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Happy Holidays from the dugout:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Everyone!!

IHSBCA Clinic returns to Cedar Rapids: This years clinic will return to Cedar Rapids at the Marriott Hotel, 1200 Collins Road NE, on January 21-22, 2022. You can make reservations by going to the IHSBCA website and clicking on the reservations tab at the top of the front page. We are very excited with our list of clinic speakers this year. On Friday afternoon, we will have Todd Rima from Kirkwood CC, Tyson Blaser - NY Yankees catching coach, Robin Lund and Marty Sutherland - University of Iowa Assistant Coaches. Our coaches mini-clinics will conclude Friday's sessions running from 5:00 to 6:55 pm. On Saturday, we will have our annual IHSAA rules meeting and add these additional speakers - Phillies Minor League Pitching Coordinator Travis Hergert, Brian Wede - Northwestern College Head Coach, Marc Rardin - Iowa Western Head Coach. Dan Spain and Andrew Redman - Clarke University, and Lon Olejniczak. We will continue to host the annual FCA Breakfast on Saturday morning starting at 7:30 am. Mike Botts is heading up the umpire side of the clinic. Our umpire sessions will follow the same time frame on both Friday and Saturday. Hope to see everyone! Vendors will be allowed to start setting up their displays on Friday morning beginning at 9:00 am. The clinic sessions will begin at 1:00 pm on Friday afternoon and continue through Saturday, concluding at 4:00 pm.

The Awards Banquet will be held at the Marriott Hotel on Saturday evening, beginning at 6:00 pm. We are again looking forward to another outstanding weekend of baseball. With the clinic fast approaching, please check to make sure your membership has been paid for the 2021-2022 season. The new membership calendar year started on September 1, 2021 and runs through August 31, 2022. If you have questions, please give Lee Toole a call.

The Steering Committee, Board of Directors and each individual committee will meet prior to the start of the clinic on Friday. The Board of Directors will meet on Thursday night, January 20th at the Marriott Hotel at 7:30pm. The Steering Committee will be meeting by "zoom" meeting format the weekend before the clinic, meeting time TBA. Committee and district meetings will take place on Friday morning. Please refer to the list found in this newsletter towards the times and locations of the other individual committee meetings. The general session meeting, which is open to all association members, will take place on Friday morning at 11:00 am.

2021-2022 IHSBCA COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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****Includes all past presidents**

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(All 2 year elected board members)



MEETING SCHEDULE, OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Committee Meeting Schedule:

Committee	Site: Marriott Hotel	Date	Time
Steering	Zoom Meeting	TBA	TBA
Hall of Fame	Rosewood Room	1/21	8:00am
All-District	Elm Room	1/21	8:30am
Clinic Evaluation	Hickory Room	1/21	9:00am
Umpires	Hickory Room	1/21	8:30am
L. Peterson/Pro-Line Award	All-Star Series Site	TBA	TBA
Awards Committee	Elm Room	1/21	9:30am
Audit/Constitution	Chestnut Room	1/21	9:00am
Rating Poll	Dogwood Room	1/21	9:00am
Membership	Birch Room	1/21	9:30am
All-Star Series	Iowa City	TBA	TBA
General Session	Hickory Room	1/21	11:00am



Committee chairman will be responsible towards reporting back from their committees meeting during the general session meeting on Friday, January 21st, at 11:00am. Attendance will be taken. Any member can sit in on any of the committee meetings.

Committee Members:

We would like for each committee member to check when his committee meeting will be held. It is important for the Chairman to take roll at this committee meeting. If a member has been absent for two consecutive years, he will be dropped from that committee unless he appeals his removal in writing to the Vice-President providing proper reasoning behind his non-attendance for two consecutive committee meetings.

Optional places to stay in Cedar Rapids:

If you are looking for reservations somewhere other than the Marriott Hotel, here is a list to look through:

Marriott Hotel - 1200 Collins Road N.E. (319) 393-6600
 Double Tree by Hilton - downtown (319) 363-8161
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Longevity Awards/Membership Awards & Win Club Awards:

Please take time to email Lee Toole towards Win Club, Conference Championship, number of years coached, and committee assignments. We need to get as much information collected before the January clinic towards the banquet awards.

Committee Assignments:

President—elect Jon Fitzpatrick will be assigning members to the different committees during the clinic. If you have an interest in serving on one of the committees, contact Jon. Please get involved.

