

CIAC BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING MINUTES  
May 2, 2019

Present: Anthony Azzarra, Daniel Moleti, Dave Tanner, Gregg Simon, Stacy Butkus, Robert Lehr, Damian Frassinelli, Matt Perachi, Joe Velardi, John Fontana, Matt Ryan, Glenn Lungarini, Joe Tonelli, Vincent DeNuzzo, Linda Iacobellis, Michael Barile, Sheila Riffle, Anna Mahon

1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and approval of the Board of Control Minutes for April 4, 2009 – After review and discussion the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented.

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

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

Motion: To approve March 31 treasurer’s report – L. Iacobellis / second – D. Moleti – motion approved. Glenn Lungarini then provided an update on the approved budget for 2019-20.

- 1.3 Self-Report – Use of Ineligible Player – [ ] High School – The Board considered a self-report from [ ] High School for use of ineligible players in both football and boys soccer. The school discovered a student who had transferred into the Shelton district and did not have an accurate academic history, and the student violated the eight-semester rule. Upon discovering the error the school checked its records to see if this occurred with other students and found another example of a student that competed in violation of the eight-semester rule. The school indicated several changes it was going to make to avoid this issue in the future. The Board members discussed the precedent for vacating or forfeiting victories after the conclusion of a season, which is an action the Board has previously not done.

Motion: To fine the school \$750 (the maximum amount) for both violations (total of \$1,500) and indicate in communication with the school the serious nature of the violation – L. Iacobellis / second – D. Tanner – motion approved.

2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Legal Issues Update – Gregg Simon provided an update on some of the topics covered at the NFHS Legal Issues Workshop. They included concussion lawsuits, official safety, challenges with medical marijuana, and addressing legalized gambling.
- 2.2 Academic Eligibility With Online Courses – Gregg Simon discussed the question the CIAC staff has been receiving regarding determining eligibility of athletes who are taking online courses which do not generally offer quarterly grades. The staff has been advising schools that they should check the current grade of an online course at the same time it checks all other grades.
- 2.3 Out-of-Season Coaching Subcommittee – Gregg Simon provided an updated on the Out-of-Season Coaching Subcommittee that the Board members approved at its previous meeting. The membership has been determined with six principals (chair Vince DeNuzzo), two ADs (and the CAAD Executive Director), two coaches (and the Executive Director of the CHSCA), and CIAC staff members.
- 2.4 Football Proposal – Glenn Lungarini, Fred Balsamo, and John Fontana provided information on recent decisions made by the CIAC Football Committee. At its last meeting the Committee approved one proposal reducing the amount of allowed contact in fall practice, but denied a second proposal that addressed contact in spring football. John Fontana explained some challenges within the CHSCA which led to the Football

Committee representatives voting against the second proposal, and convincing others to oppose it despite the understanding that the membership was supportive of it. The Board members then considered a proposal from CAAD which was intended to address the inconsistencies of the Football Committee Decisions.

Motion: To instruct CIAC to reconvene CIAC Football Committee with request that the Committee reconsider its vote on "Proposal 2" from the Connecticut High School Coaches Association and request that if the Committee reaffirms its opposition to "Proposal 2" that the Committee address the inconsistency between adopted policies regarding football contact for the spring and fall seasons – V. DeNuzzo / second – M. Barile – motion approved.

Motion: Request CIAC conduct a survey of football coaches and Ads to determine their support for a universal start date for football provided it coincides with the elimination of spring football – S. Riffle / second – D. Moleti – motion approved.

- 2.5 Board of Control Meeting Schedule: Glenn Lungarini asked the Board members to consider if there were ways CIAC could adjust the schedule of CIAC Board of Control meetings to make it more convenient for Board members to attend. The members agreed that a meeting first thing in the morning might work better than a mid-afternoon meeting. The group agreed to try an 8 a.m. meeting for its first meeting of the fall.

### 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 reported CAAD discussed a number of topics at its Board meeting the previous day. The group also unveiled a new display honoring its Hall of Fame members at the CIAC offices. CAAD would hold its final meeting on May 22 and would honor its retirees at that meeting
- 3.8 CHSCA – John Fontana reported CHSCA would be holding its annual Coach of the Year Banquet on Thursday, May 9.
- 3.9 Officials – Joe Tonelli reported CIAC is working with the officials to insure they continue to hold independent contractor status which is an important factor that helps CIAC and officials in a number of ways.

### 4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 4.1 Eligibility – The Eligibility Committee did not hear any cases.
- 4.2 Eligibility Review Board – At its last meeting the Eligibility Review Board in April the Board heard two cases and approved them both.
- 4.3 Cooperative Team – As stated in its previous meeting the Board members wished to hear regular updates from the Cooperative Team Committee. In this case the Committee will next meet in May.

### 5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 5.1 Sunday Play

### 6.0 STAFF REPORTS

- 6.1 Matt Fischer reported CIAC held Arbiter training sessions during the current week with 300 representatives coming to the offices to train for the switch to the Arbiter Game system.
- 6.2 Robert Lehr reported the CIAC Wrestling Committee had formed a subcommittee to look at the implementation of a girls wrestling championship, and they would hold their first meeting on May 20.
- 6.3 Gregg Simon reported CAS-CIAC held its Hall of Honor ceremony on April 11 and it was well received and attended. Also reminded the Board members the Scholar Athlete Banquet would be this coming Sunday.
- 6.4 Glenn Lungarini reported he had attended the Unified Sports Michaels Cup event earlier in the week and shared what an outstanding event it is. Also shared that the event was held without Unified Sports Director George Synnott who is battling some health challenges. Also reminded the Board members the Annual Meeting and reception would take place at CAS-CIAC offices on Thursday, May 9.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 29 (8 a.m.)