

CIAC BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 2018

Present: Gregg Simon, Anthony Azzara, Glenn Lungarini, Erin Clark, Daniel Moleti, Joe Tonelli, Vincent DeNuzzo, Matt Fischer, Joel Cookson, Anna Mahon, Robert Lehr, George Synnott, Carl Nissan, Fred Balsamo, Matt Perachi, Damian Frassinelli, Henry Rondon.

1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and approval of the Board of Control Minutes for October 18, 2018 – After review and discussion the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented.
- Motion: To approve minutes – E. Clark / second – D. Moleti / motion approved.
- 1.2 Treasurer’s Report – A corrected financial report from October 31, 2018 was presented.
- Motion: To approve October 31 treasurer’s report – D. Moleti / second – E. Clark – motion approved.
- 1.3 Self-Report – Use of Ineligible Player – [] High School – The Board considered a self-report from [] High School for use of an ineligible player by its boys soccer team. The school did not identify a student who had not achieved the minimum academic credits at the end of the last season, and then competed in seven of the team’s 12 games this fall. The school notified CIAC and forfeited its four victories in which the student participated, and has put specific plans in place to try and prevent similar incidents.
- Motion: To fine the school \$500 (\$100 per incident with max of \$500) for the violation – A. Mahon / second – H. Rondon – motion approved.
- 1.4 Self Report – Use of Ineligible Player – [] High School – The Board considered a self-report from [] High School for use of an ineligible player by its football team. An athlete began the season competing for the soccer team, then left the team and joined the football team, in violation of CIAC eligibility rules. He competed in two games for the football team before the violation was discovered. The school forfeited the two football games in which he participated.
- Motion: To fine the school \$200 (\$100 per incident) – D. Moleti / second – V. DeNuzzo – motion approved.
- 1.5 Self Report – Use of Ineligible Players – [] High School – The Board considered a self-report from [] High School for use of ineligible players by its girls and boys soccer teams. Multiple members of the girls soccer team were permitted to appear in games for the boys varsity and junior varsity teams during the same season. The team was trying to provide playing opportunities for some of its girls soccer players junior varsity program and failed to realize the violation of CIAC eligibility rules.
- Motion: To fine the school \$500 (\$100 per incident with a max of \$500) – V. DeNuzzo / second – D. Moleti – motion approved.
- 1.6 Request For Sunday Play Exemption – Darien High School – The Board considered a request from Darien High School to permit its boys lacrosse team to participate in a tournament that would require Sunday play (Sunday, April 29).

Motion: To approve the request for Sunday play for the Darien boys lacrosse team – D. Moleti / second – H. Rondon – motion approved.

2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Legislative Updates – Glenn Lungarini provided an update on legislative issues that CAS-CIAC was working on behalf of member schools and other news. He informed the group there will be a new chair of the education committee and perhaps a new commissioner of education as well. He also reported there was some good progress on the classroom safety bill.
- 2.2 NFHS Update – Glenn Lungarini provided an update on new from the NFHS. The winter meeting for Executive Directors will be held in January. There is continuing discussion on the NCAA basketball showcase events and how it relates to challenges for out-of-season rules and gender equality issues. Also looking at partnership with USA football and the athletic development model, and organization is considering looking at being involved in the expansion of flag football.
- 2.3 “Practice Like The Pros” – Glenn Lungarini discussed the “Practice Like the Pros” football educational program which was recently presented to CAAD and the CIAC Football Committee. It was well received by both groups and adopting the program would greatly reduce allowed contact for football practices. CIAC is working with the Connecticut High School Coaches Association on the language for an official proposal.
- 2.4 Data Privacy Agreement – Glenn Lungarini informed the Board members 98 school districts have returned signed data privacy agreements, believe will have full compliance soon. This initiative was one suggested CIAC should implement to insure it is in compliance when collecting student information in the Eligibility Center.
- 2.5 F1 Visa Committee – Gregg Simon presented proposed language from the F1 Visa subcommittee for possible changes to the eligibility rules. The language is being vetted and Board members should expect an official proposal to be brought forward for their approval at a coming meeting.

3.0 CONSULTANT REPORTS

- 3.1 CAS –
- 3.2 CAPSS – No report
- 3.3 CABA – No report
- 3.4 Sports Medicine – No report
- 3.5 CATA – No report
- 3.6 Unified Sports – George Synnott reported the Unified Sports Leadership Summit was held recently and was a great success with 400 people in attendance. There will be a Middle School Leadership Summit held on January 10.
- 3.7 CAAD – Matt Perachi reported there would be 57 individuals from Connecticut attending the NIAAA national meeting in December, including 15 who were aided by the \$500 scholarship provided by CAAD. There will be a mid-year workshop for new ADs at the CIAC offices in January.
- 3.8 CHSCA – No report
- 3.9 Officials – Joe Tonelli reported preseason officials meetings for the winter season had all been completed. All of the officials boards continue to try and come up with ideas for recruiting new officials.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 4.1 Eligibility – Gregg Simon reported that the Eligibility Committee heard three cases; two were approved; one was denied.
- 4.2 Eligibility Review Board – Gregg Simon reported that the Review Board met in November, and heard six cases with three approvals, and three denials.

5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Co-op procedures

5.2 Sunday Play

6.0 STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Gregg Simon reported the fall championships (with the exception of football) were completed successfully, and it had been a very good championship season with few issues.

6.2 Glenn Lungarini informed the Board the staff was in the process of putting together a workgroup to look at issues related to gender in the CIAC by-laws, as requested by the CAS Board of Directors, and anyone interested in being a part of the workgroup should let him know.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 17, 2019