All-Star Coaches Needed:

Coaches, please fill out the questionnaire on the website if you are interested in coaching in the 46th All-Star Series this coming summer. Dates are July 28-31, 2022, in Mason City. The All-Star Coaches are selected by the Steering committee during the January clinic. We are always looking for coaches to help with this great event. A past head coach must sit out for five years before coaching again. An assistant coach must sit out one year before he can apply again for a coaching position. We need coaches from all over the state to get a good balance. Please consider helping the association by coaching in a future all-star series.

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IHSBCA 2022 Baseball Clinic Schedule



Friday, January 21st- Session I:

8:00 - 4:00	Registration
11:00 - 12:30	General Session Meeting
12:50 - 1:00	Welcome - Ethan Miller - President
1:00 - 1:45	Todd Rima - Kirkwood CC - Less drills more game play
1:45 - 2:10	Vendor Break
2:10 - 2:55	Tyson Blaser - NY Yankees Catching Coach - Catching, Framing pitches
2:55 - 3:15	Vendor Break
3:15 - 4:00	Robin Lund - University of Iowa - Developing an Activation Routine for a Pitching Staff
4:00 - 4:45	Marty Sutherland - University of Iowa - Tracking and Teaching Team Offense

High School Mini-Clinic Sessions:

5:00 - 5:35 pm

#1 Cole McDonald - Pitchers arm care, pitch variations, mechanics.
Pitcher in Houston Astros Organization
Hickory Room

#2 Derek Stecklein - Practice planning (Daily prep for a successful season)
Head Coach at Pleasant Valley HS
Elm Room

#3 Umpire Recruiting and Retention - Panel Discussion
(Jared Chizek (IHSAA), Dan Klein, Travis Ralfs, Brad Ward, Bret Hoyer)
Birch Room

5:40 - 6:15 pm

#4 Derek Flack - The next 90 - Incorporating baserunning in practice
DM Christian High School Head Coach
Hickory Room

#5 Joe Balvanz - BP routines and efficiency
Ankeny Head Coach
Elm Room

#6 Umpires: Pitching situations and balks
Brett Miell
Birch Room

6:20 - 6:55 pm

#7 State Championship Coaches Panel
1A: Duncan Patterson - St. Albert HS
2A: Eben Baumhover - Van Meter HS
3A: Steve Fish - Marion HS
4A: Derek Stecklein - Pleasant Valley HS
Hickory Room

#8 Travis Ralfs/Brad Ward - Working with multi-sport Athletes
Co-Head Coaches at North Scott
Elm Room

#9 Jake Ernd - Catching Barrels
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Birch Room

Saturday, January 22nd - Session II:

7:15 - 1:00	Registration
7:30 - 8:50	Ed McNeil/FCA Breakfast
9:00 - 10:15	IHSAA Rules Meeting
10:15 - 10:45	Vendor Break/2022 All-Star Coaches Announcement
10:45 - 11:25	Travis Hergert - Phillies Minor League Pitching Coordinator - Win the Gaps-Build the thrower into a pitcher
11:30 - 12:10	Brian Wede - Northwestern College - Baserunning
12:10 - 1:00	Lunch Break
1:00 - 1:40	Lon Olejniczak - 1st and Ten Consulting - Building Leadership
1:45 - 2:30	Marc Rardin - Iowa Western CC - Infield Plays and Drills
2:30 - 3:15	Dan Spain - Clarke University Head Coach - TBA
3:15 - 4:00	Andrew Redman - Clarke University Assistant Coach - TBA

6:00 pm 54th Annual IHSBCA Awards Banquet

Umpire Clinic: Friday, January 21st - Session 1

1:00 - 1:30	Professionalism - Richie Chieves
1:30 - 2:30	Two-Person Mechanics - Allen Stekl/Mike Federer
2:30 - 2:45	Break
2:45 - 3:45	Video Plays - Jeff Frese
3:45 - 4:15	Obstruction vs Interference - Bill Connolly
4:00 - 4:45	The Arbiter - John Mathias/Mike Botts/Josh Berka

Umpire Clinic: Saturday, January 22nd - Session II

9:00 - 10:15	IHSAA Rules Meeting
10:30 - 12:00	Conflict Resolution and Conditioning - Mike Everett
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:15 - 4:00	Cage Work and Base Work - Mike Everett/Mike Droll @ Perfect Game - 850 Twixt Town Road - Cedar Rapids

