MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING September 10, 2009

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, September 10, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Pamela Young (Chicago), Howard Sokal (Park Ridge), Phil Dawkins (Caledonia), Tony Skrocki (Arlington Heights), Bill Honeycutt (Woodridge), Ted Campbell (Springfield), Stan Matheney (Elmwood), Jason Gray (Shiloh), Roger Nichols (Normal), Kelly Aylesworth (Mt. Pulaski), Gary Gustafson (Troy), Dale Huwer (Millstadt), Nicole Schafbauer, IESA and Dave Gannaway, IHSA. Absent was Jay Lyons (Wheaton).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item: Grant Applications 2009-10

	Association	Requested		Approved
1.	Athletic Officials Service	\$500	observers	\$300
2.	Blackhawk Offls Assn	\$500	observers	\$300
3.	Central IL Softball Officials	\$500	LCD	\$300
4.	Chicago Catholic Umpires Assn	\$500	observers	\$270
5.	Decatur Area Offls Assn	\$500	LCD	\$300*
6.	Elgin Area Offls Assn	\$500	video recorder	\$300
7.	Far West Suburban Bask	\$500	observers	\$200
8.	Kewanee Officials	\$500	LCD	\$300
9.	Heartland Volleyball Officials	\$500	observers	\$150*
10.	Illinois Competitive Cheer	\$500	LCD	\$300
11.	IL Swimming Offls Assn	\$100	observers	\$100
12.	IL Track & CC Offls Assn	\$500	observers	\$270*
13.	IL Wrestling Coaches/Offls	\$500	observers	\$270*
14.	Joliet Basketball Offls	\$500	mentoring	\$270
15.	Northwest VB Offls Assn	\$300	observers	\$250
16.	Quincy Basketball Offls Assn	\$500	observers	\$150
17.	Rock River Offls Assn	\$500	laptop	\$300
18.	South Suburbs Offls Assn	\$500	LCD	\$300
19.	Southern IL Basketball Off Assn	\$500		\$0
20.	Southern IL Soccer Offls	\$500	observers	\$270
21.	Southwestern Athletic Offls	\$500	laptop	\$300
22.	Springfield Area Offls	\$500	clinic/printing	\$250*
23.	Western Basketball Offls Assn	\$495	observers	\$270
24.	White Pines Offls Assn	\$500	laptop	\$300
25.	Bloomington/Normal Offls Assn	\$500	mentor/recruiting	\$250*
26.	Western Ill Volleyball Offls	\$395	memory card	\$200

Rationale: The IHSA and IESA have provided grant money for a recognized association to apply for up to \$500. The committee has reviewed the grants and made the above recommendations.

2. Item: Special report communication

The committee recommends that attached to each special report form filed by an official or a member school that there be the following: The IHSA will follow up with this special report requesting a written statement from the party or parties being reported. The IHSA can not discuss the action taken or consequences, if any, except to the person to which the discipline is being issued.

Rationale: Many times schools and officials wonder what has happened with a special report form and this will explain to all parties that action has been taken with appropriate follow up.

Approved

3. Item: Update of officials information

Recommend that on the sign in page to the official's center, that a note be added to remind all officials to check their personal information in an effort to get correct information on all officials

Rationale: This could help develop an updated list to use e-mail as a way to correspond with the official in a mass mailing setting.

Approved

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

None

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- 1. Reviewed the rule book rotation plan that is in place.
- 2. Reviewed the official's conference with positive feedback coming by having it all in one place. The dates for next year are July 16, 17, 2010 in Peoria.
- 3. Discussed the emerging sport policy and informed the advisory committee the IHSA will start to license Lacrosse officials this year. Information on how to become a Lacrosse official will go out in October.
- 4. Had concerns expressed about the lack of female officials that are assigned to the state series and the state finals. Basketball was specifically identified.
- 5. Had discussion on if and whether the IHSA would ever mandate officials to belong to a recognized association. This topic will be part of the agenda in May.
- 6. The lack of rating was discussed and will be the major discussion agenda item in May.