

CIAC BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2017

Present: Anthony Azzara, Beth Smith, Michele Cordeau, Joel Cookson, Paul Hoey, Matt Fischer, Joe Tonelli, Robert Lehr, Fred Balsamo, Dave Tanner, Janice Saam, Linda Iacobellis, William Thompson.

The meeting began at 2:30 p.m.

1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and approval of the Board of Control Minutes for September 21, 2017 – After review and discussion the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion: To approve minutes – B. Smith / second – W. Thompson / motion approved.

- 1.2 Treasurer's Report – B. Smith, CIAC Board Treasurer, presented the financial report as of October 2017.

Motion: To approve Treasurer's Report – L. Iacobellis / second – D. Telesca / motion approved.

- 1.3 Letter of Self-Report – [] – The Board considered a self-report from [] for violation of the out-of-season coaching rules by its soccer program. The coach collected money from team members to help organize participation in a summer soccer league. The school reported the violation once it was discovered.

Motion: Fine the school \$250 for the violation and require the head coach to retake the appropriate Connecticut Coaching Education module (Module 5, CIAC rules 7 regulations) – L. Iacobellis – second – B. Smith / motion approved.

- 1.4 Modification of CIAC By-Law – Article IX, Section II.D – Student Eligibility – The Board considered a request from a member school to modify the existing by-law that states a student “may not represent more than one school during a season.” The member school wishes to modify the by-law to allow students to return to their “home school” to play a sport not offered at their school. The Board members felt that modifying this by-law would create a world of challenges that would be untenable for schools to manage.

Motion: Reject the request to modify the existing by-law – J. Saam / second – L. Iacobellie / motion approved.

- 1.5 Proposed By-Law Change – Article X – Recruitment, Section G, Penalties 1.b and c – The Board considered language to modify the penalties currently listed in the CIAC by-laws for violations of the recruitment policies. The current language references two sanctions that have no definition in the by-laws and the proposal replaces the language with penalties currently that have definition. The proposal replaces the phrase “restrictive probation” with “probation” and “suspension probation” with “prohibition.”

Motion: Approve the proposed modifications to CIAC by-law – L. Iacobellis / second – B. Smith / motion approved. Changes in by-laws need to be approved by full membership.

- 1.6 Proposal From CIAC Baseball Committee – Continue to Fill the Brackets – The Board considered a proposal from the CIAC Baseball Committee to continue to “fill the brackets” for the CIAC Baseball Tournament to 32 teams per bracket. The Board approved an initial proposal for a two-year trial and the Committee felt it had been highly successful and should be adopted permanently.

Motion: Approve the proposal from the Baseball Committee to continue to fill brackets to 32 teams – D. Tanner / second – W. Thompson / motion approved.

2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Update on Transgender Discussion – Dr. Niehoff updated the Board members on the continuing discussion on the eligibility of transgender student athletes. CAS-CIAC had been contacted by a member school looking for guidance on how to handle a student identifying as gender undecided, and CIAC was waiting for some guidance for attorney Tom Mooney. CAS-CIAC will also be hosting a discussion for CAS member principals and ADs on November 14 on the issues of transgender student-athlete eligibility. The Board members spent some time discussing some of the challenges schools are facing in reporting/maintaining records due to issues of gender identity.

3.0 CONSULTANT REPORTS

- 3.1 CAS – No report
- 3.2 CAPSS – No report
- 3.3 CABE – No report
- 3.4 Sports Medicine – No report
- 3.5 CATA – No report
- 3.6 Unified Sports – No report
- 3.7 CAAD – Matt Perachi reported the athletic directors are working on some long-term projects to promote the position. They are working to clarify the AD job description and are producing a video presentation on the job to present at the CABE/CAPS meeting.
- 3.8 CHSCA – No report
- 3.9 Officials – Joe Tonelli reported that the required winter season rules interpretation meetings have been scheduled and begun.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 4.1 Eligibility – L. Iacobellis, Chair of the Eligibility Committee reported on the Eligibility Committee. The Committee heard five cases (two transfers, and three eight semester rules) and one was approved. Four cases denied)
- 4.2 Eligibility Review Board –L. Iacobellis reported on the Eligibility Review Board’s meeting on 11/9/17. The Board heard two cases and denied both (one eight semester and one transfer).

5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 5.1 Schools of Choice enrollment process and reporting
- 5.2 Adjustments to 2018-19 Season Limitations Game and Practice Dates

6.0 STAFF REPORTS

- 6.1 Matt Fischer – Reported that as part of its agreement with Arbiter sports, CIAC is moving forward with the possibility of adopting Arbiter pay to help schools assign/pay officials. A committee including officials, and school representatives will meet on November 15 to discuss the process.
- 6.2 Joel Cookson – Informed the Board that the third CAS-CIAC Hall of Honor induction ceremony was upcoming and that Board members are encouraged to attend.
- 6.3 Joe Tonelli – Informed the Board members that Sound Runner would be providing an inflatable finish line for the upcoming Cross Country Championships which should help with an issue that has come up occasionally at the championships in previous years.
- 6.4 Gregg Simon – Relayed to the Board members that fall championships are rapidly approaching; the CIAC Sportsmanship Conference will be held on November 16 and registration is open; and a committee had heard all appeals on the CIAC Boys Basketball Tournament divisional placement.

6.5 Karissa Niehoff – Informed the Board members plans were underway to try and resurrect the Academic Bowl competition with a goal of the event taking place in the spring.

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

Chair Azzara asked the Board members to review the future agenda items listed above items and reminded them of the date and time of the next meeting (11/16/17 at 2:30 p.m.) which is a tentative meeting based on necessity.