

ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 4, 2017

Present: Dave Eustis, Sal Follo, Dave Harackiewicz, Tom Malin, Marty Roos, Greg Maxey, Steve Trifone, George Hall – Tournament Director, Tom Neagle – Chair and Joe Tonelli – CIAC.

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Tom Neagle at 3:00 p.m. Tom apprized the committee that there were eight appeals, one of which was a request from Newtown High School to move up from Division III to Division II, which would not necessitate a hearing, but would be discussed prior to committee deliberations relative to the appeals. The following schools will be appearing to appeal their division placement for the 2017-18 season: Glastonbury, East Catholic, Guilford, Daniel Hand, NFI, Woodstock Academy and Hall/Southington. Tom informed the committee that each school was provided a 20 minute time slot to make their case.

Minutes – On a motion by Sal Follo the minutes of March 21, 2017 were approved.

Correspondence – Aside from the correspondence that we received relative to the Division Placement appeals and a thank you note from the Tom Cross family there was no other correspondence.

Appeals – George distributed the appeal packets that contained the letters of appeal, team rosters, schedules and results, rankings, power points, etc., tournament brackets and any other information provided by schools. The committee reviewed the written rationale for all schools and each school was given as much time as needed to present their rationale and to answer follow-up questions from the committee.

Action – After considerable discussion and deliberation on each case, the committee approved the following actions:

Newtown Appeal – As has been past practice, their written request to move up to Division II was approved.

Glastonbury Appeal – Approved the appeal to move from Division I to Division II.

East Catholic Appeal – Denied the appeal to move from Division I to Division II. East Catholic will remain in Division I and will compete in the Division I tournament for the 2017-18 season.

Guilford Appeal – Approved the appeal to move from Division I to Division II.

Daniel Hand Appeal – Approved the appeal to move from Division II to Division III.

NFI Appeal – Denied the appeal to move from Division I to Division II. East Catholic will remain in Division I and will compete in the Division I tournament for the 2017-18 season.

Woodstock Academy Appeal – Approved the appeal to move from Division I and the committee placed them in Division II, where they will compete in the CIAC tournament for the 2017-18 season.

Wm. Hall/Southington Appeal – Denied the appeal to move from Division II to Division III. Wm. Hall/Southington will compete in the Division II tournament for the 2017-18 season.

Note: The athletic director of each school will be notified of the decision on their appeal tomorrow morning by Joe Tonelli.

Status Report – George gave an update to the committee on the penalty forms. Tom distributed the updated status report for the 2016-17 season. With the assistance of the committee members, Tom confirmed that the following schools will receive letters of commendation for playing the season major penalty free. They are BCR co-op, Darien, Farmington Valley, Glastonbury, Hall/Southington, New Canaan, Newington, North Branford, Ridgefield and the Shepaug co-op. Also Darien was removed from probation. Conard had 3 majors and will remain on probation. Also, only four (4)

schools were placed on probation for the 2017-18 season. They are Newtown, North Haven, St. Joseph and Stamford/Westhill. Joe will prepare the appropriate letters for Judy, who will send them to the schools.

Tournament Review – The financial information regarding the 2017 tournament was incomplete. We will have more detailed information for the fall meeting. George reported that the tournament dedication went well and Tom Cross was appreciative of the honor. Unfortunately, the weather postponements played havoc with the schedule forcing the Division I final to be played on Monday. There is no question that the combination of the weather issues, and the fact that the teams who usually draw large crowds did not advance to the semi-finals or finals, will have significant impact on the gate income.

NFHS Report – Tom reported that the NFHS rules committee meeting will be held in Indianapolis at the end of the month. Lev, who is a member of the NFHS rules committee, will be in attendance.

Coaches Association Report – Sal mentioned the All State banquet, the excellent cooperation he received from the coaches relative to the Hobey Baker and the All-Star games. He thanked Marty for once again donating the ice for these games and the officials.

Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Ice Hockey Committee is Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Please note the entire meeting schedule below.

Meeting Dates for 2017-18

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. (Captains & Coaches)

Thursday, March 1, 2018 – 12:15 p.m. (penalty review)

Friday, March 2, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. (Pairings)

Monday, March 19, 2018 – 3:00 p.m. (Potential Divisions)

Monday, April 9, 2018 – 3:00 p.m. (Wrap-up Meeting and Appeals)