

IIAAA Spring Meeting 2/24/2010

Don Halls Guesthouse

Introductions – 52 athletic directors present

Ed Gilliland present

Joe Santa and Geoff Penrod present from IHSAA

March 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> IIAAA State meeting

IIAAA Website improvements were discussed – State Clinic registration was demonstrated. If you want to add anything to the website contact Sandra Walter. Ed Gilliland talked about meals and only signing up if you are definitely attending. Thanks to Sandra Walter for her work on the website.

NFHS Coaching Certification information was shared by Joe Santa – online course can be accessed by IIAAA website or nfhslearn.org . Professional development for coaches and financial benefit for the IIAAA. Certification important for law suit situations. Also offering sport specific courses.

LTC classes are also available and valuable for AD's. A link is also available on the IIAAA website. You can still register for state courses.

State Meeting Workshops are available on Sunday afternoon. Conference Banquet is Sunday night. Exhibits are available on Monday. Registration automatically helps you join on IIAAA. Conference Luncheon on Tuesday.

NIAAA has added incentive for their scholarship. Each school is recommended to nominate one student. IIAAA will give an incentive to an Indiana winner of \$500 to encourage nominations. The IIAAA scholarship is for an AD's family member.

Retirees – Dave Hey of Carroll High School retired from Carroll and is now energy Czar. Frank Montgomery, Belmont, retiring.

Discussions:

Budget reducing measures and how it is affecting athletic programs or other topics will be sent to IIAAA for use at cracker barrels:

Budget plans for budget short falls:

IHSAA payment for officials at sectionals from a long distance a way. Need to work at getting officials closer. This affects the money received by the sectional teams. IHSAA reports that these rankings are better for officials in the south. Scale could possibly be adjusted or explained to be more consistent in rankings. Are ratings being inflated

down south just to get those officials rated higher. Joe will email Theresa Wynns.

Participations were discussed for Transportation (5 out of 52, eastbrook \$3 per trip, Mishawaka \$10/sport, Northridge \$30 per sport \$60 max, ), Participation fees (2 out of 52). Fees at Luers -- \$25 per sport with a max of \$100; Whitko \$75 first sport, \$50 for second, \$25 for third. Can you legally charge for free and reduced student-athletes? Fees have been challenged in other states, may be different in Indiana due to how we do athletic funding.

Eliminating all freshman coaches

Cutting 35% of entire list of extra-curricular positions

Athletic budgets only affect 1.3% of Budget total (Northridge)

Cutting extraneous costs such as programs, etc.

School corporation fees for use of facilities – 14 of 52, only 4 that charge even there own groups.

Talk about not letting AAU even use facilities to better control these organizations that are many times counter-productive to our programs.

Adjusting schedules to get spring sports to reduce the number of buses needed. Adjusting basketball games to eliminate the number of trips.

No schools in our meeting were cutting programs but one has been notified of changes removing freshman.

Labor Day start day questions.

Cost of security – How many have to higher officers for fb or bb? (49 of 52) Anyone using a private company? No

Ticket sales. What are others doing to increase week day ticket sales?

Gender equity scheduling in prime time is defined as not on a school night. This could include Saturday DAY games.

Are we doing anything to help pay workers? Giving passes to community members for volunteering time at events.

Sectional expenses are also unable to be absorbed as in the past.

Topics not related to budget discussions:

How many have experienced problems with the way IHSAA is notifying who is working in basketball sectionals? Not posted so ALL schools can see it. IHSAA is not allowing to do this. Officials do have access to it. We do not. Need to make a policy to allow schools to see this at the time they are posted. Concerns were brought up about officials knowing a specific schools rating.

Denny Miesle shared about problems with wrestling seeding at semi-state. Problems were due to coach receiving results from other sectionals that affected the pairings of regional.

Need to look at weather policies at IHSAA tournament events considering what happened with the Randolph County schools at regionals. Make them ahead of time so decisions can be made.

Ed mentioned that we should check with our wrestling coaches about possible violations of weight loss program violations that are being overlooked. Comments were made about inconsistencies about the weight loss program. Holding coaches responsible and still allowing wrestlers to participate.

Other concerns were voiced about wrestling and inconsistencies with wrestling rules, weight loss program and skin lesions. IHSAA needs to do a better job enforcing and rules and getting that information out to schools. Educating schools about what these programs are about.

Survey of AD's – looking to ways AD's are using IHSAA and not using IHSAA. Also, "Crazy" situations that have come up. Trying to get IHSAA to host workshop about this presentation made by Joe Santa this year at the state clinic.

Arbiter Issues and Schedule Star – still having additional problems. Progress is being made. Is there a way to make those databases uniform. Can Schedule Star help to make that database consistent? Mileage was wrong on sectional officials list.

How will be able to rate officials on Arbiter? Will all schools be able to rate officials at the state meets (for example: wrestling, track and field)?

Volunteer applications and w-9 forms for workers? How many are having to fill these forms (22 of 52)?

