

Minutes, IHSB After Action Meeting, April 27, 2014

The meeting took place at Western Bowl in Indianapolis. Those in attendance were: Steve Kunkel, Cathy Sumner, Dan Smith, Mark Schoch, Ron Taylor, Curt Morrison, Chris Harrison, Mike Graveel, Lucille Liebert, Michael Friars, Tom Staten, Larry Zaideman, Tony Derigo, Rhonda Smith, John Hainer and Anthony Hainer. **I'll list the topic and the group's recommendations.**

- 1) Deadlines – financial penalties could be enforced to get materials on time.
- 2) Online registration @ \$10 per team – it was very helpful when we had the USBC online program. It would be helpful and modern. If the program checks out it should be required of all. It shouldn't be a problem for the coaches to pay; it will make life easier for them as well.
- 3) Coed bowling – D Smith and M Schoch thought it should be dropped. Most supported the continuance of the rule. It is more necessary for small schools to field teams. The singles advancing numbers should be based on singles bowlers, not teams. We need to run some kind of MASS PROMOTION directed at the females.
- 4) It was agreed to move the substitution rule from conference to tournament rules.
- 5) There was little discussion to the All-State rules. Most felt they were fine. Most felt recognition is more valuable than monetary/scholarship or expensive awards.
- 6) Program sponsors – good idea, but need to keep sponsorships with bowling related sponsors, not just generic sponsors that have the money to spend.
- 7) Taunting, cheering and sportsmanship. We can add to the rules, but it is always going to be a situation for the person in charge: coordinator or tournament director to deal with.
- 8) Dress code – simplify. Dress doesn't win or lose matches. Don't make it a big deal. Consider changing the Slacks back to the previous rule. The headband/hair ribbon/sunglass rules needs clarification. The new thing is the compression sleeves. They should be treated as bowling accessories not uniform.
- 9) We should just eliminate the tournament alternate and if someone can't go we just have an open spot.
- 10) Most felt this year's tournament shot was too easy. We should go to a 4 or 5 – 1 ratio. Most felt the shot was consistent from house/event to house.
- 11) In most cases bleachers are beneficial. We just have to work with the individual houses as to how many and where to sit them. We need to continue to look for bleachers in the area that can be moved in and out efficiently.
- 12) A lane rotation in tournament similar to collegiate play would work out ok. Left moves left and right moves right.
- 13) We had a good discussion about the tournament and weather cancellations. We are all concerned about the possibility of accidents and injuries, but don't have a better idea on how we can run our tournament and eliminate the possibilities. We need to have legal opinion on our waivers and make sure we have addressed the situation in the best possible way. We probably need to rewrite the rule as some areas do not effectively go by the 'RED' warning, specifically the northwest.

- 14) The scoring issue has not been a big issue over the years. It would take too much time to check EVERY score on the center computer. Some felt getting a signature and maybe even a second on the recap would work. Others felt there was no need for change.
- 15) Although some liked the idea of giving the higher seed a bigger advantage, most felt the format is ok on stepladders.
- 16) The chance of a 2-day tournament is slim so the present advancement ratio/rule is ok.
- 17) The group favored limiting the roster to 10 players and all 10 being allowed to bowl sectional singles. They agreed to keep the 7 player roster for the team event.
- 18) We can try to spread the crowds at events, but they do not want to reduce the number of bowlers or bowl only at the larger centers. It's an issue parents understand and accept. We need to continue to do the best we can to accommodate the crowds.
- 19) Tournament pricing – some felt we should follow the IHSAA format of increased cost each level, the sectional pricing was too high, and we had a lot of bad sectional weather that may have affected the number of spectators. It would be hard to make a determination off this year's events.
- 20) Tournament awards – more is better, not necessarily more expensive.
- 21) Souvenir merchandise – no comments on this year's shirts. Go with the 'Hot' items – colors, etc.
- 22) TV coverage was better this year with the web streaming and video on our home page. It was available across the state.

**Other items that came up.**

- 1) Home school students. I will talk with Bobby Cox and see how it went with IHSAA. No need to change yet this year.
- 2) USBC Certification. Although the group had several reservations about USBC, they did agree we needed to continue certification.
- 3) Mid Term Graduates. Stay with what we have.