

CIAC BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2019

Present: Anthony Azzarra, Sheila Riffle, Joseph Corso, Linda Iacobellis, Vincent DeNuzzo, David Eustis, Carl Nissan, Joe Velardi, Dan Scavone, Kristen DellaVolpe, Stephanie Ford, Matt Fischer, Joe Canzanella, Robert Cecchini, Debbie Petruzzello, Fred Balsamo, Matt Perachi, Damnian Frassinelli, Henry Rondon, Anna Mahon, Chris Cipriano, Nadine Gannon, Daniel Moleti, Joel Cookson.

1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and approval of the Board of Control Minutes for October 17, 2019 – After review and discussion the Board voted to approve the minutes with a correction on the listed date on the minutes.

Motion: To approve minutes – motion approved.

- 1.2 Treasurer’s Report – The Treasurer’s report was presented for Board consideration.

Motion: To approve treasurer’s report –motion approved.

- 1.3 Eligibility Appeal – Ineligible Player – [] High School – The Board considered an appeal of the eligibility status for a [] High School boys soccer athlete. [] Principal [] and Athletic Director [] presented the appeal. The school discovered an athlete participated in a tryout for an outside team while in-season which violates eligibility rules. The athlete participated in two varsity contests after the tryout before it was discovered. The school immediately forfeited the two contests and held the athlete out of all competitions. The school representatives indicated the violation was unintentional and requested the Board consider reinstating eligibility. The Board members engaged in a discussion determining precisely whether the appeal followed the appropriate procedures, and to insure all motions and votes fit the situation.

Motion: To fine the school \$200 (\$100 per incident) and to declare the student ineligible for the remainder of the fall sports season with eligibility reinstated for the winter season – C. Cipriano / second – A. Mahon – motion approved (unanimous).

Motion: To deny the school’s appeal for immediate eligibility reinstatement – J. Corso / second – D. Moleti – motion approved (unanimous).

- 1.4 Eligibility Appeal – Ineligible Player – [] High School – The Board considered a written eligibility appeal from [] High School. The appeal concerned a Board decision from its previous meeting when it voted to uphold the decision of the Eligibility Review Board that a student was subject to the transfer rule and was ineligible for 365 days. The appeal requested that the Board consider reinstating the athlete for the winter season after having been ineligible for the fall.

Motion: To deny the request to amend the 365 day ineligibly and uphold the previous decision – A. Mahon / second – J. Corso – motion approved (unanimous). (Board member [] recused himself during this action item).

- 1.5 Change In Language – Recruiting Penalties: The Board considered language provided by CIAC staff to alter some of the language regarding penalties for recruiting violations. The revisions clarified some language in the school penalties, provided more flexibility in the student penalty section, and clarified some portions of the coach penalties.

Motion: To approve the suggested language provided by the CIAC staff – V. DeNuzzo / second – L. Iacobellis – motion approved.

2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Executive Director Update – Glenn Lungarini provided an update on several topics. He informed the group CIAC is planning to put together a committee to work on the logistics for the scholastic summer basketball events, and welcomes volunteers for that committee. He also informed the Board that CIAC is looking at putting together a Sports Medicine Committee within the CIAC while continuing to be involved with the Connecticut State Medical Society Sports Medicine Committee.
- 2.2 Boys Golf Move To Fall Update – Gregg Simon provided a brief update on the potential move of boys golf to the fall. CIAC staff is still collecting information after CAAD voted to table the proposal, and he wanted to provide an update to the Board members because a member school sent a letter opposing the move to all Board members.
- 2.3 Girls Wrestling Invitational – Bob Lehr presented to the Board the plan to hold the inaugural Girls Wrestling Invitational Tournament in conjunction with the State Open event in late February. It will be the first event solely for female high school wrestlers.
- 2.4 Sportsmanship/SAAB – Gregg Simon provided an update on the Sportsmanship Committee and the Student Athletic Advisory Board. Both groups have contributed great insight and input to the CIAC and have emphasized a need to address treatment of officials and adult fan behavior. Both those topics will be a focus of the upcoming CIAC Sportsmanship Conference. Joel Cookson then shared a new CIAC-created sportsmanship PSA which addresses adult fan behavior which will be shared with the media.

3.0 CONSULTANT REPORTS

- 3.1 CAS –
- 3.2 CAPSS – No report
- 3.3 CABE – No report
- 3.4 Sports Medicine – No report
- 3.5 CATA – No report
- 3.6 Unified Sports – No report
- 3.7 CAAD – Matt Perachi shared that 58 athletic directors will be attending the national conference in December, 15 of whom will be supported with \$500 grants from CAAD. Glastonbury High School will be recognized as an exemplary program at the event, and Damian Frassinelli is running for national office.
- 3.8 CHSCA – Robert Cecchini shared that he will be serving as the acting Executive Director for the remainder of the year following the passing of John Fontana, and expects to have great candidates to choose from for the selection of the next Executive Director. Joe Canzanella reported the organization held its regular meeting the previous evening and will be holding its annual Hall of Fame dinner on November 21s with nine inductees. In addition, two Connecticut representatives are being inducted into the National Coaches Hall of Fame this year.
- 3.9 Officials – Dan Scavone reported that rules surveys in field hockey, soccer, and girls volleyball have been sent out, and he hopes coaches will be encouraged to complete the surveys to participate in the rules process. The rules interpretation meeting schedule for the winter sports have been announced and will be underway soon.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 4.1 Eligibility – The Eligibility Committee reviewed five cases and approved two.
- 4.2 Eligibility Review Board – The Eligibility Review Board heard two appeals and approved one.
- 4.3 Cooperative Team – No report.

5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Coaching disqualification punishments.

6.0 STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Henry Rondon reported the cross country championships had been a success as the first championship of the fall.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 5 (8:30 a.m.)