

Board of Control Minutes – 1/12/17

Present: Paul Newton, Beth Smith, Daniel Moleti, Ted Kelleher, Matt Wallek, Marc Aceto, Joe Canzanella, Joel Cookson, Joe Tonelli, Bob Lehr, Fred Balsamo, George Synnott, Erin Clark, Carl Nissan, Francis Kennedy, Matt Ryan, Steve Wysowski

1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and Approval – CIAC Board of Control Minutes – December 8, 2016 – The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 8, 2016 Board of Control meeting.
- 1.2 Treasurer’s Report – Board reviewed the Treasurer’s report. Motion to approve the 12/8 minutes and treasurer’s report as part of the consent agenda – F. Kennedy/B. Smith – Approved.

2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Violations of six quarter rule in football – Steve Wysowski presented proposed language for the penalties for violation of the six-quarter rule in football. The proposed language would indicate that a violation results in the head coach be disqualified for the next game, require the retake the Coaching Education Module 51, the program must review its procedures for tracking quarter participation and create a process/plan to ensure athletes don’t exceed the quarter rules, the game in which the violation occurs is forfeited, athlete is disqualified for the next game at any level until reinstated by the Board (consistent with disqualification/ineligible athlete rules in other circumstances), school is fined \$100 per occurrence for a maximum of \$500. The discussion centered primarily on the health & safety aspects of the rule and penalties and whether additional medical examination should be a part of return to play given the quarter provision is in place to limit contact exposures. Dr. Carl Nissan suggested that while the purpose of the rule is to limit exposures, tying the return to competition with specific medical examination suggests a causation that is not proven, and all players are expected to be monitored regardless of whether they exceeded quarter requirements. The feeling of the Board was that the penalties should make clear the onus is on the coaching staff’s to ensure the rule is not violated. It was suggested the language be clarified to reflect that should a violation occur it is the head varsity coach that is disqualified for one game, even if the violation occurred at a sub-varsity level, which will hopefully motivate schools to create a system that tracks this information program-wide. There was also some opinion that a forfeit, particular of a sub-varsity game would not serve as a deterrent for coaches, but others argued it would matter to school administrators and was also important to keep in the penalty for consistency reasons (use of an ineligible player triggers forfeits). Steve Wysowski said he would incorporate the suggestions and begin vetting the policy with other organizations before bringing it back to the Board for final approval.
- 2.2 Report from []. Steve Wysowski presented a report from [] on the procedures it has put in place to track quarter participation in football following its violation of the rule, as was required by the penalties put forward by the Board.

3.0 CONSULTANT REPORT

- 3.1 Unified Sports – George Synnott reported the CIAC Unified Committee would be addressing some issues regarding whether certain CIAC rules need to be addressed or modified in how they are applied to Unified Sports, such as requirement of physicals, and athletes competing in “outside” teams. He noted the Committee would work on these issues and possibly have proposals coming forward soon for the Board to consider.
- 3.2 CAS –
- 3.3 CAPSS –
- 3.4 CABE –
- 3.5 Sports Medicine – Dr. Carl Nissan reported the RIO data has been collected and is in place, and people are now beginning to review the data.
- 3.6 CATA – Marc Aceto reported the trainers are continuing to work on practice act.
- 3.7 CAAD – Fred Balsamo reported CAAD is currently vetting some proposals but has no other report.
- 3.8 CHSCA – Joe Canzanella reported the Coaches Association is working on some coach protection legislation, intended to protect coaches from parents. Also informed the Board All-State banquets in football and soccer would be held this month.
- 3.9 Officials – Joe Tonelli reported the National Federation and many other organizations are beginning a big push for recruitment of officials as there is a national shortage. He noted that as historically many officials were teachers it has become particularly difficult for them to serve as officials.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 4.1 Eligibility Committee – Did not meet.
- 4.2 Eligibility Review Board – The Eligibility Review Board met last month it heard four cases, two approved, one denied, and one withdrawn by rule.

5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

- 5.1

6.0 STAFF REPORTS

- 6.1 Matt Fischer / Joel Cookson – No report.
- 6.2 Robert Lehr – Bob Lehr reported the deadline to enter the Singles Bowling Tournament is tomorrow.
- 6.3 Joe Tonelli – No report.
- 6.4 Stephanie Ford / Mary Lee Weber – No report.
- 6.5 Steve Wysowski – Explained Karissa Niehoff was not present as she was at an NFHS meeting in Indianapolis. He noted she would be keeping tabs on any proposed legislation as the session begins that might impact schools or the CIAC. Steve also provided an update on the Class Act Schools program and some promotional ideas that might be put in place going forward to continue the participation in the program.

6.6 Karissa Niehoff –

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

NOTE: Next Meeting of the Board – February 16, 2017 – 2 p.m.