

CIAC BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING MINUTES  
May 3, 2018

Present: Gregg Simon, Anthony Azzarra, Daniel Moleti, Mike Fritch, Robert Cecchini, Joel Cookson, Robert Lehr, David Telesca, Michele Cordeau, Janice Saam, Damian Frassinelli, Joe Tonelli, Stephanie Ford, Beth Smith, Anna Mahon, Sheila Riffle, Linda Iacobellis, Erin Clark, Dave Tanner, Matt Ryan.

The meeting began at 2:30 pm with Chair Anthony Azzara presiding.

1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and approval of the Board of Control Minutes for April 15, 2018 – 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 – Beth Smith presented the financial report as of May 1, 2018.

- 1.3 Letter of Self-Report – Use of Ineligible Player – [ ] – The Board considered a letter of self-report from [ ] regarding use of an ineligible player by its baseball program. It was discovered that a player had been competing on an outside team during the season, thus making himself ineligible. There were some questions as to the timeframes of when the individual began competing on the outside team and how many games he had competed in for his school while ineligible.

Motion: To fine the school the maximum of \$500, reinstate the individual's eligibility going forward and require submission of a clear statement from the school on its plans to improve communication of its rules to athletes and parent – E. Clark / second – A. Mahon / motion approved.

- 1.4 Basketball Committee Request – Approval for New Tournament Division Procedures – The Board considered a proposal from the Boys Basketball Committee to adopt new procedures for determining divisions for the boys basketball tournaments. The proposal incorporated a number of criteria suggested to the committee from its member schools and would create a five division championship field.

Motion: To approve the proposal from the CIAC Boys Basketball Committee for aligning divisions for the 2018-19 boys basketball tournament – B. Smith / second – J. Saam / motion approved (one opposed).

2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Minimum In State Competition Requirements – Gregg Simon updated the Board on an issue that had been discussed among some of the basketball committees. In recent years there have been a small handful of teams in certain sports that play a number of out-of-state teams before then competing for CIAC Championships, prompting a suggestion that perhaps there should be a requirement for a minimum requirement of games against Connecticut competition to be eligible for CIAC Tournaments. The Board felt that because these are still rare instances action is not necessary but is something worth monitoring going forward.
- 2.2 Success In Tournament – Football – Gregg Simon updated the Board on a recent action from the Football Committee. The committee voted to incorporate a success in tournament factor for schools of choice as allowed by previously by Board of Control.

- 2.3 Ford Athletic Needs Grant – The Board heard an update on the J. Robert Ford Athletic Needs Grant which had been discussed at previous meetings. Karissa Niehoff and Gregg Simon were excited to report that grant requests had begun coming in.
  - 2.4 Disqualification Rule – The Board considered the possibility of changes to the rules regarding attendance at events following a disqualification. Current rules require that an athlete not only sit out a game following a disqualification but that they also cannot attend the game. The Board members considered the various aspects of the issue ultimately leaning towards giving schools the autonomy to make its own decisions based on its own criteria for learning opportunities.
- 3.0 CONSULTANT REPORTS
- 3.1 CAS – No report
  - 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 – Damian Frassinelli reported that CAAD Board Secretary Jeannie Cooper is retiring.
  - 3.8 CHSCA – Mike Fritch reported that the Executive Board had a meeting scheduled for today. The annual coaches picnic will be May 24. He also reported Executive Director John Fontana was dealing with health issues but was recovering and in good spirits.
  - 3.9 Officials – No report.
- 4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS
- 4.1 Eligibility – Linda Iacobellis reported that the Eligibility Committee heard xx cases; one was approved; xx were denied.
  - 4.2 Eligibility Review Board – Linda Iacobellis reported that the Review Board heard three cases; one was approved; two were denied.
- 5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- 5.1 Schools of Choice enrollment process and reporting
  - 5.2 Review of CIAC Sunday Play By-laws
- 6.0 STAFF REPORTS
- 6.1 Stephanie Ford reported that Department of Public Health will be continuing as a sponsor for the coming year.
  - 6.2 Karissa Niehoff provided updates on a number of issues. She informed the Board that Basketball Tournament Director Tom Murray is dealing with health issues. Unified Sports Director George Synnott is also recovering from health concerns. She provided an update on current legislative issues including a push for opioid awareness plan, and some concerning bills. She provided an updated on several topics including the ongoing conversation around transgender athletic participation and continuing to look at rules regarding eligibility for students on F1 Visas. She reported that Woodstock Academy had voted to remain a CIAC member in an issue that was discussed at a previous Board meeting. She informed the Board CIAC would be celebrating its Centennial in 2021 and the organization is bringin in John Holt to help produce promotional materials and lead the celebration. Finally she provided an update on the search for a new CAS-CIAC Executive Director.
- 7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, August 23, 2018