

**Minutes of IHSB/USBC Meeting
August 16, 2007**

Minutes from Meeting with Blake Rees

Attendees: Blake Ress, Mark Schoch, Jeanne Klescewski, Scott Devers, Corky Koch, Dave Kerschner, Adam Bishoff, Cathy Cooper, George Webb, Cathy Sumner, Steve Kunkel, Ken Howard, Bruce Kafantaris.

Steve Kunkel called the meeting to order. He introduced Mr. Blake Ress, the Indiana High School Athletic Association Director. Steve briefly went over issues that the IBCA had with High School Bowling going over to be a Sport with IHSAA. There are 2 major issues: 1) The limited participation rule and 2) SMART Fund Scholarships.

Blake informed the members of the “symbolic awards” issue. He reiterated that anything over \$50.00 would not be considered “symbolic” and is not acceptable by IHSAA. He suggested closer to \$25.00.

The season for bowling would be the winter season which starts 1st of October and would end the end of February. Blake also stated that during season the high school bowler would not be allowed to bowl in any leagues only for the high school bowling team. They are eligible to receive two waivers during the season for tournaments; however, if they miss one of their assigned matches a 15% penalty would be enforced. Therefore each center would lose their high school bowlers for approximately 5 months.

Blake could not give us a definite on the Smart Funds. He said that would have to be researched. Jeanne Klescewski assured Blake that no monies are ever touched by the high school student. The monies from the program go directly to the post secondary school of the student’s choice. Blake could still not give us an answer. He thought this could be addressed and accepted by a by-law change, after acceptance by the IHSAA Board.

The tournaments would be run by the IHSAA. They would determine who hosted sectionals, regionals, semi-state and the state competitions. All monies would go to the IHSAA only concessions and lineage would be given to centers. Also conferences would change from what we have. Whatever conference the High School is associated with is the conference that they would bowl in. Also Blake informed us that the school would be in charge of hiring coaches and the schools athletic director would be in charge of the matches that are contracted.

Blake also stated that just because bowling would become an IHSAA sport does not mean that the school corporation would pick it up. The school corporation would have to pay the centers for lineage, pay coaches, pay transportation and any other expenses. He also stated that bids would be made for the center to bowl in, which could mean that the center that the school had been bowling in may not be the center they would bowl in. Also a bid could go to a non-member center, because IHSAA would not care about membership. However, he feels that we could possibly lose schools at first but with pressure from parents schools would hopefully, eventually pick it up.

Minutes from Meeting with Advisory Committee

Discussion was on the Pros and Cons of becoming a High School Sport.

Pros:

1. Everyone felt that it would give our sport more recognition by making it a High School Varsity Sport with Varsity and JV letters.
2. Also much of the financial burden would go to the schools rather than the proprietors.

Cons:

1. Lost of High Schools Bowlers during season.
2. Lost of revenue during High School season without high school bowlers.
3. Smart Funds may not be accepted.
4. Schools may not pick up program due to cost (coach, lineage, transportation).
5. Proprietors would not have a say in program.
6. Effort we have put into the program - to lose it now!
7. IHSAA and School would have total control of tournaments.

The decision was made to research how many schools would pick up the program and to find out the cost that the centers would charge the schools for lineage for practice, meets and tournaments. The vote was to proceed towards becoming an IHSAA sport with the above mentioned researched very thoroughly.

General Information concerning this years season:

1. \$250.00 fee for member centers \$500.00 fee for non-member centers.
2. Team names, sponsoring centers, coach information and entry fee monies are due to Steve by Nov 15. The conference coordinator needs to turn in what info he/she has to Steve Kunkel by that date. Steve will collect remaining funds if needed. There will be a \$25.00 fine. Everything must be turned in by Nov 29th or the school will be out of the program for the season.
3. Posters will be available to centers and coordinators by Labor Day.
4. Steve will be looking into some realignment of conferences, depending on number of new schools and locations.
5. There may be some realignment of sectional's, regional's, and semi-state tournaments.
6. Bids will be accepted from all centers who would like to host any of the tournaments. After all bids are submitted the Advisory Board will meet to discuss and award tournaments.
7. Classic will still be our vendor sponsor for Team Shirts however we are allowing teams to go to an outside vendor for Team Shirts due to the time issue. Outside vendor must sign agreement to use the IHSB login only on Team Shirts and no other items. Moc Turtleneck shirts will be allowed.
8. Cathy Cooper is still looking into a IHSB sponsor for the State.
9. Coaches Clinic is set-up for October 14th at Mike Aulby's Arrowhead Bowl, registration will be sent out before Labor Day to all centers, coaches and conference coordinators.

10. Summer Camp date is set for July 11-13. The students will be housed along with coaches at Anderson University. Cathy Summer and Pam Long will be handling details. The Summer Camp for 2008 is going to be offered to several states with corresponding camps in Illinois and Ohio. We felt opening this up to all states with the tools we have to offer will attract many more students. Also we would like to have this camp as a College Recruitment Camp.
11. Same rules as before on dress code. We do not want to let up - we want our IHSB bowlers to look appropriate. No headphone/radio/I-pods/cell phones, etc and no jewelry.
12. It was decided to allow the individual conference to decide whether to award Co-Champions or have a roll off. It must be stated in the by laws prior to the start of the season.
13. No noisemakers or cowbells (artificial noisemakers) during conference or tournaments. Although everyone likes the idea of school/team spirit there would always be someone bowling when a noisemaker or bell went off and we did not feel that would be appropriate.
14. Awards are still left up to conferences, however Steve will get a guideline to conferences.
15. Funding of program: Still up to each center, fundraisers, admissions, programs. We feel as if it is time for the students to take ownership and the proprietors not to have to come up with all the funds.
16. Tournament Shot: It was decided that each center would put their shot as they have in the past. It really comes down to the students still have to bowl to win. (Example: Pendleton HS bowled State in their house and placed 4th this year).
17. Coaches may not hold up play for coaching. Reasonable time allotted for coaching.
18. Important Dates:
 - a. Sign up's and tryout's open to start.
 - b. Start Date Nov 5th for first actual conference competition.
 - c. All forms and monies to Steve by Nov 15th. A late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed and due by Nov 29th. After Nov 29th the team cannot bowl for the season.
 - d. Tournament rosters by Jan 15, 2008 or team will not bowl in tournament.
 - e. Conference End date – by Jan 26th, 2008.
 - f. Sectional – by Feb 2, 2008.
 - g. All State Forms by Feb 6, 2008.
 - h. Regional – Feb 9, 2008.
 - i. Semi-State - Feb 16, 2008.
 - j. Finals – Feb 23, 2008.
19. Advisory Board positions.
 - a. Position in program: Proprietor, Principal/Athletic Director, Conference Coordinator, Coach, Parent, and Bowler.
 - b. To be distributed throughout the state to get a wide range of board members.
 - c. Selected and nominated by the Commissioner. Approved by the IBCA President and affirmed by Indiana High School Advisory Board.

Meeting Adjourned