

## Board of Control Minutes – 9/22/16

Present: Paul Newton, Karissa Niehoff, Dan Sullivan, Joe Monroe, Ted Kelleher, Daniel Moleti, Marc Aceto, Carl Nissan, Cordelia Carter, Joe Tonelli, Robert Cecchini, Stephanie Ford, Matt Fischer, Robert Lehr, Joel Cookson, Lee Panagoulas, Joe Canzanella, Trish Witkin, Damian Frassinelli, Stephen Patrina, Scott Schoonmaker, Glenn Lungarini, Fran Kennedy, Anthony Azzarra, Steve Wysowski.

### 1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and Approval – CIAC Board of Control Minutes – August 25, 2016 – The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 25, 2016 Board of Control meeting.
- 1.2 Treasurer’s Report – Board reviewed the Treasurer’s report.
- 1.3 Meeting Calendar for 2016-17 Year (revision) – Steve Wysowski presented the revised scheduled meeting dates for CIAC board meetings with a revision from previous approval. Dates for the Board of Control and Eligibility Committee are (Eligibility Committee meets at 1:15 followed by Board of Control at 2 p.m.): Thursday, September 22; Thursday, October 27; Thursday, November 17 (special meeting if needed); Thursday, December 8 (revised date); Thursday, January 12; Thursday, February 16; Thursday, April 6; Thursday, May 4 (if needed). The scheduled meetings for CIAC Eligibility Review Board are: Thursday, September 1; Thursday, October 13; Thursday, November 10; Thursday, December 15; Thursday, January 26; Thursday, March 9; Thursday, April 20; Thursday, May 11 (if needed). Motion to approve the 8/25/16 minutes, the treasurer’s report, and the 2016-17 revised meeting calendar as part of consent agenda – D. Sullivan / J. Monroe – Approved.
- 1.4 Letter of Self-Report – Out of Season Coaching – [ ] – The Board considered a self-report from [ ] for a violation of the out-of-season coaching rules by its outdoor track & field team. An assistant track & field coach began working out with his own daughter and eventually began working with other athletes on the track, and with school equipment, in violation of CIAC rules. The coach was told by the athletics director and principal to end the session. The Board considered a motion then withdrew it as the event does not technically become a violation unless the coach remains with the team when the new track season begins in either the winter or spring. Steve Wysowski indicated he will contact the school and inform them of the possible penalties that will be levied under those circumstances.

### 2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Sportsmanship Conference – Steve Wysowski updated the Board on the Sportsmanship Conference which will take place Thursday November 17. The conference will be focused this year on the rollout of the Class Act Schools program.
- 2.2 Recruitment Violation Language – Paul Newton asked the Board members to look at the revised language regarding possible policy change for violations of CIAC recruiting policy. The proposed policy is still being vetted and the Board members are encouraged to provide feedback as it the proposal will be presented again to the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPPS) before ultimately coming back to the Board for consideration.

2.3 NFHS news – Karissa Niehoff updated the Board on several initiatives from the NFHS in the area of health and safety of student-athletes. These include development of white papers about overuse injuries, and working towards possible federal legislation designed to help protect the health and safety of students. She also introduced guest Dr. Cordelia Carter, an orthopedic surgeon, who has advised the NFHS and is involved in addressing these issues at the state level in Connecticut.

### 3.0 CONSULTANT REPORT

3.1 Unified Sports –

3.2 CAS –

3.3 CAPSS – Paul Newton welcomed Scott Schoonmaker who attended the meeting as a representative of CAPSS.

3.4 CABE –

3.5 Sports Medicine – Carl Nissan updated the Board that one year of data had been collected and verified through the RIO system, which can be valuable for decision-making going forward. He noted communication will be sent to the schools thanking them for their efforts in collecting this data, and urging them to continue the process for at least one more year so more information can be collected and analyzed.

3.6 CATA – Marc Aceto informed the board Jeff Shanley has been elected new president of CATA, and the group is finalizing a scope of practice to be put forward as legislation for the next term.

3.7 CAAD – Damian Frassinelli reported the CAAD annual breakfast meeting will be on October 5, 2016.

3.8 CHSCA – Joe Canzanella reported the Coaches Association recently had a meeting with its respective sports chairs. The group is nominating 17 Connecticut for national awards. The group is planning to pass a resolution in October to conduct a complete survey of coaches using an independent survey company to gather feedback.

3.9 Officials – Joe Tonelli informed the Board winter sports rule interpretation meetings were beginning to be scheduled and take place in the coming weeks.

### 4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Eligibility Committee – Joe Monroe reported the Eligibility Committee heard five cases, approved two and denied three.

4.2 Eligibility Review Board – Did not meet.

### 5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

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### 6.0 STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Matt Fischer / Joel Cookson – Matt Fischer informed the Board of preliminary discussions involving changing CIAC's online ticketing vendor and working with a group affiliated with the NFHS Network.

- 6.2 Robert Lehr – Robert Lehr reported CIAC will be hosting an event featuring Olympic Champion Lindsey Vonn at Southington High School on October 3, and hoped Board members will encourage their students to attend.
- 6.3 Joe Tonelli – No report.
- 6.4 Stephanie Ford – No report.
- 6.5 Steve Wysowski – Steve Wysowski reported the Baseball Committee is likely to vote on a proposal regarding pitch counts at its next meeting. He also reported the second CAS-CIAC Hall of Honor ceremony will take place on October 29 at the AquaTurf and Board members are encouraged to attend. Also cited a story in High School Today noting that high school sports participation continues to rise across the country.
- 6.6 Karissa Niehoff – Karissa Niehoff informed the Board members Stephanie Ford will soon be taking part in a job share with Mary Lee Weber joining the CIAC staff to work with Stephanie.

## 7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

**NOTE: Next Meeting of the Board – October 27, 2016 – 2 p.m.**