

**AIA Basketball Advisory Committee**  
**April 9, 2015**  
**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

*1. Roll Call*

**Members in attendance:**

Rick Honsinger/1A Adm.	Julia Six/2A Coach
Mark Showers/3A Coach	Mark Nold/5A Coach
Steve McDowell/5A Adm.	Lonnie Trvdy/At-large
Michael Fowler/At-large	

**Members Absent:**

Steve Yoder/1A Coach	David Thursby/2A Adm.
Jamie Roe/3A Adm.	Phillip Nowlin/4A Adm.
Howard Mueller/4A Coach	

**Visitors present:**

Shane Moss	Xavier Coach	Todd Fazio	Red Mountain Coach
Matt Hooten	Brophy Coach	Shane Burcar	Mesa Coach
John Burns	Brophy Coach	Mark Wood	Liberty Coach
Gary Ernst	Mesa Mountain View Coach	Charlie Wilde	Pinnacle Coach
Rick McConnell	Dobson Coach		

*2. Review of AIA Basketball Sport Advisory Meeting minutes from 9/18/13*

Minutes reviewed-Approved by committee

**3. New Business**

a. Discuss the AIA State Tournament bracket size (division by division) applying the AIA Executive Board's approved thirty percent rule to each of the five basketball divisions .

2015-2016 Divisions (boys and girls) were evaluated based on applying the 30 percent rule previously approved by the AIA Executive Board. Due to the number of appeals, primarily for programs appealing down from where they had been initially placed. Discussion revolved the topic of lack of equity for the number of teams in each division.

b. Discuss the Division I coaches proposal for a 32 team AIA State Basketball Tournament bracket for the 27 school Super Division I.

\*Discuss Division I coaches proposal for eight team sectional tournaments

Todd Fazio presented the Division I coaches proposal. Stress was on the Division I had, because of schools appealing down, had become a super division. Desire to have all-inclusive state tournament and sectional tournament (to give sectionals the feel of the old region tournaments).

Per direction from the AIA Executive Director, the individuals who desire to bring this forward were to schedule a meeting to discuss this with him. This item will be tabled until after that meeting between the representatives of the Division I coaches and the AIA Executive Director takes place.

Despite that direction, the basketball committee gave consensus agreement of the Division I proposal as a recommendation to Dr. Slemmer and the AIA Executive Board.

c. Propose that D3 – D5 have sectional tournaments in basketball only and then have a 16 team state tournament.

d. Propose that D1-2 not have sectionals tournaments and proceed from regular season directly into AIA State Tournament.

e. Sectional Tournaments- Automatic Qualifiers to AIA State Tournamen

\*Concern that high ranked team(s) get jumped over to higher seed on the AIA State Tournament bracket by lower ranked teams that win a sectional tournament

\* Concern that regular season higher seeded teams potentially meet each other too early in the quarterfinals or semi-finals instead of the championship.

These items were tabled for discussion at a meeting in fall to allow some of the changes occurring with the addition of another level of the competition model for basketball (Division V) to settle into place and see what the AIA Executive Board does with recommendations for AIA Basketball State Tournament brackets.

#### 4. Consensus recommendations to go forward to the AIA Executive Board

The basketball committee came to a consensus recommendation, to go forward to the AIA Executive Board, of the following:

- Approval of the Division I proposal as a recommendation to Dr. Slemmer and the AIA Executive Board.
- Division II (both boys and girls): twenty-four team AIA State Tournament bracket
- Division III (both boys and girls): twenty-four team AIA State Tournament bracket
- Division IV (both boys and girls): twenty-four team AIA State Tournament bracket
- Division V (both boys and girls): twenty-four team AIA State Tournament bracket

#### 5. Adjournment