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CIML (Iowa)	Ankeny	Joe Balvanz
CIML (Metro)	DM Roosevelt	Eric Evans
Corner	Sidney	Brad Johnson
Hawkeye Ten	Lewis Central	Jim Waters
Heart of Iowa	Roland-Story	Chris Hill
Iowa Star (North)	Don Bosco Catholic	Joel Schares
(South)	Collins-Maxwell	Jason Hasbrouck
Lakes	Storm Lake	Ben Seaman
Little Hawkeye	Norwalk	Chad Wiedmann
Mississippi Athletic	Pleasant Valley	Derek Stecklein
Mississippi Valley - (Miss.)	CR Prairie	James Nelson
Mississippi Valley - (Valley)	DBQ Hempstead	Jeff Rapp
Missouri River	SC East	Trevor Miller
North Central	Webster City	Addison Kehoe
North Iowa Cedar - (East)	Jesup	Bruce Wall
(West)	????	
Northeast Iowa	Decorah	Adam Riley
Pride of Iowa	Mt. Ayr	Chris Elwood
	Martensdale-St. Mary's	Chris Kollbaum
Raccoon River	Gilbert	Jeremy Eldred
River Valley	Camanche	Darryl Cochran
	Cascade	Roamn Hummel
	Mid-Prairie	Kyle Mullet
Rolling Valley	CAM, Anita	Dan Daugherty
SEISC - (North)	Mediapolis	Rick Whitaker
(South)	New London	Brad Helmerson
Siouxland	West Lyon	Koury Kramer
South Central	Centerville	Ryan Hodges
	Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont	Tom Hallgren
South Iowa Cedar	Sigourney	Lee Crawford
Southeast	Burlington	Brock Schneden
Top of Iowa	MC Newman	Alex Bohl
	Garner-Hayfield-Ventura	Ryley Kozisek
Tri-Rivers	Lisbon	John Tesensky
	North Linn	Travis Griffith
Twin Lakes	Newell-Fonda	Bo Darrow
Upper Iowa	South Winneshiek	Alex Smith
	Kee, Lansing	Jim Mauss
WAMAC - (East)	Marion	Steve Fish
(West)	Independence	Matt Miller
War Eagle	Remsen St. Mary's	Dean Harpenau
West Central	Van Meter	Eben Baumhover
Western Iowa	Tri-Center	Max Kozeal
Western Valley	Kingsley-Pierson	Taylor Doeschot

District Media Award Winners:

West District:	Scott Byers	N'west Iowa Review
Central District:	Todd Weber	Earlham Echo
East District:	KJ Pilcher	Cedar Rapids Gazette

IHSBCA Award Winners:

Bill & Sherry Freese Contributors Award to Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Company and CR Tourism:

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Company and the Cedar Rapids Convention and Tourism Group for their contributions they have made over the years towards the clinic and All-Star Series. Their contributions to both of these events have went above and beyond expectations. Coca-Cola has donated soda and water for the clinic and All-Star Series for a number of years, quenching the thirst of many coaches and players. The Cedar Rapids Convention and Tourism Group have made donations to help off-set our clinic costs. Both organizations have been strong supporters of the IHSBCA and support of Iowa high school baseball. On behalf of the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association, we would like to pass along our deepest appreciation for their support and dedication. Congratulations to the Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Company and the Cedar Rapids Convention and Tourism Group for being named our 2021 Bill and Sherry Freese Contributors Award winners.

President's Award to Dave and Kendra Rock:

We would like to take this time to recognize two long time friends of our association. We would like to recognize Dave and Kendra Rock for their countless hours that they volunteer during the clinic and the All-Star Series. Dave and Kendra have spent many hours every January helping run and manage the clinic and then again join us in August during the four day All-Star Series to volunteer their time. They continue to spend time helping make the high school baseball experience, through our association, the best it can be for coaches, players, and fans. Dave has also spent countless hours behind the scenes helping run and support the association. He has become the "question go-to-guy" for many coaches across the state. Without his help, dedication, and commitment to Iowa high school baseball, our organization would not be as strong as it is today. On behalf of the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association, we would like to congratulate Dave and Kendra for being named the 2021 President's Award Winner.



Harold "Pinky" Primrose Award to Lon Olejniczak:

When you hear the last name "Olejniczak" you automatically think of the rich family tradition from Decorah, Iowa. Lon comes from that strong family mold that was started from his parents Dennis and Paula. The criteria for this award is simple, we look for someone who grew up in Iowa, had a successful high school career, went on to college, and then made a name for themselves in whatever profession they moved into after college. Lon is a perfect fit for this award. Lon was a standout while in high school back in Decorah. He was an All-State athlete in Football, Basketball, and Baseball at Decorah. He was named to the Elite All-State Football Team by the Des Moines Register and also earned football All-American honors. On the baseball side in high school, Lon earned 3rd Team All-American honors. Lon moved onto the University of Iowa where he excelled in football for Hayden Fry and baseball for Duane Banks. He often found himself running from football spring practices to baseball games during his college career. Today, Lon works for the Aegon company, where he has held many high level positions within the firm. He has been the Sr. Vice President of Transamerica, Aegon Global Head of Talent Development, Director of Success Bank, and Leadership Team Successor and Executive Coach (1st and Ten Consulting). Lon is based out of Cedar Rapids and travels the world working with individuals and teams on being focused on the "why" in their personal & business aspirations. Making sure they have the right team & individuals to succeed. His passion is team first and creating an environment where individuals succeed because the team succeeds. On behalf of the IHSBCA, we would like to honor and congratulate Lon Olejniczak with our 2021 Harold "Pinky" Primrose Award.





