

## **MINUTES OF THE IHSA ESPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 13, 2019

The IHSA esports Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Monday, May 13, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Derek Austill, Roxana; Mark Bacys, Danville (H.S.); Greg Gardner, Orland Park (Sandburg); Mike Jacobson, Oak Lawn (Richards); Zachary Lamczyk, Salem; Todd McFarlin, Chicago (Taft); Jeff Pitner, Rockford (Guilford); Eric Wenckowski, Hoffman Estates (H.S.); and Amy Whitlock, Oswego (East). Also in attendance was Kurt Gibson, IHSA Associate Executive Director and Chris Frasco, IESA. Not present were members Zack Gilbert, Normal (University); and Chris Kuntzman, Taylorville.

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None.

### **ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

1. The committee reviewed the minutes of their April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. The committee discussed the kinds of items that could populate an esports web page off the ihsa website. Committee members were asked to review two items prior to the committee's next meeting and offer feedback to the IHSA. One document is geared towards schools and parents and offers reasons to begin an esports team/club, and the other offers schools some basic ideas on how to go about starting an esports team/club. IHSA staff will work on developing a web page that will hopefully be released with the start of the 2019-20 school year.
3. The committee discussed possible games that could be played in a state series. In the course of the discussion, the committee shared their desire to try and create a state series that would allow as many students participate as possible. The committee discussed the possibility of having a 'team' (5 v 5) game (*League of Legends*) and a series of 'individual' (1 v 1 up to 3 v 3) games offered to students. The committee believes both 'tracks' of tournaments (team and individual) could be conducted simultaneously, with both having a qualifying tournament prior to the state finals.
4. The committee agreed to break up into sub-groups to work on developing possible rules for the individual games. The groups will work on these over the summer and will review these with the committee as a whole at their next meeting. Committee members Whitlock, Wenckowski, and Gilbert will work on *Smash*; committee members Austill, Pinter, Kuntzman, and Lamczyk will work on Rocket League; and committee members Jacobson, Gardner, McFarlin, and Bacys will work on *NBA 2K*.
5. The committee discussed some of the national 'groups' that oversee esports leagues or competitions. Groups like Legacy Esports, High School esports League, NASEF, and PlayVs all oversee various types of competitions, and the committee discussed the landscape each covers within the esports community.

6. The committee set September 10, 2019, for their next meeting.