

CIAC OFFICIALS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

October 25, 2012

Members Present: Gloria Bellucci, Bud Chernovetz for Hank Luzzi, Chris Burns, Ray Faustich, Pat Javorski, Jay Kelleher, Hank Koritkoski, Dave Leete, Kelly Murphy, Joe Delbuono for Joe Miller, Lil Perone, Steve Richetelli for Lev Torgerson and Joe Tonelli, CIAC

ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

On a motion by Joe Delbuono, the minutes of May 10, 2012 were approved. The meeting summary of the June 14, 2012 Stat-wide meeting was distributed for information. The meeting was well attended and successful. Many positive comments about the format and the information provided.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

4,001 individual officials occupy 5,134 officiating slots. 2254 officials are members of the NFHS Officials Association.

NEW RECRUITMENT BROCHURE

The new brochure was distributed. It is an excellent public relations piece. The brochure order was reduced, since it is also on line. Boards that want them for distribution can email jbrown@casciac.org. The brochures will be distributed at the CIAC Sportsmanship Conference to more 500 student leaders. It was suggested that a general statement be included in the brochure to inform people that they must apply a few months prior to the start of the season.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2012-2013

The budget committee did not meet yet since they wanted to wait to get a better handle on the anticipated expenditures for the 2012 - 2013 school year. The CIAC Officials Association continues to have a solid financial base as a result of the CIAC subsidy.

SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION

Joe distributed some information regarding the use of the social media by officials. This topic was discussed at state-wide meeting and those present requested some additional information from CIAC that boards could use to as they wished to educate their members.

BACKGROUND CHECKS UPDATE (Explanation of the Arrest Policy)

Advisory Board member Jay Kelleher, who was also a member of the background check committee, put this state out to the football boards which provides an excellent explanation for the reporting of arrests. Since this statement was approved by CIAC, it can be used by all boards in response to questions about complying with this aspect of the background check policy.

"In accordance with the CIAC policy for background checks, any official charged with a criminal offense (other than an infraction) that could result in a jail sentence must report it immediately to the background check designee of the local board, who will then report it to CIAC. Reportable offenses include, but are not limited to, criminal offenses involving drugs, violence, and sexual misconduct, crimes against a minor and criminal offenses that violate the public trust and are considered contrary to community standards of justice, honesty, and good morals. You can access the entire CIAC policy by going to this link."

<http://www.casciac.org/pdfs/backgroundcheckpolicyfinal.pdf>

OLD BUSINESS/INFORMATION ITEMS

PRESEASON RULES MEETINGS/WINTER AND SPRING DATES

Joe Tonelli requested the winter sports rules meeting dates for coaches. He encouraged boards to accommodate leagues, when possible. We will provide an honorarium of \$50, plus mileage reimbursement, to any official that provides a rules meeting for coaches only.

NFHS ONLINE RULES INTERPRETATIONS MEETING SCHEDULE

Softball –Wednesday, Jan 16, 2013

Baseball –Thursday, Jan 17, 2013

Track & Field – Fri, Jan 18, 2013

Boys Lax - Tuesday, Jan 22, 2013

For your convenience, interpreters now have the ability to log on from their home, office, or a designated location. 5 logins are permitted. It is no longer necessary to come to the CIAC for these sessions. This has worked extremely well.

CIAC BOARD OF CONTROL MEETINGS

Reps for the CIAC Board Meetings. All meetings are at 2:00 PM

November 29 – Joe Delbuono March 28 - Kelly Murphy

Dec. 20 (if needed) – Lil Perone April 25 – Lil Perone

Jan. 17 – Dave Leete May 23, if needed – Chris Burns

Please mark your calendars and let me know if a conflict arises.

INCENTIVE GRANTS PROGRAM

Hank Koritkoski reported that the committee approved and awarded 39 grants thus far. Boards that did not apply can apply prior to the end of the 2012-13 school year. Two standing grants, one for joining the NFHS officials' Assoc and the other for first time users of the Arbiter Assigning program can be in addition to a previously awarded grant.

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

This was distributed and reemphasized as a good way to solve any problems that arise between officials groups and the member schools.

CRITICISM OF GAME OFFICIALS

The number of incidences has been greatly reduced since the CIAC policy was instituted. In most cases, on the first offense a letter of warning is sent to the school and the school and athletic administration is permitted to handle the matter.

CONCUSSION PROTOCOL FOR OFFICIALS

This was distributed and reemphasized. This protocol was approved by CIAC and should be followed by all officials in all sports.

NEW BUSINESS

RULES INTERPRETATION MEETINGS FOR LEAGUES

We realize that it is a challenge, especially for boards that service the entire state to accommodate all leagues by sending an interpreter or a qualified official to provide a rules meeting, in conjunction with the league coaches meeting. However, the advisory board believes it is good PR to provide this service.

NEW OFFICIALS CONTACT

A list has been compiled with the contact for each board. CIAC continues to refer new officials to the contact people and this list will facilitate that process.

RULE INTERPRETER'S LIST

A list has been compiled with the contact for each board.

DISCUSSION ITEM

The board discussed some of the methods used by the various sports and boards to review rules. Here are some of the ideas shared:

Interpreter's bulletins, rules sessions incorporated into each meeting, interpreter distributes questions and answers to rules questions via email to members, movie nights where officials review play situations on film etc. All agreed that it was important to work hard to increase the rules knowledge of all their members, especially since it is expected that all officials know the rules.

AROUND THE TABLE

This is always a worthwhile part of the meeting. Some of the things mentioned were as follows: Many commented that the grants program is serving us very well and is a great way for the CIAC Officials' Association to assist local boards...The NFHS lightning policy was mentioned and it was emphasized that all boards should review this with their members...one sport mentioned that it was a tough year with many challenges...It was mentioned that some sub varsity coaches go after the newer officials and that hurts retention...Local board dues info was shared to assist a board contemplating an increase in fees...It was mentioned that the advisory board meetings contained topics and idea sharing that was very informative.

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, February 7, 2013 @ 4:00 PM @ CIAC.**