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Boddicker, Mike - Norway (P)	Folker, Rick - Waterloo (P)	Lewis, John - Cedar Rapids (C)
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Collison, Fr. Craig - Sioux City (U)	Harms, Cal - Sumner (U)*	McElliott, James - Ryan (U)*
Collum, Jack - Grinnell (P)*	Harty, Dave - IHSAA, Boone (Ct)(U)*	McFarland, Joe - Norwalk (C)
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Cranston, Wes - Williamsburg (U)*	Heinz, Wayne - Des Moines (C)*	McVay, Dick - Norway (P)
Curtis, Terry - Williamsburg (U)	Heller, Rick - Cedar Falls (C)	Meister, Eugene - Algona Garrigan (C)*
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Seven Selected to Enter the IHSBCA Hall of Fame

This year, the IHSBCA Hall of Fame Class of 2022 will induct four coaches, two players, and one umpire. This year's inductees are: Billy Argo (Coach) from Davenport, Mike Laird (Coach) from Oskaloosa, Nick Zumsande (Coach) from Muscatine, Brian Luft (Coach) from Des Moines, Reggie Stalzer (Player) from Marshalltown, Joe Hoerner (Player) from Dubuque, and Jay Flora (Umpire) from Marshalltown. The Hall of Fame class of 2022 will be inducted during the IHSBCA Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 22, 2022, in Cedar Rapids. They will join the 289 previously inducted members.

Billy Argo (Coach) – Once an Assumption Knight, always an Assumption Knight! Coach Argo played his high school baseball at Davenport Assumption, graduating in 1983. He was a four-year starter, two-time first team all-stater, and a member of the 1982 Class 4A State Championship team. He played his college baseball at Iowa State from 1984 thru 1987. He was again a four-year varsity starter, team captain in 1987 and was selected to the 2nd team All-Big Eight in 1987. Billy was drafted in 1987 by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 32nd round. He played three years in the Dodgers minor leagues before he was released in 1989. After his professional playing days were over, Coach Argo began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at the University of Iowa, then moving to St. Ambrose University as an assistant coach for 6 years. He came back home to Assumption in 1999 as the soph head baseball coach and two years later became the head varsity coach in 2001. During his 18-year career, Coach Argo won 542 games, 6 state titles, 3 runner-up finishes, along with 10 trips to the state tournament, and six conference titles. He was active hosting camps and clinics in the Quad Cities area for youth baseball enthusiasts. He also coached the American Legion Team that won the state championship in 1993. Coach Argo has been a member of the association for 22 years where he was named State Coach of the Year 4 times, District Coach of the Year 9 times, and the MAC Conference Coach of the Year 5 times. In 2018, Coach Argo was a National Coach of the Year Finalist for the NHSACA. His state tournament record during his 18-year tenure was 24-4.

Mike Laird (Coach) – Mike has made a name for himself at the NAIA college level with all the success he has had while his tenure at William Penn University. Mike has been the head coach at William Penn University for the past 39 years. Mike's current record at William Penn is 1067-600-3, a winning % of .640. His overall head baseball coaching record is 1155-658-3, including an 88-58 mark at the high school level. He currently ranks seventh in the NAIA among active coaches in wins and 16th in winning percentage. All-time, Mike ranks 16th in the NAIA wins list. During his tenure, Mike's teams have been nationally recognized as a perennial powerhouse, ranked 4th in the NCAA in winning percentage in the 1990's. His teams have won 11 conference titles, competed in 9 NCAA postseason tournaments, and appeared in six NAIA postseason tournaments. Under his direction, the Statesman have captured national statistical titles in double plays, pitching, earned run average, slugging percentage, triples, best pitching records, and the fewest runs allowed per game and season. Before William Penn moved back to the NAIA in 2022, Mike was the winningest coach in Iowa Conference history. Mike played his high school baseball at Twin Cedars High School where he graduated in 1971. He played his college baseball at Buena Vista University for one year, before moving on to William Penn University where he continued to play baseball and then graduated in 1975. Mike also coached high school baseball at Wheatland HS, Moravia HS, and Oskaloosa HS. Mike has been a member of the association for 45 plus years, serving and supporting the IHSBCA in various ways during those 45 plus years.

