

CIAC BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING MINUTES
August 30, 2019

Present: Joseph Corso, Kristen DellaVolpe, Anna Mahon, James Wygonik, Mark Aceto, Joe Tonelli, Joe Velardi, Deb Petruzzello, Joe Canzanella, Dan Scavone, Stephanie Ford, Matt Fischer, Joel Cookson, Bob Hale, Henry Rondon, Christopher Cipriano, Damian Frassinelli, Matt Perachi, Dan Moleti, Nadine Gannon, Gregg Simon, Anthony Azzara, Glenn Lungarini.

For the first Board meeting of the year, Glenn Lungarini welcomed the members and walked through the CIAC mission statement, the function and purpose of the Board of Control, reviewed the voting process and distributed the meeting schedule for the remainder of the year.

1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and approval of the Board of Control Minutes for May 2, 2009 – After review and discussion the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion: To approve minutes – motion approved.

- 1.2 Treasurer's Report – A financial report from June 30, 2019 was presented.

Motion: To approve the June 30 treasurer's report – motion approved.

- 1.3 Self-Report – Use of Ineligible Player – [] – The Board considered a self-report from [] for use of an ineligible player by its junior varsity softball team. The student participated in two rec league softball games during the school season. The school made her ineligible upon discovering the violation. The school also indicated it will enhance the information it shares with its athletes and parents in the preseason meetings regarding in-season eligibility.

Motion: To fine the school \$100 for the violation – A. Mahon / second – K. DellaVolpe – motion approved.

- 1.4 Self-Report – Out-of-season Coaching Violation – [] – The Board considered a self-report from [] for a violation of the out-of-season coaching rules by members of its football staff. On two occasions two different coaches transitioned from a permitted out-of-season activity to overseeing athletes participating in sport-specific drills in violation of out-of-season coaching rules. The school leadership has determined it will suspend both coaches one game each, and reviewed CIAC policy with both individuals.

Motion: To fine the \$500 (\$250 per incident) for the violation – V. DeNuzzo / second – A. Mahon – motion approved.

- 1.5 Self-Report – Recruiting Violation – [] – The Board considered a self-report from [] for violation of CIAC recruiting rules by members of its boys basketball coaching staff. The school conducted an in-depth investigation after learning of the possible violation. Gregg Simon reminded the Board members that this program had been sanctioned for another out-of-season coaching violation in the same year. Due to there being several components of penalties for recruiting violations, the Board members made numerous motions to address the violations, consulting the specific penalties in Section G of the CIAC By-Laws.

Motion: To confirm that a recruiting violation took place – J. Corso / second – A. Mahon – motion approved.

Motion: To fine the school \$1,000 for the violations – A. Mahon / second – V. DeNuzzo – motion approved.

Motion: To place the Darien boys basketball team on probation for two years – V. DeNuzzo / second – A. Mahon – motion approved.

Motion: Per Section G student will be declared permanently ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition at the school to which he/she was recruited; and student be declared ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition for one year at any member school – V. DeNuzzo / second – A. Mahon – motion approved.

Motion: For both the head and assistant coach per Section G disqualification of the coaches involved from coaching responsibility of that CIAC sport or potentially any CIAC-sponsored sport for a minimum of one calendar year; assigning a two-year probation period for the coaches upon the coach's return to coaching responsibility for any CIAC sport in any CIAC member school; request that the coach re-take the appropriate coaching module (Module 5) – A. Mahon / second – J. Corso – motion approved.

