

Minutes of February 18, 2007 ASOA Meeting, Indianapolis

Meeting commenced: 9:35 a.m.

Committee Meetings convened.

Group re-convened into the General Meeting at 10:45 am.

Members present - 17 associations were represented.

Calumet Magic City	North Central	Southwestern	Western
Eastern Mid-Hoosier	Northern	St. Joe Valley	
Hoosier Mid-State	River Valley	Tri-State	
Lake County	Mississinewa Valley	Southern	Wabash Valley

Motion to accept the Minutes of December 3, 2006 meeting.

Motion - Kevin Moore 2nd - Lou Brown Passed unanimously

Committee Reports

Awards / Sports Chairperson / Clinician Training Program Members present: Crossroads, Eastern, Lime City, Mid-Hoosier, Northwest, Southern, Southwestern Kevin Moore - Mid-Hoosier - reporting This committee is working with Theresia to find a company that will design a lapel pin (shaped like the state of Indiana) that will be presented to Indiana-licensed officials who have 20 consecutive years of licensure in a respective sport. IHSAA will assist the committee in contracting a source (used by the IHSAA) in purchasing the pins.

Each association secretary will submit a list of officials with 20 years of officiating service from their respective associations to the IHSAA.

The pins would then be given to each association Secretary for presentation to the recipient.

The PowerPoint presentation and booklets for basketball that was presented at each Certification clinic was excellent based on the feedback from basketball officials.

As a reminder, each Secretary should start compiling their list of Official of the Year nominees soon and not to wait until April when it is due.

By-Laws / Manual / Technology

Members: Calumet, Fall Creek, Hoosier, Mid-State, Northern, Western Chip Snively - Mid-State reporting No immediate matters pertaining to By-Laws/Manual/Technology were on the agenda so these members dispersed among the other meetings with most members sitting in on the Internal Evaluation meeting. (See Internal Evaluation Report, below).

Testing and Licensing Program / Media Response

Members: Indiana, Mid-State, Northeastern, Southeastern, South Central, Tri-State, Wabash Valley Don Nestor - Indiana - reporting No report

Internal Evaluation

Members present: Central, North Central, Lake County, Magic City, St.

Joe Valley, Mississinewa Valley, (also attending: members of the By-Laws Committee.

Member absent: River Valley

Bob Plummer, Chairman - Mississinewa - reporting Dave Nixon proposed a discussion regarding the manning of football crews for lower-level football games to a minimum of four officials. The concurrence within the committee was that the IHSAA can NOT mandate to high schools the number of officials that comprise a football crew. Members of the committee felt that it was up to the crew chief to demand to the Athletic Director that a minimum of four officials be contracted.

Dave Nixon also submitted a redefinition of the requirements for an IHSAA official to become licensed as Professional. This proposal was to be submitted to the By Laws committee but since they were combined (for this date) with the Internal Evaluation committee meeting a short discussion took place. In a previous ASOA meeting it was established that the requirements should be "strengthened" and some of the definitions.

Currently, the requirements to become Professional are (from the IHSAA Officials Handbook):

C. Professional

1. A certified official;
2. Assigned to work 3 or more tournaments in that IHSAA sport; 3. Is an active, participating member in one of the 26 IHSAA recognized officials associations; 4. And is recommended for this classification in that sport by the local association in which he/she participates.
5. To be recommended, the official must also meet two of the following guidelines:
 - a. officer
 - b. rules interpreter
 - c. clinician
 - d. conduct association meetings in that sport
 - e. sports chairperson
 - f. mentor for younger officials
 - g. attendance at meetings in that sport

Dave suggested that a change to THREE guidelines (see #5 above) and also the definitions be more detailed, such as 5a, Officer must be President, VP or Secretary; 5b, rules interpreter be IHSAA-selected; 5c, a clinician must be IHSAA-selected; combine 5d & 5e and must 100% of the scheduled meetings.

Stan Foreman also commented that an official who is licensed as a Professional should maybe also be required to meet certain guidelines after a certain period of time. In other words, once you become Professional, it doesn't mean that you get it for life. It means you should also have to maintain it. Stan also mentioned that in 5g, nobody seems to be monitoring attendance and that Mentoring must have some basic criteria that must be adhered to.

It was suggested that the discussion within this meeting pertaining to Professional licensing be remanded back to By Laws whereby they could present input for the IHSAA regarding Professional licensing and the criteria that must be met and maintained.

Comments by Theresia Wynns

Southeastern Officials Association has been disbanded. It appears that the members (approximately 35 officials) of this association (comprised mostly of soccer officials) would be assimilated into neighboring associations.

Neighboring associations will send invitations to the Southeastern members offering a choice to join them but an effort will be made to permit the SE members to soon be a member of an existing, active association. Theresia will research into where funds that would be in the treasury of a defunct association go to. Charity, IHSAA, or?

Theresia will contact the SE members to let them know where Rules Interpretation meetings will be held with some being split between South Central and Mid-Hoosier.

Theresia also commented that the Northwest Officials Association in Gary, (missed last 4 of 5 meetings) and will give them one more chance to get back into proper standing. Stan Foreman will send a letter to the president of the Northwest Association requesting corrective action.

NASO

Theresia mentioned that NASO and the IHSAA (and many other states) will start investigating the use of training videos that would be web-based.

Each state association will be issued a sport that they would like to implement a video series respective to rules, plays, etc. Indiana has soccer and will be analyzing the necessary protocols for implementation.

ASEP

IHSAA is still working with ASEP to strengthen the training steps for clinicians and officials.

IHSAA HANDBOOK

Each association is reminded that all important dates, Sports Chairs, Test Supervisors, Rules Interpretation meetings (and locations), and association officers for school years 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 must be confirmed for location and specific dates and submitted to Theresia in April or early May.

Each association secretary must make sure each official is aware of the important sections and content of the Officials Handbook. Theresia is bombarded with questions from officials that could easily be answered by looking at the Handbook.

Director of Information Technology

New DoT is Ed Sullivan (hired in December). Currently, he will first update the dot net side of the web site. Looking at possibly adding on-line registration in the future to pay bills.

SURVEYMONKEY VOTING

There were some minor problems with the voting process. The future (with the new DoT) will provide for on-line voting without the need for surveymonkey. Jerry Middleton asked why a more comprehensive evaluation be used in the tourney selection process. Such as, Certification test scores, attendance, and other criteria that supposed to be in place are not currently being used. Theresia responded that the future voting system will also evaluate that criterion along with the coaches' vote.

ASOA WEB SITE

Dave Nixon offered the development of a specific web site for use by the ASOA members at a cost of \$5.00 per year per association. The site would contain click access to all important documents and historical data pertaining to ASOA matters. The site would also provide on-site messaging capability for all members and a provision for each Committee Chair the ability to submit items for discussion. It's also possible that future meetings could be done on-line without having to actually have a meeting that would need all members being present. Many other features and add-ons could be implemented whereby the IHSAA staff could place important data to the ASOA web site. Dave would build the web site.

Motion by Kevin Moore to authorize Dave Nixon to build an ASOA web site.
Second by Chip Snivley. Passed unanimously.

MEDIA CONCERNS

Theresia is working with Blake Ress to minimize occurrences of "bad press" that some coaches may offer to their local newspapers. Bottom line.....if a coach treats you bad - don't work for that school.

Remaining Meeting dates (all Sunday) - Mark your calendars

May 6, 2007

Motion to adjourn at 11:50 am.

Motion - Kevin Moore 2nd - Della Sutton Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Nixon - Lake County
ASOA Secretary