

CIAC BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2019

Present: Gregg Simon, Glenn Lungarini, Anthony Azzarra, Daniel Moleti, Joe Velardi, Stacy Butkus, Joel Cookson, Stephanie Ford, Vince DeNuzzo, Fred Balsamo, Matt Perachi, Dave Tanner, Linda Iacobellis, Henry Rondon, Anna Mahon, George Synnott

1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and approval of the Board of Control Minutes for January 17, 2019 – After review and discussion the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion: To approve minutes – D. Tanner / second – D. Moleti / motion approved.

- 1.2 Treasurer’s Report – A financial report from January 31, 2019 was presented.

Motion: To approve January 31 treasurer’s report – D. Moleti / second – H. Rondon – motion approved.

- 1.3 Self-Report – Out of Season Coach – [] High School – The Board considered a self-report from [] High School for a violation of out-of-season coaching rules by a member of its boys basketball coaching staff. A coach worked one-on-one with a current athlete on basketball-specific skills in violation of CIAC rules. The school shared specific steps it had already taken in response to the violation as part of its self-report.

Motion: To fine the school \$750 (\$250 per incident) for the violation – A. Mahon / second – D. Moleti – motion approved (one abstention).

2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Legislative Updates – Glenn Lungarini provided updates on several pieces of proposed legislation that might impact CAS-CIAC or its member schools. These included: a ban on use of turf field (legislation is likely to not move forward); ban on use of rubber pellets in construction of new playgrounds (supported as long as bill clarifies athletic fields are not playgrounds); a classroom safety bill which CAS opposes and has worked to improve so as to be better for its membership; concussion management and education legislation targeting parks and rec and youth coaches (CAS supports assuming those with existing coaching permits are exempt).

- 2.2 NFHS Update – Glenn Lungarini provided an update on news from the NFHS. The basketball showcase events are the most discussed topic amongst the Federation. Eighteen states are planning to run the summer events this year.

- 2.3 Gender By-Law Review Sub-Committee Update – Tom Moore provided the Board members with an update of the work done thus far by the Committee. The primary focus of the work thus far has been outreach in regard to CIAC transgender participation policy, trying to insure all constituents have an accurate understanding of the policy. The group had sought confirmation that the current policy is consistent with state statute, which has been confirmed. Instructed CIAC staff to provide information at league athletic director meetings, and plan to provide specific policy information to principals in the future.

- 2.4 Football Proposals: Gregg Simon updated the Board on proposals being put forward by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association. Member football coaches and athletic directors had been surveyed on both proposals, and now the football committee members are working to determine the best way to move forward with possible changes.

- 2.5 Girls Basketball Tournament Divisions – Gregg Simon informed the Board members that the Girls Basketball Committee and girls basketball coaches are in favor of moving to

five championship divisions in future years to match the number for boys basketball. The Girls Basketball Committee will be meeting in the future to determine the structure for the divisions.

- 2.6 Cooperative Team Information Report – Fred Balsamo, the Executive Director of the Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors and member of the Cooperative Team Committee, provided a presentation to the Board on cooperative teams. The presentation covered the history, rules, regulation, processes and other issues related to cooperative teams, and primarily the process by which cooperative team requests are accepted or denied. CIAC staff looked for direction from Board members on how they wished to proceed on the question of appeals of Cooperative Team Committee decisions. Current language indicates decisions cannot be appealed, but some appeals have been permitted in recent years. Though there was no official vote, Board members indicated they supported strengthening the language to indicate no appeals of Cooperative Team Committee decisions are permitted.

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 – George Synnott reported Unified Sports basketballs season had begun and individual games were taking place, with bigger tournaments upcoming. He reported that currently 97% of all public high schools in Connecticut now have a Unified Sports program.
- 3.7 CAAD – Matt Perachi reported CAAD would be holding its Annual Conference in March, which would include a keynote from former MLB player Adam Greenberg, a presentation from Matt Fischer on CIAC’s Arbiter partnership, a program with Wounded Warriors, awards, a Hall of Fame celebration and more.
- 3.8 CHSCA – No report
- 3.9 Officials – Joe Tonelli reported the schedule for spring rules interpretations meetings would be going out at the end of the week.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 4.1 Eligibility – The Eligibility Committee heard one case and denied it.
- 4.2 Eligibility Review Board – At its last meeting the Eligibility Review Board heard one case and approved it.

5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 5.1 Sunday Play

6.0 STAFF REPORTS

- 6.1 Matt Fischer reported CIAC will be holding multiple in-person training sessions for school administrators with the new Arbiter system on April 6, 7, and 8.
- 6.2 Joel Cookson reported on the CAS-CIAC Hall of Honor ceremony which will be taking place Thursday, April 11, and encouraged Board members to attend.
- 6.3 Stephanie Ford reported that the Connecticut National Guard had signed on as a new sponsor and would be beginning their support with the Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments.
- 6.4 Gregg Simon reported the winter tournaments were underway and that Karissa Niehoff would be honored at the Dedication Ceremony prior to the basketball finals. In addition CIAC will be providing a basketball coaches clinic for coaches the night prior to the basketball finals.

- 6.5 Glenn Lungarini indicated the Center for Leadership and Innovation had begun its planning for next year, so anyone with ideas for professional development should contact CAS.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 4.