

CIAC OFFICIALS' ADVISORY BOARD ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

October 10, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Heather Kursman, Chris Burns, Buddy Chernovetz/Hank Luzzi, Joe Miller, Ray Faustich, Pat Javorski, Donna Vavrinec, Melissa Zigmont, Jay Kelleher, Hank Koritkoski, Dave Leete, Kelly Murphy, Lev Torgerson, Dan Scavone, CIAC Staff, and Joe Tonelli, CIAC Staff

ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

On a motion by Jay Kelleher, seconded by Dave Leete, the minutes of May 16, 2019 and June 13, 2019 (state-wide meeting) were approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

3561 individual officials occupy 4,629 officiating slots. 2573 officials are members of the NFHS Officials Association.

CIAC OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION GRANTS

Dan reported that four boards received 250.00 grants for becoming first time users of the Arbiter. Those boards are: Eastern CT Football, Eastern CT Soccer, Fairfield Swimming and CT Swimming. Also new NFHS member grants of 250.00 were awarded to Southern CT Volleyball and all six CFOA Football Boards.

ARBITER INTEGRATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Pat Javorski, a member of this committee and its sub-committee gave a detailed report of the goals set forth along with identifying a priority list of issues these committees would like to address in the coming weeks. The first task is to put together clear instructions for schools to correctly set their defaults for each team. This will fix many of the issues such as games not getting into correct groups, games being set with invalid lengths, etc. The consensus of the group is that this system is worth the time and effort going forward and as the glitches get worked out, there is a noticeable sign of progress. The sub-committee meets again on October 24th and the next full committee meeting will take place in early November.

OLD BUSINESS / INFORMATION ITEMS

PRESEASON COACHES' RULES MEETINGS FOR WINTER COACHES

Dan reported that the Fall Rules Interpretation Meetings were very successful and that he would be sending out requests for dates and locations for winter meetings. These meetings continue to be of benefit for our member schools as well as the local boards that they are serviced by.

NFHS ONLINE AND IN-PERSON RULE INTERPRETERS MEETINGS

Many of our rule interpreters continue to take part in these meeting to get the new rules from the national interpreters and rules editors. Because we are considered a 100% state by the NFHS, we can have an interpreter from each board participate in the online rules meetings. We can also include some assistant interpreters who wish to attend. A schedule for the In-person meetings coming up in September of 2020 for the winter sports of wrestling, ice hockey and basketball was distributed. Connecticut will have representation at these meetings which will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis. Registration information will be sent out three months prior to the event.

NEW BUSINESS

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dan shared the most current legislative actions that have taken place in the states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and California. A handout was also distributed highlighting and ejection that was overturned by a judge in New Jersey which resulted in the athlete returning to competition the next game.

RECRUITMENT OF OFFICIALS UPDATE

Dan spoke about the highly successful campaign in 2018-19 the NFHS instituted targeting first responders to become sports officials. This year's target group will be teachers which formally made up a large population of officials. Dan also mentioned that he will be present at the CTAHPERD Conference in November giving a presentation to attendees (300 plus) health and physical educators about the importance of considering the profession of sports officiating. Lastly, Dan recently attending the CT Sports Summit in Milford speaking about the present state of recruitment and retention of sports officials.

SPORTS REPORTS - AROUND THE TABLE

The group welcomed new and returning members of this committee. All in attendance expressed their thanks and well wishes to the retiring Director of the CIAC officials Association, Mr. Joe Tonelli.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm. The next meeting of the CIAC Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 @ 4:00 PM @ CIAC.

