

ICE HOCKEY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
March 19, 2018

Members present: Sal Follo, Dave Harackiewicz, Ken Henrici, Tom Malin, Greg Maxey, Andrew Pettola, Marty Roos, Steve Trifone, Tournament Director George Hall, Chair Tom Neagle, Joe Tonelli (CIAC staff).

Dr. Tom Neagle called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Tom made some general comments about the tournament and thanked the committee for their efforts in supervising many of the games. Tom also thanked George for the excellent job he did during the tournament, especially with the rescheduling because of weather issues and the dedication ceremony in honor of Rob Melanson, which was very well attended. Rob and his family were very appreciative of the honor that was bestowed on him by the ice hockey committee.

The only agenda item for this meeting is to formulate the potential divisions for 2018-19.

Minutes – On a motion by Sal Follo the minutes of March 1 were approved.

In the interest of time, Tom deferred all of the agenda items under old business to a later date. Tom turned the meeting over to George Hall to begin the process to formulate the potential divisions for 2018-19.

Consistent with past practice, the CIAC Ice hockey Committee annually reviews the status of all teams to formulate the potential divisions which best demonstrates competitive balance, fully cognizant that the strength of teams within a division will vary from top to bottom. The Ice Hockey Committee is charged with the responsibility of assessing the competitiveness of teams as well as projecting the ability of teams to compete in the assigned division for the upcoming tournament. To make the determination, the CIAC relies heavily on the expertise of the committee to review and consider all the pertinent information prepared on all teams that were identified for more detailed scrutiny and a possible division change. After a lengthy review, the following changes were confirmed individually.

- East Catholic was moved down from Division I to Division II – Motion Sal / Vote unanimous with one abstention.
- SGWL was moved from Division I to Division II – Motion Steve / Vote unanimous
- West Haven HS was moved from Division I to Division II – Motion Sal / Vote 7-1. It was noted that if West Haven requests to move back up to Division I prior to the appeal deadline of April 3, the Committee would honor their request.
- Eastern Eagles were moved from Division III to Division II – Motion Sal / Vote unanimous
- WMRP were moved from Division III to Division II – Motion Malin / Vote unanimous
- Milford Co-op was moved from Division II to Division III – Motion Dave H / Vote 7-0 with one abstention
- New Milford was moved from Division II to Division III – Motion Dave H / Vote 7-0 with one abstention
- Newtown was moved from Division II to Division III – Motion Andrew P / Vote unanimous

These moves resulted in 14 teams in Division I and all of these teams will qualify for the tournament, regardless of record; 22 teams in Division II; and 20 teams in Division III. (Note) After the meeting and prior to the April 3 deadline, West Haven did elect to move back up to Division I, and therefore the number of teams now stands at D-I – 15; DII – 21; and DIII – 20. This could change if we get any appeals. Joe Tonelli will distribute the potential divisions for the 2018-19 season at the CAAD conference and inform the athletic directors that the appeal deadline is Tuesday, April 3 and the appeal hearings are scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2018.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next meeting of the ice hockey committee will be Monday, April 9, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Hopefully, all committee members can attend the appeal hearing and the wrap-up of the 2016-17 ice hockey season.