

## Board of Control Minutes – 2/18/16

Present: Paul Newton, Steve Wysowski, Joe Monroe, Barbara Hedden, Robert Cecchini, Joe Tonelli, Joe Canzanella, Joel Cookson, Stephanie Ford, Matt Fischer, Robert Lehr, Fred Balsamo, Trish Witkin, Dan Scavone, George Synnott, Drew DiPippo, Neil Rinaldi, Linda Iacobellis, Beth Smith, Brian Mignault, Margaret Williamson, Karissa Niehoff, Glenn Lungarini, Anthony Azzarra, Mark Ambruso.

### 1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and Approval – CIAC Board of Control Minutes – January 14, 2016 – The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 14, 2016 Board of Control meeting.
- 1.2 Treasurer’s Report – Board reviewed the Treasurer’s report. Motion to approve the 1/14/16 minutes, and the treasurer’s report as part of consent agenda – J. Monroe / B. Smith – Approved.

### 2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Karissa Niehoff presented information on an assortment of topics from the recent NFHS Executive Directors meeting. These included increased scrutiny and research on medical monitoring and overuse injuries, a focus on creating materials to help spread the message of high school sports, issues sounding pitch counts, concerns over spectator safety after an incident in Mississippi, and continued growth for the NFHS Network.
- 2.2 Karissa Niehoff presented possible issues that will be of interest to high schools and high school athletics in the upcoming legislative agenda. These included concussion education for non-school youth sports, clarification on who can allow athletes to return to play (specifically involving athletic trainers), concerns over crumb rubber turf fields, a change in graduation requirements, and a change in requirements for concussion refresher courses.

### 3.0 CONSULTANT REPORT

- 3.1 Unified Sports – George Synnott updated the group on his trip to a Special Olympics conference in Phoenix where he highlighted the partnership between the Special Olympics and State Associations (20 states have similar partnerships to Connecticut). He also informed the group there would be four Unified basketball games (two on Saturday, two on Sunday) at halftime of basketball championship games at the Mohegan Sun.
- 3.2 CAS –
- 3.3 CAPSS –
- 3.4 CABE –
- 3.5 Sports Medicine –
- 3.6 CATA –
- 3.7 CAAD – Dan Scavone reported the annual CAAD Conference would be March 23-24 and would feature professional development program specifically for ADs. Bruce Whitehead of the NIAAA will serve as the keynote speaker and the event will also feature the first CAAD Hall of Fame induction.

- 3.8 CHSCA – Barbara Hedden reported the next CHSCA executive committee will be March 10 and the 2016 Coaches Recognition Dinner will be May 12. There will also be respective all-state sports recognition ceremonies throughout April.
- 3.9 Officials – Joe Tonelli reported unfortunately violence towards officials is back in the news after an incident in New Jersey. He also noted they have received excellent feedback from the public on officials interpreting the hitting from behind rule in hockey.

#### 4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 4.1 Eligibility Committee – Beth Smith reported the Eligibility Committee heard three cases, two of which were approved and one denied.
- 4.2 Eligibility Review Board – Did not meet.

#### 5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –

- 5.1 Steve Wysowski updated the Board members on possible future agenda items including: making limited competition in road races during cross country season permissible, ongoing discussion about a change of season for boys and/or girls golf, filling the brackets in the boys and girls soccer tournaments, clarifying assumed violations on new policies/rules, and the possibility of eliminating the 50-point rule in football in favor of a running clock.

#### 6.0 STAFF REPORTS

- 6.1 Matt Fischer / Joel Cookson – No report.
- 6.2 Robert Lehr – No report.
- 6.3 Joe Tonelli – No report.
- 6.4 Stephanie Ford – No report.
- 6.5 Steve Wysowski – Reported that the winter championship season was already underway with successful events and that due to the championship calendar there would be no March meeting for the Board of Control. He also noted Board members are welcome to attend the basketball championships at Mohegan Sun.
- 6.6 Karissa Niehoff – Informed the Board members that today had been Paul Hoey's last day with the CIAC after many years of excellent service to the organization, and she encouraged the group to reach out and express their thanks to him for his great work.

#### 7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.1 No additional issues regarding Berlin High School, no evidence of residency or recruiting – in a succinct report from the school.

**NOTE: Next Meeting of the Board – April 7, 2016 – 2 p.m.**