Nick Zumsande (Coach) – Coach Zumsande comes from the rich baseball tradition found at Norway High School. He played catcher, third base, and pitched while at Norway HS. He graduated from Norway in 1979 and moved onto Muscatine Community College where he pitched. He went onto Iowa State University and pitched for the Cyclones. He graduated from ISU in 1984. Nick has coached at the high school level at Ames High School, Bondurant-Farrar High School and currently at Clear Creek Amana High School. He has coached at the college level as the head coach at Muscatine Community College for 13 years, an assistant coach at Iowa State for one year, and an assistant coach at the University of Iowa for 6 years. Nick has been involved with baseball in a variety of other positions and job titles. He spent 12 years as a professional scout with the Marlins and 15 years as the Pro Camp Combine Director for the Twins/Marlins/Padres. Nick was also involved with Major League Baseball International in 1993. Coach Zumsande has earned many awards at both the high school and college level. He has been named the 2-year College Coach of the Year by our association three times. He has been named JUCCO regional coach and district coach several times. One of the more prestigious awards he has earned was in 1995. Nick received the Chancellor's Award/Eastern Iowa CC District. This award is selected by his peers based on service to the college and community. And to add to his impressive resume, Coach Zumsande has coached 3 Major League Pitchers and as a scout drafted and signed 2 Major League Players.

Brian Luft (Coach) – Coach Luft has spent the past 22 years at Des Moines East High School. Before arriving at East, Brian spent 5 years at Roland-Story High School and 1 year at his alma mater Ar-We-Va High School. During his high school coaching tenure, he has won 589 plus games, made 3 trips to the State Tournament, and has won 9 conference titles. While coaching at Roland-Story, he turned a 10-year losing program into winners. They enjoyed 5 years of winning seasons including 2 conference titles. He was named the Mid-Iowa Conference Coach of the Year twice. His team broke the school record for wins in a single season. By the way, Mike taught in Missouri and drove 5 hours round trip to coach at Roland-Story the first 3 years. He moved back home to

Ar-We-Va in 1996, where he lived in his mom's basement while coaching the baseball team. Brian was a 1984 graduate from Ar-We-Va High School where he played four years of varsity baseball as a shortstop, and a pitcher. Coming back home to coach the baseball team brought similar results. In one season, his team again broke the school record for team wins in a single season. He took the East assistant coaching position for two years before becoming the head coach for the past 22 years where he has built another consistent winner. Brian has been involved in coaching other sports while at East, (Football, Basketball, Softball, and Track.) He has been a member of the association for 28 years and has served on several committees and participated in 22 years of All-District meetings. He has coached many players who have been selected to play in the All-Star Series. Brian has earned many awards, being selected conference coach of the year 9 times, district coach of the year, and Class 4A Coach of the Year in 2014.

Reggie Stalzer (Player) – Reggie played his high school baseball at Marshalltown High School. He was a three-year varsity starter, playing third base and pitched for the Bobcats. And by the way, he was a huge reason why Marshalltown won back-to-back state titles his junior and senior years. Reggie holds the school career record with 35 wins, 270 1/3 innings pitched while posting a career ERA of 1.86. Offensively, he had a career batting average of .405, including 40 doubles, 8 triples, 13 HR's, and 105 RBI. That included a .510 batting average his senior season which is among the top players in Marshalltown history in all offensive categories. Reggie was a consensus 1st Team All-State selection and IHSBCA First Team All-District selection both his junior and senior seasons. Reggie also earned All-Tournament Team honors at the state tournament both his junior and senior seasons. He also earned 2nd Team High School All-American honors his senior season by Collegiate Baseball. Reggie was excellent academically, earning Academic All-State honors and played in the 1986 All-Star Series. He followed with a fine collegiate career at Iowa State and was a three-year starter at third base from 1988-1990 for the Cyclones. The ISU baseball media guide noted that Reggie is one of the Cyclones top defensive players....he has quick reflexes and a strong arm. A veteran of the Iowa State infield, Reggie received second team All-Big Eight honors in 1989. In 1988, Reggie went two-for-four with a grand slam in Iowa State's 10-6 victory over Oklahoma State, picking up 6 RBI....he was three-for-four in a 6-5 win over Kansas State and was named ISU's Most Improved Player that year. A quote from his high school coach, Brad Clement, says it all on what type of player Reggie Stalzer was – “Quite simply, Reggie was the finest high school baseball player that I had the opportunity to coach.”

