

Bowling Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2016
9:30 AM

The KHSAA Bowling Advisory Committee met in Lexington at the KHSAA office. Members present were Commissioner Julian Tackett, Assistant Commissioner Sarah Bridenbaugh, Assistant Commissioner Michael Barren, Allison Whaley (Montgomery County HS), John McCarthy (Tournament Manager), Glenn Schmidt (La Ru Lanes), Tony Bacigalupo (Covington Catholic) John Uchwal (Collins Bowling Center), Stacy Ellis (Meade County HS), and Marsha Day. Assistant Commissioner Sarah Bridenbaugh chaired the meeting. Absent were: Kris Garrett, Todd Robbins, Nick Waddell, and Brad Allison.

The meeting began with explanation of expense forms, reimbursement voucher, and introduction of committee members.

Commissioner Tackett gave a short explanation on the duties, role and authority of the committee.

There was round-table discussion on minimum number of contests and whether or not a rule was necessary. Some of the committee felt it necessary for the participants to engage in at least one minimum contest, others felt more than one should be required. There was no consensus regarding a standard number and committee members did not want to adversely impact other activities or students who for injury or other reasons, had been unable to compete.

After much discussion the committee agreed there needs to be a deadline for entry in the regional and state events. Ms. Whaley shared that her region already had a deadline in place and it worked well. Mr. McCarthy suggested a two week deadline to be placed on the school roster and to declare team entry for the region with four to five days before the event date to submit the final roster. Committee consensus was to add this to competition rules if approved by the Commissioner's office.

The committee briefly discussed "Amateur Status". There was concern about athletes accepting prizes that are not allowed at lower level bowling and yet there were also stories of athletes participating in regular leagues that a new restriction might adversely effect. At this time, there was no consensus to add a prize restriction or change in the applicability of the amateur status rule.

Commissioner Tackett reviewed "Region Format" section of the agenda. The committee was in agreement that large and growing numbers of teams is an issue at this time, but not enough to warrant realignment that would overhaul the format of the state tournament. Mr. McCarthy shared his view on cutting some cost for the regional tournament that included a new team format that would eliminate individual qualifying within the team portion of the tournament and have all play involve teams.

Commissioner Tackett would like the opinion of the membership before moving forward with this topic but all acknowledged that this change would be of great help as bowling expands and outgrows the ability of local centers to host. The committee asked that the Commissioner attempt to make some adjustments in the composition of regions 7 and 8 to ensure the local centers could handle further growth and the existing format.

The committee then discussed if BPAA membership should be required for regional host tournament sites. One suggestion was to add specific requirements to the competition rules. After

round table discussion the committee agreed their preference was the host site be a BPAA member and that this should be part of the region criteria.

It was unanimous to develop site criteria and not specify a number of lanes, but rather that the number of lanes for a specific region be enough to handle that region's number of teams, versus a fixed number requirement. It is hoped that continued partnership with BPAA members will help the sport continue to grow.

Mr. McCarthy then began a discussion of the oil pattern for the state tournament and the perception that schools that had prior experience with the house pattern of a host facility (region or state) had a distinct advantage in competition.

The committee agreed that site specifications should require that an oil pattern be selected that was different than the house pattern and the competition pattern used should not be applied until the day of competition. The pattern should be given to participating coaches on the first day of competition for both region and state. Staff agreed to work with the proprietors on wording of requirements for region and district that would not preclude quality sites from hosing but would address the oil pattern problem from both a perception and real standpoint.

There being no more business the meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.