasons similar to the combining schools reason. We want to keep this program as a high school club. It was suggested that we work on starting a Home School program for these students.
 - A. Add Home School students not allowed in ‘must attend school wording’
- VII. Use of IHSB Logo – Our logo is Trade Marked and isn’t supposed to be used without our approval – strict penalty, up to \$10,000 per item. The use of the logo outside the IHSB program would be a violation without proper permission.
 - A. Use of logo, conf awards, other such as name tags
 - B. Logo on pins to sell
 - C. Make a committee to design or approve patches for jackets. The different styles of patches were shown to the group. They felt this is something to pursue. They liked the patch in the shape of the state over the round patch.
 - D. Other ideas?
- VIII. Tournament
 - A. Tournament bid forms out earlier, before season starts.
 - B. More scrutiny of tournament site selection. More incentive to get more bids. Evaluate tournament sites, need bigger houses or smaller crowds, may be worth traveling to houses that are big enough. If we get the bids out sooner and then share the bids with the coordinators, they may be able to assist in getting other bids from their area. They could also share their thoughts about the centers that did bid.
 - C. Smaller centers, smaller crowds, more help needed to run the events. The opposite idea was presented, having fewer regionals, but going to bigger centers to do it. Most thought it was best to try to allow smaller centers to participate. This would mean fewer teams at those regionals.
 - D. Bleachers are helpful (in many cases) but they cost money, unless we get them donated.
 - E. Put tournament on wheel – several areas. Most liked the idea of having regionals in their area and lessening the need for travel. Most agreed to holding the finals in the center of the state. Again the idea of sharing the bids and allowing coordinators the opportunity to seek other bids was discussed.
 - F. Leave another week between conf and tour for weather. Leave a week in tour schedule for postponement. There didn’t seem to be much support to lengthening the tournament schedule.
 - G. Tournament roster – only 7? Anyone eligible? Rosters early or late? No discussion.

- H. It's been suggested that we change the order of post-season tournament from bowling team event first to bowling singles first. We have noticed that there is a tremendous amount of energy expended during team play, which drains the kids physically and emotionally. The kids that bowl both events are spent by the time singles come in the afternoon. **It was acknowledged that we had done it this way originally and had changed because the coaches had the same complaint about singles draining the team players.**
1. We could bowl 2 separate events. **This idea had some support.**
 2. Bowl one event Friday night and the other on Saturday. (Cost to parents/kids lodging or travel). **Most felt that bowling separate events on Saturday and Sunday would be best, instead of Fri/Sat. If the centers would allow a later start time, there wouldn't be need for more than one night hotel stay. One negative was the lessened concession income for the proprietor.**
- I. Tournament format, advancement ratios, crowd sizes, make 8 team sectionals, go to match play for team event (including seeding). Singles as is. (now 1 of 4 teams round up fraction, 1 of 6 singles round off fraction at sectional. Filter regionals and semi-states to get to 8 teams and 18 singles at finals. Target 12 teams and 36 singles at SS). **A suggestion was made to go to match play for the team event. Someone suggested that it wasn't broken and need of a fix. Most agreed. The ratio for advancing teams and singles from sectional (1 of 4 teams and 1 of 6 singles) was shared. There was little other discussion.**
- J. Bowl regional, SS and finals on tournament or sport shot. Team and singles? What about sectionals? **This topic generated discussion. There was support for some kind of sport short and staying with the house shot. Most could agree with something more challenging than the wide open house shot, but not a brutal sport shot. One of the stipulations would be the 'determined shot' would need to be published well before the event to give participants the opportunity to prepare for it.**
- K. Free substitution, especially in tournament when it doesn't affect averages. **This idea had support. A bowler could be substituted for at any point in a game, but could not return to the lineup until the next game. At that time he could re-enter anywhere.**
- L. Tournament format, more or all baker games, move lanes more. **Most everyone could agree to change lanes after the first team game. Most were OK with the present format of 2 regular team games and 5 baker games.**
- M. Girls bowl with boys' team in tournament if they did during year. They would also bowl with boys in singles (they do in college). Or they could bowl with the girls. **The majority was in favor of allowing girls to bowl with the boys' team during the tournament if they did during the season. Most everyone wanted the singles to be bowled with the same gender, girls with girls.**
- N. During team event move each game. Teams on the right move right one lane. Teams on the left move left one lane. What about end lanes?
- O. Check in time for tournament. When to use alternate. Eliminate alternates?
- P. Awards, medals, trophies, certificates. **There was no real favorite in the medals shown. Everyone likes the state shaped team trophies. It was suggested to allow Trophy House a chance for a final bid before going to someone else.**
- IX. All State
- A. Clean up language in application. 15 players or 3 teams of 5 or?? **We will name at least five per team, more if there is a tie.**
 - B. People don't understand 'Base Line Ave' on All State form
 - C. Is 190 needed to collect conf rank points?
 - D. Define points at state. Just top 4? Top 10? Everyone? **At the finals we will award 10 points to the winner and decrease a point for each place. Places 10-18 will all receive 1 point.**

- E. Longer time to calculate, Forum to announce teams. We need a better way to recognize all state teams. Meal? Scholarship tournament? Now AAS at finals and AS at Pro Am. It was acknowledged that it was a long drive for some to come to the center of the state just to pick up a certificate. The first team all state enjoyed bowling in the Pro Am. It was suggested having a scholarship tournament a couple weeks after the finals to acknowledge the winners. It was also suggested some kind of jacket or shirt (award) for their accomplishment (All State only).
- F. Limit conference points to 40 – like tournament – limit bonus points. Most agreed to making the maximum points available the same for both conference and tournament play. One suggestion was to limit the bonus points to a percentage of games played. We would allow the same percentage for 14 or 28 games, not the same number.
- G. Give more points for each level of competition. Add points each week of tournament, sec = 1, reg = 2, ss = 3, finals = 4
- H. Add match points for All State
- I. Take the point totals for high scores down.
- J. AS points system, kid in finals didn't make team, kid not getting out of sectional did (1 boy made 3rd team, didn't advance from sectional, had 9 bonus points, 28 games). Most felt the matching available points for conference and tournament would eliminate this problem.
- X. Academic All State Team – Why just seniors?? This keeps them on track for their high school career. It was discussed requiring more than just one varsity game to qualify. This idea didn't get much support.
- XI. Other???