Joe Hoerner (Player) - Joe played his high school baseball at Dubuque Senior High School from 1951-1954. He pitched his team to the state title in 1954. He then went on to a long career in professional baseball. He was signed by the Chicago White Sox in 1957 and sent to Duluth-Superior of the Class C Northern League where he compiled a 16-5 record, pitched the last eight innings of a 14-0 no-hit victory over Winnipeg, and was named Rookie of the Year. Joe spent nine years in the minor leagues, playing with the Houston club, which had obtained Joe from the White Sox, before getting his big break with the St. Louis Cardinals when they drafted him in November of 1965. Joe pitched for the Cardinals from 1966 through 1969 and appeared in 161 games. A side-wheeling left-hander, Joe had a stellar 1.54 ERA in 1966 with 13 saves. In the Cardinals Championship years of 1967 and 1968, he saved 32 games and won 12. With a career ERA of just 2.99 and 99 saves, he was one of the best relief pitchers in an era before it was a specialty. When the Cardinals won the 1967 World Series over the Boston Red Sox, his record was 4-4 with 15 saves. Joe pitched in six games during the 1967 and 1968 World Series. The next season, he was the best left-handed reliever in the National League with a 1.47 ERA, a record of 8-2 with 17 saves appearing in 47 games. He was named “Rookie of the Year” in 1966 with the Cardinals and made the All-Star Team in 1970 with the Philadelphia Phillies. Joe was involved in a seven-player trade between the Cardinals and Phillies fall of 1969. He would go on to play for the Atlanta Braves, Kansas City Royals, Texas Rangers, and the Cincinnati Reds before retiring from professional baseball in 1977 after 21 years at age 40.

Jay Flora (Umpire) – Jay has been involved with high school baseball umpiring for 35 plus years. He has spent most of his days umpiring in the Raccoon, Heart of Iowa, and CIML conferences. He has umpired in 11 State Tournaments and 6 All-Star Series. Jay has been a member of the association for over 35 years and has been involved with the umpires committee. Jay has been named a District Umpire 5 times, and State Umpire of the Year once. Jay brings to the game the qualities that coaches, players, and fans admire about “the men in blue.” Knowledge, fairness, consistency, and hustle are just some of the tools that Jay brings in his toolbox when he comes to umpire a game. Jay's reputation has allowed him the respect that he deserves. Jay's qualities and the way he umpires a baseball game separates him from a good umpire to a great umpire. He is not afraid to admit if he makes a mistake. Again, a quality that is very hard to find in many in today's world. He has mentored many young umpires along the way, which all have commented that Jay has made them a better umpire. He taught them more than how to umpire the game, but taught them the importance of working with coaches, players, and other umpires. He made it clear that umpires are an important part of the game, but they need to be seen and not heard. Jay emphasized the importance of building relationships with coaches/admin and always lead by example on and off the field. Something we can all learn from Jay is his ability to manage a game without being heavy handed or authoritarian. Jay's ability to enjoy the job of umpiring and working with people is truly at the core of why he has lasted so long as a high school umpire.

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Clinic registration for weekend..... \$95 _____

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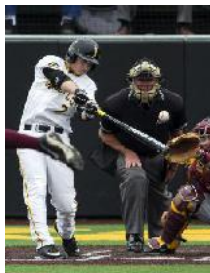
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Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

AGENDA for FALL MEETING

November 6, 2021 – Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Lee Toole, Jared Chizek (IHSAA), Jon Fitzpatrick, Sheldon Card, Keith McSweeney, Bret Hoyer, Dave Rock, Steve Hanson, Roger Hoel, Mark Hey, Trent Eckstaine, Jay Ryan, Ryan Stensland, Gary Paulsen, Phil Katz, Jake Souhrada, Steve Fish, Cory McDonald, Dan Klein, Matt Nelson, Mark Harris, Eric Evans, Joshua Baxter, Joel Harthoorn, Jon Heydon, Andy Van Fossan, Steve Shantz.

Order of Business:

1. Report from President – minutes presented by Secretary

- a). Meeting called to order (9:00 am) / Introduction of Directors

*Lee – planning to go full boar with everything like a normal season. Live in-person clinic in January.

- b). Minutes from Jan. 2021 Clinic – Published in March newsletter

- c). Discussion and acceptance of past minutes – Motion by Andy VanFossan, a second by Roger Hoel.

