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### Scott Strohmeier, IWCC Football Coach



Iowa Western's head football coach, Scott Strohmeier, led the Reivers to claim the program's second national title. Strohmeier was named the 2022 NJCAA Division I Football Coach of the Year. The #3 Reivers claimed a 31-0 victory over top ranked Hutchinson (KS). Just a week earlier the team also traveled

by bus to play #2 Northwest Mississippi to earn their spot in the national contest.

Strohmeier stated the team was maybe playing with a chip on their shoulder and were very hungry for this win, narrowly missing to Hutchinson last year in the national finals. In total, IWCC has played in four championship games in the last 14 years.

The Minnesota native, Strohmeier, concluded his 22<sup>nd</sup> season in college football, 14 at the helm of the IWCC program. He was a successful quarterback in college playing at the Junior College in Fergus Falls, MN and also at the University of Minnesota at Crookston.

Even though Scott was sick at that last game this year and immediately went to bed after the win, he said the feeling of the kids, the excitement, and accomplishment means the most and will be looked at many years down the road. This year he has 24 guys going on to play Division I football, with 3 starters returning so he has his work cut out for him. Over the years he has had 300 players sign to play at 4- year schools and 12 in the NFL.

Strohmeier stated that so many kids in Iowa get overlooked and now with the transfer portal, it also hurts more high school kids so it allows Jr. Colleges to get more high school kids to play. He is only allowed to recruit 20 from outside of the border.

Scott's favorite part of his job is game day! He loves his work and it doesn't feel like work to him.

However, the least favorite is what you deal with today. How you coach is different. You must be careful in any meeting because it may be recorded, you must be careful how you discipline a kid. With social media so much can be posted and players can promote themselves as well on social media. The transfer portal and endorsements have changed football. IWCC kids can get endorsements, but mostly at IWCC the kids are looking for opportunity; it's not so much the money. He feels it's not a healthy thing to teach kids that when things get tough, you transfer. So likewise today, it seems that means when things get tough in a marriage, you just divorce

Strohmeier stated the success of the football program has been free marketing for the college as stated by former Pres. Dan Kinney, Sr. and also inspires other sports teams at IWCC to succeed nationally. The football team is posted on facebook and has had games on ESPN+ and ESPN-U.

Other topics discussed were scholarships, facilities, JV games, and how he got started.

Coach Strohmeier is married to Karla, who was from a neighboring town who he met at a wedding, and they have three daughters – ages 20-17-14. He is not vocal at their sporting events because he said he has spent all of Saturday yelling at his players and he just enjoys watching them and says they aren't pushed into sports, but can play if they want.

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**February 11 speaker will be:**

**Julie Danker, Pres. Treynor Music Boosters  
8-9 AM Sat. Treynor Community Building**

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***Famous Quote:***

***"Tomorrow's world will be shaped by what we teach our children today."***

***Another Amish Proverb***

## Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell called the meeting to order. Present were 18 members. Scott Strohmeier was our guest.

Jordan shared that on this day in 2004 Mark Zuckerberg launched Facebook from his college room. In 1789 on this day the first electoral college elected George Washington as President.

Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance and Steve Irvin gave the opening prayer.

Jokes were shared by Bill Vorthmann, Keith Denton, and Dale Willenborg.

**50/50** was won by Gary Guttau.

The **Attendance Award** was won by Diane Willenborg, but she was not present to win.

### Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Celebrities Clint Black turned 60 today, Alice Cooper turned 74, and Lawrence Taylor turned 64.

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

- Dee Guttau announced that two Optimists were honored at the recent basketball game for being Teammates members – Dale Willenborg and Phil Waggoner. Jordan Campbell is also a Teammate but was officiating elsewhere that evening.
- Dale Willenborg contributed for the Teammates honor also.



Teammates is seeking to expand the program into the elementary. Please contact Jennifer Winchell for more info if you would like to volunteer for 30-60 mins each week at the

school. (Don't worry if you can't be there each week.)

- Dee Guttau also contributed because their grandson, Owen Wells, pledged SAE Fraternity at Kansas University.
- Dick Fox stated they spent Christmas in Gothenburg (6 weeks late), attended five basketball games, and had 1.5 ft of snow.

### Business:

- Gary Guttau had a display of different types of bags to purchase for the can kennel, as the ones being used are being rejected by the resource center. The consensus was to deduct a flat fee from each organization to cover the added cost. HOWEVER, after the meeting, I was notified by Dale Willenborg that John Klein has talked to Home Depot who will donate 55 gallon clear bags for everything we need this year. He is picking up some today and Dale will modify the racks for the new bags. Thank you, John!

### Community:

- The Optimist Club of Underwood is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sun, Feb. 19 at Pizza King in Council Bluffs. Social time begins at 5:30 and the meal can be ordered from a limited menu at 6 PM. You may pay that evening, but please RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 7 to Dale Robertson: [agidale@aol.com](mailto:agidale@aol.com) or 402-650-2422 or Barb Robertson: [jooitomk@aol.com](mailto:jooitomk@aol.com) or 402-670-8029.
- The first-ever Treynor Mouse Derby will be held on Friday, Feb. 24 at Silos. Tickets can be purchased at the Occasional Collective or online for \$20 individual and \$160 for a table of 8. Tickets include dinner and a drink ticket. This fundraiser will benefit Treynor Parks & Trails. See the attached flyer.
- Jordan Campbell also stated that on Sun., Feb. 19 from 4-7 PM at Zion Congregational Church there will be a "Game Night Challenge". The cost is just \$1.

### Auction Items:

Dick Fox donated a home canned jar of peaches which went to Keith Denton for \$5. He also donated popcorn which Dale Willenborg bought for \$1.

The meeting was closed with reciting of the Optimist Creed.

## Calendar

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### Events

- Feb 15 Can Kennel Sorting, time TBA
- Feb 19 The Optimist Club of Underwood 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at Pizza King. Read above.

### Birthdays

- Feb 13 Gary Funkhouser

### Anniversaries

#### Programs:

- Feb John Klein
- Mar Dee Gutttau (first two weeks)  
Linda Danker (last two weeks)
- Apr Keith Denton

### Speakers

- Feb 11 Julie Danker – President of the Treynor Music Boosters – Spring 2023 schedule, including Nashville trip in March.
- Feb 18 Optimist Field Trip – 8 AM meet in Auditorium at IWCC Arts Center for Backstage Tour. If you want to carpool, meet at the Treynor Community Building at 7:30 AM.
- Feb 25 Travis Castle – Building and use plans for “The T” recreation area in 2023 and beyond.

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