

## SOFTBALL COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 1, 2016

Present: Barbara Startup, Beth Smith, Scott Aresco, Brian Burdick, Gary Hovhanessian, Hank Koritkoski, Suzi Miner, Bob Lehr.

Eileen Crompton has resigned from the Softball Committee.

Barbara Startup provided a review of the 2016 CIAC softball tournament. The tournament included a tribute to longtime softball chair Judy Saxton. Judy was recognized at the game and presented a plaque in recognition of her work on behalf of Connecticut high school softball. Barbara also thanked Scott Aresco for his efforts in assisting her throughout the tournament.

Barbara reported that there were no significant problems at the semi-finals or finals and that both DeLuca Field and West Haven were excellent sites for the finals. Weather was not a factor for the finals although it did disrupt one semi-final game. The committee approved the same sites for the finals.

Scott Aresco mentioned that some teams played three games on consecutive games. The committee adjusted the packet so that there will be a free day after the first two rounds.

Motion by Gary and seconded by Scott – All equipment must be placed outside the dugout prior to each tournament game so the umpire can check the equipment for legality. The check will occur during infield warmup. (This is to be put on the Alert Page as well as in 12.9). Motion passed.

It was asked if Matt could post draw positions earlier. Bob will ask Matt if that can be done.

Hank discussed the use of electronic equipment during tournament games. The committee discussed the topic at length. On a motion by Hank and seconded by Gary, the committee approved new language for the packet. This will now be part of the packet language.

Hank asked for discussion on the 15 run rule for tournament games; however, the committee decided to leave it as presently stated in the packet. Barbara did ask Hank to remind all officials the NFHS rules are to be followed for all regular season games relative to game ending procedures.

The committee also suggested that Matt be asked to limit the roster to 18.

A change was written in Appendix B that permits 6 umpires to be recommended.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.