2. Financial Report by Executive Director

- a). Financial Report

*Lee – March 30, 2021 balance was \$16,353.86. Current balance as of 11/4/21 = \$19,344.54

*PPP Loan was received to be used for salaries (doesn't need to be paid back)

- b). Discussion – Motion to Approve by Brey Hoyer, seconded by Ryan Stensland.

3. Report of Officers and Committees

- a). **President's Report** (Ethan Miller)

*Not present – no report

- b). **Executive Director's Report** (Lee Toole)

*Hopefully moving forward with normal clinic, All-State Series, and Junior Showcase

*Some awards have been mailed out to coaches from 2020 season. Awards may be picked up at clinic

*New print company worked on All District certificate template, (due to original company being sold.) A new template will be used that will be passed on to coaches electronically so they can print it out themselves. Will be available for next summer. All-State certificates will still be mailed out.

*After discussion and feedback, members would like to continue with Zoom meetings for All-District summer meetings. Those who want to meet in-person must notify Lee first.

*A PPP loan for the IHSBCA was secured through Central Bank in Iowa City which helped w/financial expenses

*2022 Clinic will be held in Cedar Rapids (Marriott Hotel) on January 21-22, 2022 (in person).

*During Clinic week, the Steering Meeting will meet by Zoom earlier in the week (rather than on Thursday) and have Board Meeting on Thursday (7:30 PM) to allow for travel time. Individual committee meetings are still Friday morning. Lee asked for discussion – response from board was positive and in-favor of meeting changes.

*Speakers - difficult to get live speakers (at least the big names). May Zoom in bigger name speakers (Brian O'Connor?). Hopes to have speakers finalized by the end of November. Iowa Staff is committed (live) along with coaches within the State (Jucos, smaller colleges).

*Jared Chizek (IHSAA) will again be involved with Clinic

*Awards Banquet is a go again on Saturday night

*Thoughts/ideas on newsletter - printer used put out of business by pandemic, idea is to continue putting newsletter on the website only. Discussion took place (pros/cons?) Big positive to online only - it will save the Association about \$8K during the year to not print and mail. Is there any way to notify people that it's been posted? Email or Twitter notification is a possibility. Maybe a postcard mailing notification? So far...only one comment regarding the non-printed newsletter. Plan moving forward will be an online only newsletter. Voting ballot will be online again this year.

*Are we comfortable doing All-State and All-District Meetings via Zoom? Discussion: positive response. That will be the direction moving forward.

*Members want to keep a 3 team All-State ALONG with a Super Team rather than just the regular 2 teams and Super Team (as was done in the past). Very Positive response - more kids get recognition.

*This year's All-Star Series will be played the weekend after the State Championship (regardless of dead week), approved by Mason City administration. The years following are still up in the air as the schools/sites may require it to be held the week after dead week to follow IHSAA policy.

*Dead week issues: lots of people communicated displeasure with the move but shouldn't have been a surprise given discussions leading up to this year at past clinics and board meetings.

*Junior Showcase at SE Polk will NOT be held the week of dead week this year, per SE Polk administration.

Finalized announcement on Junior Showcase and All-Star Series will be made at Clinic.

*2023 All-Star Series may be played at Pella (Dave Rock is working on this). Lots will depend on if Pella will approve it for during the Dead Week. Will it be a 3 day or 4 days of games? Mason City will be on a 4-day schedule. Practice site availability at other schools may also be an issue in the future.

*2024 All-Star Series is open. Possibly back in Carroll.

*2020 Award winners will be announced after the Rules Meeting on Saturday morning.

*Next summer's All-District Meetings will fall on the weekend of July 3rd. This may present issues with July 4th activities. Discussions will continue but prepare for that situation next summer.

*Contributor Award - Lee would like to be given to CR Tourism and Atlantic Coke-A-Cola for their help in offsetting past Clinic and All-Star Series expenses.

*President's Award - Lee is recommending Dave and Kendra Rock as this year's recipients.

*Primrose Award - Lon Olejniczak will receive this award. Lee would also like to nominate Jerry Roling and Gary Nyhus for this year's Olejniczak Legacy Award.

*Executive Report – Motion to approve by Sheldon Card.....Second by Phil Katz....motion approved.

c). **Hall of Fame Committee Report** (Roger Hoel)

*This Year's inductees: Umpire-Jay Flora, Player-Joe Hoerner (if anyone has a connect to family please let Roger know), Player-Reggie Stalzer (Marhalltown), Coach-Billy Argo, Coach-Nick Zumsande, Coach-Mike Laird, Coach-Brian Luft.

