

## JUNE NEWSLETTER

**DAVENPORT CENTRAL SPRING CHAMPS!** Congratulations are in order for Bill Freese and his Davenport Central State Spring Championship team. This is Coach Freese's third spring championship in a row; this has never been accomplished before. This championship will automatically put Coach Freese on the spring Coaching Clinic staff. The summer championship coach will also be a guest speaker at our annual clinic.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** The Board of Directors met in Mason City on May 25 at the High School. The tournament was rained out on that day. Much was reviewed and accomplished on this day. Enclosed you will find the summary of the Board of Directors meeting. Some of the topics of discussion were: Clinic, State Tournament, umpires, canvas for state tournament sites, membership and membership drive, balloting for All District teams, Hall of Fame nominations, Coach of the Year, College Coach of the Year. Many ideas came from the meeting.

**TOURNAMENTS:** In the May issue we announced some tournaments throughout the state. We have a new one to add to the list. A tournament will be held at Saydel High School. It's the first Saydel Invitational Baseball Tournament — 8 teams, Double Elimination, July 2-3-4. If you are interested in attending, contact Coach Lou Yacinich at 5601 N.E. 7th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50313.

**TOURNAMENT WINNERS:** The Cedar Rapids Metro Tournament was won by Cedar Rapids Washington and Coach Pinky Primrose. The Dyersville Tournament winner was Waterloo Columbus and Coach Brian Dutowski. The Burlington Greyhound Tournament was won by Sioux City Heelan and Coach Nick Archer. If you know of other tournament winners, please inform us.

**DISTRICT CHAIRMEN:** President Elmer Starr of Mason City appointed the District Chairmen for All District Team selection. They are: **North East District:** Mickey Mattiace, C.R. Prairie; **South East District:** Dick Wagner, Burlington; **Central District:** Jim Jagim, Des Moines Valley; **North West District:** Vic Belger, Fonda OLGC; **South West District:** Tom Vincent, Council Bluffs T.J.

If any coach would like to be on the selection committee, please notify your district chairman. This will be done on July 16-17-18. We would like to have each conference representative at this selection committee. Please notify your chairman.

**SCHEDULE FOR ALL DISTRICT TEAMS:** 1) Ballots out to coaches by July 3, 2) Ballots back to Executive Secretary by July 12, 3) District Teams selection July 16, 17, 18 by Committee of Coaches, 4) District teams released to press July 29 at 12 noon.

**DISTRICT COACH:** We would also like for you to nominate a District Coach from your district. He should be a coach who is deserving the honor for his work on and off the field.

**HALL OF FAME NOMINATION:** If you have a former coach or anyone that you know of for Hall of Fame Honors, write his name down on the blank. We need some idea of people throughout the state who have promoted baseball. If you have a little history of your nominee, please send it too.

**COLLEGE COACH NOMINATION:** On the College Coaches nomination, nominate a two-year college coach and a four-year college coach. A college coach will be chosen from one of the two categories. A two-year school would be a Junior College Coach and four-year coach would be small college or University. Nominate a coach who you feel is deserving of this honor.

**CALLING IN YOUR GAMES:** We would like to remind you coaches to send in the scores of your games to your local newspaper or nearest newspaper plus the Des Moines Register. Call your scores to the radio and television stations in your local area. Make sure you send a schedule to your newspaper, radio and television people. Promote baseball by helping your press and radio people know what you are doing.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The association membership has hit its goal of 250. We now have 254 members. Many thanks to the coaches, assistants, scouts, fans, umpires. Let's hit 300 next year. If you know of anyone who is not a member, get his money and send it in.

**RENEWAL TIME:** It's time for the coaches to renew your membership and help us make Iowa the best high school baseball state in the country. Send in your dues and have them paid up till Sept. 1, 1972. The association needs your membership in order to set up our clinic and send out the newsletter to you.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP:** This letter is going to every baseball coach in the state. If you are not a member of the coaches association we would like to have you join and help promote baseball by getting involved. We need good baseball people and you will get many returns from your membership. Head coaches \$5.00 and assistant coaches \$3.00; Umpires \$3.00; Fans of Baseball \$3.00.

**ALL DISTRICT BALLOT:** Enclosed you will find your All District Ballot. Please fill it out and send it back before July 12. You may vote for any boy who you felt deserving of All District. If your team plays in more than one District, vote for the boys on the back of the ballot who are not in your district. Their names will be forwarded to the district which they belong. Enclosed is a map of the five districts that you can put the name of the boy in if he is not in your district. Please give as much information as possible on any boy you nominate. This will be very much appreciated by the selection committee.

**BATTING AVERAGES:** If you are tired of figuring out your batting averages, send in for a free chart from Score Rite Company, 2167 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, New York 10462.

