

## THOUGHTS FOR AFTER ACTION – MARCH 1, 2020 @ 7 pm

Call in info: 888-721-8686, 2907909 – Minutes in Blue

Attendees: G Kelley, C Harrison, R Redman, D Carroll, M Coomes, S/B Nichols, P Strouse, L Zaideman, S Kunkel.

- 1) Allow county schools to combine – allow all to bowl sectional singles.
- 2) Allow schools to combine for up to 3 yrs to build interest. They can bowl in conf only, not tournament; but the kids can bowl singles. **IBCA Board is against these proposals.** They have bowled short in Kokomo. Maconaquah has 3 bowlers. These just pay lineage for those there. Lakeshore used the low score and they gained bowlers. It helped. Don't like zero's for Bakers. Some won't play if they can't play tournament.
- 3) Allow schools to have multiple teams. **The board approves. We have a task force looking at this and proposing rules. Thinking as many teams in conf as wanted. Same cost for the state. Allow coaches to move kids to any team during conf (1 team per match) but one team for tournament. This could allow a boys' team and a coed team so more girls could bowl. Secretaries would just list the school and coaches would list their teams for the match. Lane availability is going to be an issue. This will mean a higher cost. Don't allow bowlers to move from team to team during a match. One tournament team.**
- 4) Consider 4 per team for the girls. We have a lot of schools with 4 and other teams (coed) with 13 and kids just sitting around. Kentucky bowls 5 but drops the low score if they are bowling 4. Tournament would need 5 player scores. **This could be a temporary cure. If we use 4 for conf we should stay with 4 for tournament.**
- 5) Allow career centers to field teams if home school is not involved. **There was little discussion. A few would be ok with it.**
- 6) Hang a conference banner outside or inside at the center before each match. **This would be a conf cost. This would be a conf cost and wouldn't be a state decision.**
- 7) What's going to happen to 18 yr olds? They won't be able to bowl Youth Leagues and they will want to bowl more than HS. They will have to make a choice. **We will run our IHSB the same as this year except it will have to**

certified as Youth/Adult and all 18 yr olds will have to do the SafeSport Training. 18 yr olds are going to have to pay adult certification fees. All in favor of doing what we need to do. Should check with college coaches, USBC and others to make this happen. This could be a problem for 18 yr olds. They will not have other leagues to bowl in under the current rules.

- 8) State finals bowl 2 6-lane blocks and switch blocks after game 6. This year 4 lanes for team was well received. **Covering more lanes is better from the competitive side, but the fans cheered our decision to use 4 lanes. They could see their bowlers better.** Most answered NO to flopping blocks after 6 games. We should try to do the same all events. For competitive purposes, it's better to use more lanes. For fans, it's better using smaller blocks.
- 9) Eliminate stepladders till the finals. Make the finals just the top two and play 2 out of 3 games. **Most like staying with 4 in stepladder but like the 2 of 3 games. Was split on eliminating stepladders. We should stay consistent. Eliminate stepladders can add more qualifying games.**
- 10) Pass out 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place medals in tournament while next bowlers are practicing. **We made the 4<sup>th</sup> place team wait an hour to get medals and then it was a quick presentation. I just watched the wrestling state finals and they made everyone wait until their championship match was over. It** does make sense to pass out medals during practice to allow people to leave. If we keep them till the end we need a better award ceremony.