
CIAC OFFICIALS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

February 7, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melissa Arms, Ruth Hewston for Gloria Bellucci, Hank Luzzi, Chris Burns, Ray Faustich, Pat Javorski, Jay Kelleher, Lou Urso for Hank K, Dave Leete, Kelly Murphy, Terry Schanbacher for Joe Miller, Lil Perone, Lev Torgerson, and Joe Tonelli, CIAC

ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

On a motion by Ray Faustich, the minutes of October 25, 2012 were approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

4,078 individual officials occupy 5,233 officiating slots. 2344 officials are members of the NFHS Officials Association.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The budget committee of the officials' advisory board recommended that the membership fee remain the same for the 2013 -14 school year. Also, for advanced planning, the budget committee recommended a specified increase in the CIAC membership fee for the 2014-15. The moderate increase was discussed and agreed upon in principal by an overwhelming majority of board reps. it was pointed out that this will be the first increase in 9 years.

Practically all of the board reps present cited some of the benefits and services of being part of the CIAC team such as background checks, utilizing CIAC resources and staff for info and answers to questions, the perk of the membership card regarding free admission to regular season and tournament games, increased communication and support from CIAC, the establishment of the CIAC communication protocol for schools and officials groups to follow to assist in working together to deal with issues and concerns, NFHS rules information and participation in the NFHS online rules interpretation meetings at no cost, free electronic exams and answer files, participation of all officials in NFHS surveys, representation on all CIAC sports committees and the spirit of cooperation that exists between the boards and CIAC has been mutually beneficial. Also, the sharing of information, ideas and best practices amongst the groups at advisory board meetings, as well as the state-wide meeting has been extremely beneficial to all.

OLD BUSINESS / INFORMATION ITEMS

The follow items were briefly addressed:

2.1 Updating your membership to keep current (memo). All boards should follow this process in a timely manner. Any questions contact Jadwiga Brown at CIAC

2.2 NFHS Rules Interpretations Online Meetings – Fall sports - 5 LOG INS
NFHS Rules Questionnaires–Winter sport questionnaires were sent by Joe T to all BK, HK, WR, SW & D officials and coaches. Board leaders should encourage their membership to take advantage of this opportunity to provide input into the rules writing process.

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2.3 CIAC Board of Control meetings –Sign-up Sheet – All dates were filled. It should be noted that the input of Lev Torgerson at the March 7th meeting had a significant impact on the CIAC Board and assisted the ice hockey in convincing the board to maintain a three division format with full brackets.

2.4 Incentive Grants Program / Updated grants approval list – To date, 43 grants of \$250 have been awarded totaling \$10, 750. Boards that have not benefitted from this program have until June 30, 2013. This applies only to groups that have never received a grant, except for the standing grants (Joining NFHS or first time Arbiter users) which has no deadline and can be a second grant for a board.

2.5 Background Check Update – Joe T emphasized that new candidates must be submitted as early as possible on the new members membership template with complete information, including middle name and maiden name, if applicable to provide adequate time to screen the applicants prior to the season.

2.6 Preseason coaches' rules meeting – We continue to provide an honorarium for the clinicians and this program has served a positive purpose for all concerned.

SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION UPDATE

This topic was discussed at state-wide meeting and those present requested some additional information from CIAC that boards could use as they wish to educate their members. This info was distributed at the October Advisory Board meeting and is now posted on the CIAC officials' website as requested.

NEW BUSINESS – SPORTS REPORTS

Each rep gave a brief and informative report on their officials' groups in their respective sports. It was obvious that many good things and programs are being conducted by all groups to prepare the membership for the season. Many new initiatives were noted and shared. The reps also referenced the membership numbers, and in most cases, the supply is meeting the demand. In some sports it is a challenge on some days to cover all games. This is especially true when mass postponements occur and all games are rescheduled to the next day. Many boards have initiatives to identify the newer officials that show great potential and efforts are made with these individuals to prepare them for the next level. Many boards have initiated strategies to enhance the relationship with member schools such as giving sportsmanship awards to deserving schools and others honor athletic directors that do a great job hosting the officials. It was an excellent discussion with many great ideas. It certain shows that the boards work extremely hard to provide the best service possible to the member schools.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm. **The next meeting of the CIAC Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2013 @ 4:00 PM @ CIAC. The state- wide meeting with be held on Thursday, June 13, 2023.**