**RESULTS OF SEASON:** Please send in the results of your season. We would like to publish the conference standings of the different conferences throughout the state and also give the independent teams their record. If you have a conference record and an overall record of your conference teams, we would like to have that also.

**IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO PUT INTO THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE FORWARD YOUR MATERIAL TO:** Harold Primrose, Executive Secretary, 3456 Dalewood Avenue S.E., Cedar Rapids.

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

May 25, 1971

The meeting was called to order by President Elmer Starr at 1:13 p.m. The meeting was held at the Mason City High School. The board members present were Duane Banks, Vic Belger, Ken Blackman, Vern Bredeson, Dave Hoyt, Mick Mattiace, Pinky Primrose, Elmer Starr, and Tom Vincent.

The minutes of the last board meeting and the last general meeting were approved as presented.

Pinky Primrose reviewed the financial situation since the last clinic and reported a current balance of \$611.23. The report was accepted as read. After a brief discussion Tom Vincent moved that a petty cash fund of \$10.00 be established for the executive secretary. The motion was seconded by Vic Belger and passed.

President Elmer Starr expressed concern about the current membership and established next year's goal at 275 members.

Pinky Primrose, executive secretary, reported the current membership at 252 members. He continued his report by saying that we all must get ready for the All District selections. The All District press release will be made at noon on July 29. Mr. Primrose is going to try to get a mail rate for the association. He felt that we now have enough mail to make use of such a rate. Pinky continued his report by saying that there is a need for more material for the newsletter, and the association should include a member of the Hall of Fame and a College Coach on the Board of Directors of the association.

Several board members expressed concern about the ball players that do not appear on an All District team possibly because their coach is not a member of the association. Ken Blackman suggested that the professional baseball scouts submit the names of promising ball players for All District selections as a partial solution to the problem.

Vern Bredeson started his Hall of Fame committee report by reading the list of possible candidates. He also announced that a space will be provided on the All District ballots for Hall of Fame nominations.

Pinky Primrose reported on next year's clinic. He stated that the association should consider a seminar, panel, and special instructional approach. The speakers for the clinic are still in question with a number of possibilities yet to be contacted.

Under new business it was proposed that the organization consider recommending a baseball program that begins play about April 15 and ends with the State Tournament finals about July 15.

Pinky Primrose proposed a new College Coach of the Year selection process. His proposal is to nominate one Junior College Coach of the Year and one Four-Year College Coach of the Year. The College Coach of the Year would then be selected from one of the two coaches and presented at the clinic.

Elmer Starr reported that he had attended a meeting in Des Moines concerning the forming of a coaches association council for all sports. It was moved by Duane Banks that our association become a charter member of the new association. The motion was seconded by Tom Vincent and passed. Dave Hoyt moved that the representatives from our association be appointed as follows: 1) the president have a one-year term, 2) the vice president have a two-year term, and 3) the executive secretary have a three-year term. The motion was seconded by Vic Belger and passed.

The selection of the district chairmen followed and they are as follows: Southwest — Tom Vincent, Northwest — Vic Belger, Central — Jim Jagim, Northeast — Mickey Mattiace, Southeast — Dick Wagner.

Vern Bredeson suggested that tournament games be set up that every team have an opportunity to play under the lights before the final game of each tournament. Other suggestions for future consideration are pictures in the program of the teams playing in the State Tournament finals. The possibility of an All-Star game in August, and the possibility of renting a canvas to cover the diamond at the site of the State Tournament. Mr. Primrose said that he would look into the possibility of renting a canvas for this year's tournament.

The board expressed its appreciation to Harold Schmickley for his outstanding leadership and service to Iowa baseball.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

David W. Hoyt, Secretary

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# IOWA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION ALL DISTRICT BASEBALL BALLOT

Please list your selections below. You may vote for your own boys. Please put as much information as possible on your ballot. If you vote for a ball player from another district, please put his name on the reverse side. **Return your ballot immediately to:** Harold Primrose, Executive Secretary, 3456 Dalewood Avenue S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403.

**The ballot must be in by July 12, 1971 if you want it to count.**

## ALL DISTRICT BASEBALL BALLOT

| POSITION    | NAME | SCHOOL | CLASS | AVERAGE | PITCHING RECORD |
|-------------|------|--------|-------|---------|-----------------|
| Pitcher     |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Pitcher     |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Pitcher     |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Catcher     |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Catcher     |      |        |       |         |                 |
| First Base  |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Second Base |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Shortstop   |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Third Base  |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Outfield    |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Outfield    |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Outfield    |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Outfield    |      |        |       |         |                 |
| Utility     |      |        |       |         |                 |

ALL DISTRICT COACH NOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

HALL OF FAME NOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE COACH NOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE COACH NOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

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| NAME   | SCHOOL     | DATE   |
| MEMBER | NON MEMBER | UMPIRE |
|        |            | FAN    |