

April 19, 2007

**Minutes of Meeting
After Action IHSB
April 18, 2007**

Present: Corky Koch-Indianapolis North, Tom Staton-Indianapolis South, Charlie Kane-Blue Chip South, Mark Schoch-Advisory Board, Kim Burton-Wabacanoë, Kandon Kane-White River Valley I, George Webb-Advisory Board, Paul LeMond-Advisory Board, Tim McCoy-Duneland, Stephanie Hoover-Michiana Central, Bruce Binkard-Wabacanoë, Jerry Heckathorn-Rochester, Mike Quick-Wabacanoë, Cathy Cooper-IBCA President, Steve Kunkel-IHSB Commissioner and Cathy Sumner, IBCA In School Bowling.

Steve Kunkel introduced IBCA President Cathy Cooper. Cathy went over the new administrative duties procedures of the IBCA. She explained how BPAA would be handling the day to day administrative duties while Steve Kunkel would be the High School Bowling Associate and Cathy Sumner would be the In School Bowling Associate and both would be membership. They both will be out on the road rather than in offices to help with these programs as well as the proprietors.

Steve then took over the meeting in the order below but informed the group that all concerns would be addressed by the Advisory Board before any changes.

I. Overall Program

A. IHSAA or Club? Steve passed on his conversation with Blake at the IHSAA on how Rule 400 works. Monetary Awards can be no more than \$50.00. If a High School Bowler should place in a tournament and receive anything of value greater than \$50.00 they would have to make restitution before being able to be an IHSAA Bowler. USBCA allows up to \$500.00 for tournaments, but this would not fly with IHSAA. The IHSAA awards scholarships to seniors only, but Blake advised that we continue like we are. The scholarship issue can be addressed at that time. The SMART program may be acceptable. Blake is stepping down in the next two years if we want High School Bowling as an IHSAA sport we should look at this while Blake is still here. The Direction has to come from the IBCA Board of Directors. June 20th is the meeting of IBCA and that meeting will address High School Bowling.

If we stay a club, schools can give a Varsity letter and order Jackets for their bowlers. Steve sent out surveys to Athletic Directors and Principals asking for their comments on several issues. At the time of the meeting he had only received a few back. He will bring them to the meeting on June 20th.

B. Financial

Financially is it worth it to give up everything to IHSAA just to be called a Varsity Sport

Scholarships are a real issue. They may be able to run through the SMART Program but this is still not a for sure thing.

Will IHSAA do a good job with the program? Everything that has been built up will they continue to promote and build the program.

Will schools get attention? Will schools have Bowling as a JV and Varsity Sport? Just because it is an IHSAA sanctioned sport does not mean that schools have to pick it up.

Cost to schools? Transportation, Uniforms, Jackets, Letters, Awards?

Mark brought up that if we went IHSAA that youth bowlers would not be allowed to bowl in Youth Programs, TKO's, Saturday Programs and Adult/Youth Leagues. This would hurt everyone's programs. Corky made the comment that usually when non-bowlers come into a program they don't stick around long. So again would IHSAA support our programs as well as we have. There were over 650 spectators at the High School State Finals.

Monies to fund HSB will drop to \$250 per school for membership centers and will be \$500.00 for non-members. We have 61 centers that are members and 38 non-members. Steve and Cathy will be contacting the 38 non-member centers when they return from Texas.

Commitments by Proprietors were only for the first 3 years and then the program was supposed to be re-looked at for changes. Some students have been funding the program and others have not. Mark asked how many students funded their High School Bowling teams versus Proprietors? If the IHSAA and school would not have to come up with money it would probably be more accepted by schools and IHSAA.

Several conferences charge admission while others do not. Some centers even make up programs (rosters) while others do not. This should be consistent among all meets.

1. Summer Camps- To be held at Coopers Sport Bowl Anderson. June 14-17. Gary Sparks will prepare the itinerary. Steve and Cathy will visit the 38 non-member centers with summer camp forms. All centers will be mailed Summer Camp forms by BPAA this week. Coaches are in alignment for Summer Camp.
2. Coach's Clinic – The group felt as if the Coaches need to be trained Level 1,2 or Bronze so that the students in High School Bowling would be coached at a higher level. Most Coaches are volunteers. The group felt that we should make the Coaches Clinic as inexpensive as possible and try to get more training sites. Coaches do not want to travel over an hour to be trained especially if they are volunteers. The Coaches Clinic, Team USA, Spares are for Champions will be held Oct. 13, 14th. The consensus is to gear the training toward higher levels.
3. State or Local Sponsors – State or local sponsors. It was discussed to have a State sponsor. IBCA had looked into this and the cost would be for a commitment of one year \$8,000 for a commitment of 4 years at \$5,000 per year. If we were able to secure a State Sponsor their

logo would be displayed at each center and banners put up at the Sectionals, Regionals, Semi-State and State Finals.

