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## Scott Strohmeier, IWCC Football Coach



Scott Strohmeier said his first season at IWCC was in 2009. Since then, they have a 126-20 record. They won the National Division II championship in 2012 and 2014. This fall they lost in the championship game. That was the first game that they trailed by more than 7

points all season.

150 IWCC players have gone on to play in Division I football. 64 of them are from Iowa. Iowa is generally overlooked by Division I schools.

The fall season in 2020 was cancelled. IWCC brought in the players for 2021 in June and the season was cancelled the next day. Instead, they played a few games in the Spring.

This year IWCC football was 10-1 in the regular season. Due to Covid, they broke up the practices into three different groups per day.

The team GPA is 2.8. They have 213 players because the players got an extra year of eligibility due to Covid.

Scott is on the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Board of Directors. The football rules are changing significantly this year. College football players can be paid through the school. There are 128 Division I schools and they will all have to pay players. A good quarterback can get \$1M. The schools are also going to have to find ways to help the players manage this money. IWCC does not pay players.

Most of the money to pay players will come from booster clubs, which brings a new dynamic to the game. The boosters will have more control and will want to see results from their investments. When Scott started at IWCC there were 10 schools in the conference. Now there are 3 in Iowa. There are 8 in Kansas and 8 in Minnesota.

IWCC has a JV team and they play 4 games.

IWCC recruits mainly from lowa and surrounding states. The can only ply 45 players from out of state, and 20 of them have to be from border states.

When asked, Scott said that they do not have any girls on the team, but he expects to see flag football for girls in the next year.

Nebraska doesn't recruit from IWCC. In the past, Division I schools would send prospective players to IWCC to improve their grades. This doesn't happen much anymore in the past 5 years because the GPA requirements for Division I schools has been lowered. They also raised the GPA requirements for Division II schools, while eliminating the ACT and allowing for academic red shirts for Division I schools.

Coach Strohmeier said he is not interested in coaching Division I. Now he has a lot more personal flexibility than he would have at a Division I school.

Coach Strohmeier has 7 assistant coaches who live on-campus. He has 4 full time coaches and some part time. He has a total staff of 14 people.

Since Covid, they have practices 6:30-8:30 a.m. They practice Tuesday and Friday and lift weights Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00.

The new indoor facility has 80 yards of turf. They go outside occasionally to practice to get used to the weather.

Scott likes to work the offense. His goal is to get as many plays in as possible. They stress discipline, which helps reduce penalties.

This year they have a June 26 start. Thy have no starters back from last year, but most of the

defense was redshirted. Scott expects a tough schedule this year.

He said he schedules with Scow College from Utah to give them games. They are not in a conference and many of their players are returned missionaries, two years older and stronger than players at other schools. Many colleges don't want to play them.

Division II now has a 4-team playoff. IWCC has only missed the playoff one time between 2012 and 2021.

Next week's speaker will be:

Jeff Schoening, Trip to Rose Parade with American Bandmasters

All are welcome!

Meetings are from 8-9 AM, Saturdays

Treynor Community Building

Truth is tough. It will not break.
Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

## **Meeting Minutes**

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Present were 18 members plus guests, Lynell Vorthmann, Ashlyn Vorthmann, Emma Flathers, Tyler Christensen, Norah Beekhuizen, Payton Chapman, and Scott Strohmeier

Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jordan Campbell gave the opening prayer.

Jokes were shared by Steve Chambers.

50/50 was won by Jerry Hempel. Gary Guttau won the Attendance Drawing.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None

## Bragging Rights: (\$ are used for youth activities)

- Chad Guttau contributed because the late Duane King from Deaf Missions was honored in the Capital by Jon Jacobsen.
- Jeff Jorgensen recognized all Veterans.
- Kevin Underwood recognized Carter getting 8<sup>th</sup> place in State.
- Dee Guttau recognized Mick and Judy Guttau because TS Bank was one of the top US banks.
- John Klein aid the AEA is giving a tour of the AEA and missile base on June 4.

• Dale Willenborg recognized Chad Guttau helping put in footings for flags Friday afternoon.

#### **BUSINESS:**



- The following Treynor Seniors received their Optimist Club scholarships: Tyler Christensen, Payton Chapman, Emma Flathers, Norah Beekeisen, and Ashlyn Vorthmann.
- John Klein, Gary Guttau, Dale Willenborg, and Chad Guttau helped with can kennel sorting on Wednesday. It rained hard the whole time and everyone went home fully soaked.

 The Boy Scouts and a Cub Scout helped put up flags on Saturday for Memorial Day



## **COMMUNITY NEWS:**

 There will be Memorial Day services at the Zion Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. Monday, at the St. Paul cemetery at 10:00, and at Hardin Twp. at 10:30. Snacks will be provided.

## **AUCTION:**

 Bill Vorthmann brought a dozen brown, free range chicken eggs for auction. John Klein paid \$4 for them.

The meeting was closed with reciting the Optimist Creed.



"Can I wear my short-sleeve pants?"

# Calendar

Jı	ine 4	Tour of AEA and Missile Base, 10:30 a.m. Meet at AEA Building. Tour open to public
Ju	ıne 8	Can kennel sorting, 2:30 p.m.
Birthdays		
	une 16	Dale Willenborg
J	une 20	Jeff Jorgensen
Anniversaries		
J	une 5	Steve & Debra Irvin
J	une 15	Steve & Jeannie Chambers
J	une 28	Mick & Judy Guttau
J	une 29	Dave & Linda Danker
Programs		
_	June	Steve Irvin (first 2)
		Steve Chambers (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat)
		Jeff Jorgensen (4 <sup>th</sup> Sat)
	July	Phil Waggoner (1&3 Sat)
		Judy Guttau (2,4&5 Sat)
Speakers		
	June 4	Jeff Schoening – Rose Parade trip with
		American Bandmasters
	June 11	Carrie Currin, Treynor K-5 elementary
		counselor
	June 18	Joe Chapman – Treynor Girls Basketball
	June 25	
	July 2	•
	July 9	Kevin Forristall, President TS Bank

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**Events**