*These nominees were approved last year, so additional approval needed

*New nominees: Please provide if you have any for the January meeting.

d). **All-District Committee Report** (Jon Fitzpatrick)

*Should future All-District Meetings be held virtually or in person? Option to each district, but virtual has resulted in better attendance.

*Lee - We'll continue to monitor and tweak districts and district alignment

e). **Awards Committee Report** (Ryan Stensland)

*Nothing major to add - we'll get feedback at January meeting for suggestions for improvement

f). **All-Star Committee Report** (Troy Rood/Lee Toole)

*Lots of discussion above (see Lee's Executive report above)

*Staff will stay at Holiday Inn Express. Players/Coaches at dorms at NIACC.

g). **Umpires Committee Report** (Mike Botts)

*Mike working on umpire awards and umpire clinic

h). **Lanny Peterson Academic Award Report** (Ethan Miller)

*No report due to cancelation of 2021 All-Star Series

i). **IHSBCA/Graphic Edge Player of the Year Report** (Jon Fitzpatrick)

*No report due to cancelation of 2021 All-Star Series

j). **State Rating Poll Committee Report** (Mark Hey)

*Nothing to report at this time

k). **Membership Committee Report** (Devin Schwiesow)

*No report at this time

l). **Clinic Survey/Mini Clinic Committee Report** (Ryan Hodges)

*Ryan not present...but most spots are filled

m). **Junior Showcase Report** (Devin Schwiesow)

*Devin not present, if you have ideas/dates for future Showcases contact committee given challenges w/Dead Wk.

n). **Communications/"PR"/History Committee Report** (Steve Hanson)

*Print media and Tweet communication will continue regarding press releases.

o). **IHSAA Advisory Committee Report** (Jared Chizek/Lee Toole)

*Potential proposal to extend pre-season hitting into March...maybe go from 10 to 15 hitting days between the two months. Also looking at some position player time during March/April. Idea is to bring position work to the IHSAA Board NEXT year after we go a year with the shortened season. Probably a better chance to get it approved if there's evidence that lost time hurts our athletes' development with a year of evidence under our belts. Otherwise, the proposal faces more challenges for approval given experiences with similar measures in other sports, such as track.

*State Tournament - sites this past season (Iowa City and Carroll) have been positive. Des Moines is obviously the best site, but not always open, although its open in 2022. But do we want to have an inconsistent agreement and leave sites hanging year to year? That might be a lot to ask.

*Questions about pitch count issues in the postseason. Possible change/tweak to pitch counts during State Tournament. Discussion will continue.

*Umpire issues continue – Coaches/Admin need to work with umpires. The solution to the crisis will only be arrived at if all three work better together (umps, coaches, and AD's). Solution idea #2 playing varsity games first to avoid fatigue and thin patience between coaches, umpires, and fans? Ejections of coaches is something that is making the umpire issue worse. We need to get better if we want to begin to improve the situation. EVERYONE needs to get on board...the problem ISN'T going away. Coaches need to help recruit former players and younger people in the community. The umpire issue is starting to impact EVERYONE. Lots of umpires don't want to work sub-varsity baseball.

*Dead week isn't going anywhere...baseball needs to acclimate to challenges with overlap with track/soccer. After a year under our belts, we can reflect and make suggestions for potential changes with experience w/current set up. The Dead Week will be the Sunday following the State Baseball Tournament through the following Sunday. All-State series will be the weekend at the END of the Dead Week period. It's been approved by the Mason City Schools for THIS COMING YEAR. Why the exception this year, because Mason City has approved it, and because players are graduated seniors. However, SE Polk did NOT approve a similar measure for the Junior Showcase because participants are still HS students and, therefore, they fall under Dead Week rule.

p). **Iowa Athletic Council Report** (Jared Chizek/Lee Toole)

*See above Executive Report above

4. **Communications**

a). All-Star "Thank You" letters

*Nothing sent as the event wasn't held in 2021

5. **Old Business**

*None

6. **New Business**

a). Select District Coach/Umpire/Asst. Coach/College Coach/Media

*Breakout Zoom meetings for each district

b). Select President, Primrose, Contributor and Olejniczak Legacy Award nominees

*Motion to accept nominations by Roger Hoel. A second by Gary Paulsen...approved.

c). Next Meeting: Thursday, January 20, 2022 – Cedar Rapids Marriott Hotel 7:30 PM

7. **Suggestions for the good of the Association**

8. **Announcements**

9. **Adjournment to District Meetings**

*** **Next Meeting: January 20, 2022 – 7:30pm - Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids**

Board meeting notes respectfully submitted by Keith McSweeney



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