2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Legislative Update – Glenn Lungarini updated the Board on current legislative issues. Prior to the start of the legislative session there is little to share, although the issue of education funding is expected to
- 2.2 NFHS Update – Glenn Lungarini shared news from the summer NFHS meeting. Most relevant was information from the medical committees on the high success rates of both AEDs and submersion tubs on treating dangerous situations – and he indicated CIAC plans to make equipping schools with submersion tubs or alternatives will be an initiative in the near future. The reports on the summer scholastic basketball events were also very positive, and as such CIAC will begin planning to hold a Connecticut event in the summer of 2020 and will keep the Board informed on that progress.
- 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 a previous meeting. The committee will have its first meeting on Sept. 10 and CIAC staff will continue to update the Board on the progress of that committee.
- 2.4 Boys Golf – Joe Velardi updated the Board on the potential move of boys golf from a spring sport to a fall sport. A survey of the membership indicated support for the move at 70-percent and the golf committee is moving forward with an official proposal which is being vetted by CAAD and the CHSCA with hopes of having a formal proposal for the logistics of the change for the Board of Control to consider at a future meeting.
- 2.5 Sportsmanship Committee: Gregg Simon updated the Board members on the goals and aims for the revamped CIAC Sportsmanship Committee. The group will be working this year to try and continue to expand the Class Act program, and for the first time will be incorporating student input on the Committee.
- 2.6 Boys & Girls Basketball Updates: Gregg Simon shared some updates on boys and girls basketball. He explained the plan to alter the CIAC basketball finals schedule given the addition of a fifth girls basketball final – which will be to have identical five-game schedules over two sessions on both Saturday and Sunday. CIAC also recently surveyed its membership about implementing a shot clock for basketball, which was done for information purposes. CIAC also is planning to collect data on technical fouls again with an aim of possibly creating policy in response for the future.
- 2.7 Sunday Play: Gregg Simon requested approval from the Board to come back at a future meeting with language giving CIAC staff additional flexibility to reschedule

championship games for Sundays. This prompted a discussion of whether CIAC rules should be modified across the board in regard to Sunday play. The consensus was that pursuing broader changes required more input from the membership, but the Board granted approval for CIAC staff to draft language on greater CIAC flexibility.

3.0 CONSULTANT REPORTS

- 3.1 CAS – First CAS Board meeting will be held September 12.
- 3.2 CAPSS – No report
- 3.3 CABA – No report
- 3.4 Sports Medicine – No report
- 3.5 CATA – Mark Aceto reported the group is close to completing emergency action plan templates that can be shared with schools. He also noted that regarding the heat illness discussion that EMS staff now carry necessary equipment to treat emergency heat illness.
- 3.6 Unified Sports – Bob Hale reported the addition of Henry Rondon to the Unified Sports staff and that a dozen Unified athletes and partners took part in the New England Student Leadership Conference. He also said the staff has received an outpouring of kind words and support after the passing of George Synnott over the summer, and the staff is committed to continuing in his honor this year.
- 3.7 CAAD – Matt Perachi shared the CAAD Board of Control met formally last week to prepare for the year. Its primary agenda items and goals are to continue to maintain and enhance collaboration with the CIAC and CHSCA.
- 3.8 CHSCA – Deb Petruzzello and Joe Canzanella reported the group held its Executive Board meeting on August 19. The annual Hall of Fame event will be September 7, and the next Executive Board meeting when goals and objectives for the year will be put forward will be on September 11.
- 3.9 Officials – Dan Scavone reported efforts continue to register new officials across the state. Rules interpretations meetings for the fall have been taking place over the past month, and he offered thanks to principals for opening their buildings for the meetings. The next officials recruiting initiative from the NFHS is going to be target at teachers.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 4.1 Eligibility – Did not meet
- 4.2 Eligibility Review Board – Did not meet
- 4.3 Cooperative Team – Did not meet

5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6.0 STAFF REPORTS

- 6.1 Matt Fischer reported CIAC continues to work with schools and Arbiter to implement the new system-wide transition to Arbiter Game. He noted there have been some challenges with the transition but he believes it will ultimately be successful.
- 6.2 Gregg Simon reported the annual two-day New AD Workshop was held last week with good attendance from both new and veteran Ads.

Motion: Motion to begin Executive Session with attorney Linda Yoder – A. Mahon / Second – V. DeNuzzo – motion approved.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 19 (8:30 a.m.)