C. Classic Shirt Program- It was discussed to let each team choose where to get their shirts for High School Bowling. Last year Classic Shirt could not keep up with the orders. If local programs can get a deal (shirts must have official high school bowling logo on them) they can go ahead and get their shirts from local dealer.

D. Forms and Monies – Participating school names, coach’s names/info, center info and monies will be turned in to Steve Kunkel by November 15th or you will not be allowed to participate. Rosters and all bowler information is due by January 15th for tournament. George Webb asked for Steve to get averages for the yearbook for Delores. Season start Nov 5 and end Jan 27 with tournament play to begin next week and follow through until State Finals. There was a little discussion of the disparity in the number of meets played in different conferences. It was suggested to require the centers to give only 1 free practice per week.

E. Rules – The general consensus was not to let up on the rules. They recommended staying firm on the uniform and maybe softening on jewelry. They didn’t think headsets should be allowed once competition started.

F. Coaches – Again, it was reiterated that coaches be trained at a higher level to help the High School Bowler. .

G. Conference – Several conferences are changing coordinators. Steve does not need to approve these changes he just needs the documentation. Proprietors should be in charge of conference coordinators.

H. Demographics of Conference – There are some schools that were changed last year due to demographics, however; even though the mileage may have been closer the travel was longer. Steve is going to revisit and make appropriate changes to the conferences. Also there was discussion on the number of teams in each conference. It is clear that they need to be balanced out.

I. Do we let teams enter our tournaments that are not participating in conference? Some opposed this others agreed only if they bowled a certain number of matches to qualify for the tournament. A question was brought up do we do an Independent Sectional, Regional etc....Nothing was decided.

II. Conference Play

A. Change Co-Champion Rule – The consensus was to leave the Co-Champion Rule alone. However, they agreed that it should be a conference decision to have co-champions or have a roll off to break a tie and determine a champion. .

B. Conference Points – Leave alone and do what we are doing according to vote by group.

III. Tournament Play

A. Need bigger sites or smaller crowds

1. Have 8 team sectionals In need of realigning Sectionals. Some sectionals have 5 teams while others have 15 teams. Steve will be looking at and making proposal to Advisory Board.

2. Bring in Bleachers and try to accommodate for the crowd to view bowling
- B. What is fair price for tournament lineage? Let centers bid try to spread out amongst state.
 - C. Bleacher cost in Merrillville was extremely high but there is no place to purchase the rental of bleachers except in Indianapolis and that is why the cost to Merrillville was so high. It was discussed to purchase Bleachers, however; Cathy Cooper brought the issues with storage and the cost of Insurance would be very high.
 - D. Medals for finalists will be the same and BPAA will print certificates for all finalists up to state.
 - E. No one had a problem with Sectionals and Regional's being in the same house. Designating a 'shot' was discussed, but not deemed a big deal.
 - F. No (artificial or mechanical) Noisemakers – Cowbells etc. for tournament or conference play.
 - G. Do we need to show bowling card for sectionals? It was voted by the group that showing the card at sectionals and regional's is not necessary. Tournament director can go to Bowl.com and check if everyone is certified. Also it was mentioned that Coaches could bring a copy of all cards. The cards will need to be shown at Semi-State and State Finals. The tournament roster sheet worked ok.
 - H. Coaches holding up play. No one felt like any Coach was intentionally holding up play.
 - I. The format was discussed. A few didn't like the idea of building a lead in qualifying and giving it up in match play. A suggestion was made of carrying over some pins. Another suggestion was to move each game of the stepladder to lessen the advantage of advancing bowlers.
- All State (Academic)
- A. 12 games must be bowled for All State average points
 - B. Although an All Star Competition after the tournament might be a good idea, it didn't get much support.
 - C. All State nominations must be turned in after Sectional by coaches.

Meeting was adjourned