

**Minutes of the February 15, 2009  
ASOA Meeting, Indianapolis**

Meeting commenced at 9:30 am.

Committee Meetings convened.

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

Members present – 20 associations were represented:

Calumet	Central	Eastern	Fall Creek
Hoosier	Indiana	Lake County	Lime City
Magic City	Mid-Hoosier	Mid State	Mississinewa Valley
North Central	Northeastern	Northern	River Valley
South Central	Tri-State	Wabash Valley	Western

Members absent:

Crossroads	Northwestern	Southern	Southwestern
St. Joe Valley			

Minutes of the December 7, 2008 meeting distributed in hard copy to each member and motion to accept passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Awards Committee – Chairperson, Jerry Middleton, Eastern**

- Official of the year 3-year cycle, but official/association must update annually and re-submitted to the IHSAA.. Official of the year nominees are to be in the IHSAA office by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 20 Year Pins – Send your members’ names to Theresia. She will send the pens to you before your association banquet.

**Media Response/Testing/Licensing –Chairperson, Don Nester, Indiana**

- Honorary Membership Program was briefly discussed. Suggested if any secretaries have any suggestions on starting this program to email [donioa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donioa@sbcglobal.net) (Don Nester). Honorary Membership Program will be discussed at the next ASOA meeting.
- There was a very good article in the Indianapolis Star “Dialogue has a dynamic” on Monday, January 19, 2009. Nice picture with Coach Jack Keefer, Lawrence North H.S. and Kevin Moore. The article was about being respectful, both coaches and officials, to each other.
- There will be no test sites next year, 09-10 seasons. Sport testing will conducted through Arbiter or any classes taught by instructors approved by the IHSAA. Tests can be given at the IHSAA upon request.
- If coaches complain to media about officials, the applicable schools are directed by IHSAA to investigate. If schools don’t respond, IHSAA pursues and can take action.

**Manuals/Technology/Bylaws – Chairperson, Louis Brown, Northern**

- Nothing at this time.

## **Internal – Chairperson Dean Martin, Central**

- The subject of tournament ratings was discussed. IFOA presented a rating proposal to the IHSAA. The IOA has a PowerPoint on rating and it was presented to all IOA basketball officials and discussed the voting system. When can we get a rating system that everything would be acceptable to all officials? There are always positive and negative sites to all proposals and recommendations. Maybe three years down the line the Arbiter system will be used for improvement.
- Some schools did not vote in Girls Basketball this year. Approximately 78-79% of the schools voted this year. Of the 398 schools in Girls Basketball, 90 schools did not vote. Suggest these schools should be held accountable. Theresa is going to look at the school votes and address to the schools why they did not vote. This has been brought to the attention to the IHSAA board members. Theresa will look at and get a copy of those non-voting schools.
- Assigners have no input for ratings or selection of tournament officials.

## **Theresa Wynns: COMMENTS**

### Recruitment of Officials

- The Merrillville Athletic Director, Janice Qualizza, talked to Theresa about recruitment of officials. After their discussion some 15 schools got involved and planned a recruitment day. Money was spent, banners were made and officials were involved with this recruitment seminar on a Sunday at Portage High School. Lake County and Calumet officials were involved with presentations on all sports. It was a huge success and over 300 people attended. Pamphlets were distributed on how to become an official. The schools did all of the planning, ads, pamphlets, posters, handouts etc. More of recruitment of official's sessions needs to be planned and implemented throughout the state.
- Discussions will continue to have a recruitment booth at all of the State Final events. At these events brochures, sign up sheets, banners, pamphlets etc. are needed.

### Training of Officials

- How do we train officials? Most officials get training through scrimmages. We cannot make new officials attend but we must encourage them to attend. Have mentor/mentee programs. Make sure an opportunity is there to train officials in all sports. Efforts are needed to recruit, train and retain.

### Assigners Meeting

- Assigners will meet Sunday, February 22, 2009 @ 10am.

### Certification Clinics

- Certification clinics must be interactive. Get involved, veterans and rookies. Bring in coaches and players and be more interactive. Bridge the gap between coaches and officials.

### Outstanding Officials Nominees

- Nominations must in the IHSAA office on/before April 15, 2009

### Mileage Fee

- The mileage fee for officials effective January 1, 2009 is .25 cents a mile.

## **Bob Plummer – Election of officers will be at our next meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon

**Future Meeting:** all begin with Committees at 9:30 am and General Meeting at 10:30 am:  
Sunday May 3, 2009