

## Board of Control Minutes – 4/6/17

Present: Paul Newton, Karissa Niehoff, Len Corto, Robert Cecchini, Stephanie Ford, Joel Cookson, Joe Tonelli, Matt Fischer, Bob Lehr, Matt Ryan, Anthony Azzara, Trish Witkin, Damian Frassinelli, George Synnott, Lee Panagoulas, Francis Kennedy, Suzanne Koroshetz, Beth Smith, Daniel Sullivan, Steve Wysowski, Sheila Riffle, Gayle Allen-Greene, Ted Kelleher, Linda Iacobellis, Carl Nissan

### 1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and Approval – CIAC Board of Control Minutes – January 16, 2017 – The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 16, 2017 Board of Control meeting.
- 1.2 Treasurer’s Report – Board reviewed the Treasurer’s report. Motion to approve the 2/16/17 minutes and treasurer’s report as part of the consent agenda – F. Kennedy / D. Sullivan – Approved.
- 1.3 Cooperative Team Committee Proposal – Opt-out Accommodation – The Board considered a proposal from the Cooperative Team Committee to allow a cooperative program that has completed a phase out to apply for continued existence as a non CIAC competitive program, allowing them to play a regular-season schedule without competing in CIAC tournament. There was lengthy discussion about the merits of the proposal, the philosophy of cooperative teams of the logistics involved, and concerns that there may be issues with unsportsmanlike play without the incentive of CIAC tournament play team. Motion to approve the proposal from the Cooperative Team Committee – L. Panagoulas / L. Iacobellis – Approved 5-4-1.
- 1.4 Penalties For Recruiting Violation Proposal – The Board considered a proposal for new language for the penalties for coaches for violation of CIAC recruiting rules. The Board had previously reviewed the proposed language and was now considering approval after the proposal had been vetted by other organizations. Motion to approve the proposed language for penalties of violations of CIAC recruiting policy – F. Kennedy / D. Sullivan – Approved.
- 1.5 Penalties for Violation of Football Six-Quarter Rule – The Board considered revised language for penalties for violations of the weekly six-quarter rule in football. The proposed language was crafted with suggestions from the Board and other groups. Motion to approve the proposed language for penalties for violation of football six-quarter rule – D. Sullivan / S. Riffle – Approved.
- 1.6 Basketball Committee Proposal – Filling the Brackets – The Board considered a proposal from the Boys and Girls Basketball Committees to continue the policy of filling the brackets to 32 teams for the boys and girls basketball tournaments. The Board initially approved the policy for a two-year trial and the committees were pleased with the results over two years and believe it should be continued. Motion to continue the policy of filling the brackets to 32 teams for boys and girls basketball tournaments – A. Azzara / F. Kennedy – Approved.
- 1.7 Letter of Self-Report – Out of Season Coaching – [ ] – The Board considered the continuation of a self-report from [ ] for violation of out-of-season coaching rules by its

track & field program. The Board previously considered this violation but determined sanctions against the school would not be actionable unless the coach returned for the new season, thus making the violation officially “out-of-season.” The school subsequently informed CIAC the coach had returned though it was unintentionally tardy in the notification. No motion, the Board reconfirmed the action taken when the self-report was initially reported at the September 22 meeting (and minutes).

- 1.8 Appeal of Cooperative Team Committee Decision – SGWL Boys Ice Hockey – The Board considered an appeal of a decision by the Cooperative Team Committee regarding the status of the SGWL (Suffield-Granby-Windsor Locks) boys ice hockey co-op. The Committee determined due to being over the allowed number of athletes on its application that the co-op should be phased out and would not be permitted to compete in the 2017-18 school year. The Board considered information that the Committee decided to rule for the phase out after the team had consistently been over the allowed participation numbers during a series of phase outs. Representatives of the three schools presented the appeal suggesting changes in enrollment for the schools in the coming years would put them under the allowed participation numbers in the future, and that the program has been a great benefit to all involved. Motion to deny the appeal of the Cooperative Team Committee decision – M. Ryan / B. Smith – Approved.
- 1.9 Appeal of Cooperative Team Committee Decision – Ledyard/Fitch Field Hockey – The Board considered an appeal of a decision by the Cooperative Team Committee regarding the status of the Fitch/Ledyard field hockey co-op. The Committee determined the co-op would be phased out and not permitted to compete in 2017 due to exceeding the allowed participant regulations. A representative from Ledyard offered information for the appeal, including an alternative roster construction for the co-op that would allow it to compete for two more seasons. Motion to deny the appeal of the Cooperative Team Committee decision – B. Smith / F. Kennedy – Withdrawn. Motion to table the appeal and request additional information from the schools for the appeal before taking any action – K. Kennedy / L. Panagoulis – Approved.
- 1.10 Proposed Amendment – Disqualification for Out-of-Season Coaching – The Board considered a possible amendment to Rule 4.6.D Consequences for Coaching Out of Season which would allow for The Board to assigning for which games coaches may be disqualified. This issue was raised in a previous Board meeting when a large number of coaches were disqualified for out-of-season coaching and CIAC rules stipulated there was no flexibility in when the disqualifications can be served. Joe Tonelli suggested that the language could be added to the general rules about disqualifications rather than specifically dealing with out-of-season coaching for greater consistency. Motion to adopt language allowing Board discretion in assigning disqualifications – B. Smith / L. Iacobellis – Approved. The new language will be brought for Board approval at a subsequent meeting.
- 1.11 Wrestling Committee Proposal – Outside Competition In Elite Events As Unattached Competitor – The Board considered a proposal from the Wrestling Committee to permit

wrestlers to compete in elite tournaments as unattached competitors during the season. The proposal is similar to what is currently permitted in other individual sports. The Board members wanted to clarify that the proposal indicated that participation in the events should only come with the approval of the coach, AD, and Principal of the school, and it was indicated that is what the Committee intended. Motion to approve the proposal from the Wrestling Committee – K. Kennedy / L. Panagoulas – Approved.

## 2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.1 Robert Cecchini updated the group on a proposal regarding the divisions for the boys basketball tournament. A proposal has been approved by the boys basketball committee and will now begin being shared with constituent groups in an effort to have it reviewed and vetted in a timely fashion. His proposal and the process of presenting it are trying to address concerns that were raised with a proposal that was put forward last year.

## 3.0 CONSULTANT REPORT

3.1 Unified Sports – George Synnott – No report.

3.2 CAS –

3.3 CAPSS – Scott Schoonmaker – No report.

3.4 CABA –

3.5 Sports Medicine –

3.6 CATA –

3.7 CAAD – Damian Frasinelli – Damian Frasinelli reported that CAAD had a record number of attendees at its annual CAAD Conference in March and that the event was very well received.

3.8 CHSCA – Len Corto – Len Corto reported the Annual Coach of the Year Banquet will be held May 11 at the AquaTurf and the organization will be holding a summer outing and golf tournament on June 27.

3.9 Officials – Joe Tonelli – No report.

## 4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Eligibility Committee – The Committee heard four cases; approved one, approved one pending additional information, denied one, and denied one pending additional information.

4.2 Eligibility Review Board – The Board heard two cases and one adjudication; two cases were waived, and the adjudication could not find a transfer for athletic reasons.

## 5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

5.1

## 6.0 STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Matt Fischer / Joel Cookson – No report

6.2 Robert Lehr – No report.

6.3 Joe Tonelli – No report

6.4 Stephanie Ford / Mary Lee Weber – No report

6.5 Steve Wysowski – No report

6.6 Karissa Niehoff – No report

## 7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

**NOTE: Next Meeting of the Board – May 4, 2017 – 2 p.m.**