

CIAC BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2019

Present: Gregg Simon, Glenn Lungarini, Vince DeNuzzo, Anna Mahon, Stacy Butkus, Joe Velardi, Dan Scavone, Deb Petruzzello, Bob Hale, Linda Iacobellis, Sheila Riffle, Matt Fischer, Stephanie Ford, Joel Cookson, Bob Lehr, Steven Swensen, James Wygonik, Dave Tanner, Damian Frassinelli, Matt Perachi, Ralph Mayo, Nadine Gannon, Daniel Moleti, Matt Ryan, Anthony Azzara, Joe Tonelli, Carl Nissan, Kristen Della Volpe

Prior to the action items Glenn Lungarini reported on an amendment to the CAS By-Laws which now permit all members of the CIAC Eligibility Committee to also serve and vote on the CIAC Board of Control.

1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and approval of the Board of Control Minutes for August 30, 2019 – After review and discussion the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion: To approve minutes – D. Moleti / second – A. Mahon – motion approved (two abstentions).

- 1.2 Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report was postponed until the next meeting.

- 1.3 Eligibility Appeal – Eight Semester Rule – [] – The Board an appeal of an eligibility decision by the Eligibility Review Board. The appeal came from [] for a member of its boys lacrosse program and came from []. The student attended a different school in his freshman year due to a learning disability diagnosis and that school did not permit him to play athletics. The representatives from the Eligibility Committee and Eligibility Review Board that had previously denied the appeal noted that the information was not emphasized in earlier appeals. The Board members primary concerns were insuring the academic track for the student was appropriate and to consider the precedent of accepting the appeal in this case.

Motion: To grant the appeal and permit an exception to the eight-semester rule – L. Iacobellis / second – S. Riffle – motion approved (11-2).

- 1.4 Sunday Play Language Revision – After receiving permission from the Board at a previous meeting to write alternative language to CIAC Sunday Play policy the Board considered the revised language, which provides the CIAC Executive Director the flexibility to schedule CIAC semifinals or finals before 12:30 p.m. on a Sunday when circumstances dictate an earlier start without the approval of the Board of Control.

Motion: To approve the revised language for Sunday play exceptions – V. DeNuzzo / second – J. Wygonik – motion approved.

2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Legislative Update – Glenn Lungarini updated the Board on current legislative issues. Legislative activity is still quiet. It does appear there will be a task force formed to look at school start times, and CIAC will work to insure it has a seat on that task force as the issue impacts athletics.
- 2.2 NFHS Update – Glenn Lungarini shared news from the summer NFHS. Connecticut will be hosting the upcoming Section 1 meeting of State Associations from our region. The NFHS Sports Medicine Committee recently requested information from all state associations about their out-of-season rules, so Glenn will try and get that collected

information to share with the Out-of-Season Coaching Subcommittee. CIAC communicated with NFHS and Connecticut Medical Society about EEE and whether CIAC needed to adopt any state-wide recommendations, and the consensus was that it can remain a district decision.

2.3 Out-of-Season Coaching Subcommittee – Vince DeNuzzo provided an update from the Subcommittee which recently held its first meeting. The first meeting primarily outlined the scope of their work and directed CIAC staff with some tasks moving forward regarding education and information clarification.

2.4 Recruiting Violation Language – Gregg Simon asked for input from the Board members on whether there was interest in reviewing or revising the penalties for recruiting violations. After considering a recruiting violation at its previous meeting, there seemed to be some feeling among members and CIAC staff that the penalty language could be reconsidered to permit more flexibility in penalties. The Board members directed CIAC staff to offer some alternative language for recruiting penalties, particularly as it relates to the student penalties.

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 –

3.6 Unified Sports – Bob Hale reported the CIAC Unified Sports staff had begun preparations for 15 soccer events this fall – three middle schools and 12 high school.

3.7 CAAD – Matt Perachi shared that CAAD has formed a subcommittee to prepare a survey to look at spring football. The group will hold its breakfast meeting in October and will award grants for members to attend the national conference. November 12 CAAD will work with CIAC to provide a pair of leadership training sessions at the CIAC office.

3.8 CHSCA – Deb Petruzzello reported the CHSCA held a meeting on September 11 with sport committees which focused on the process of making rules changes within CIAC.

3.9 Officials – Dan Scavone reported efforts continue to register new officials across the state and informed the group that this year's officials recruiting initiative from the NFHS is going to be target at teachers.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Eligibility – The Eligibility Committee reviewed 11 cases and approved two.

4.2 Eligibility Review Board – The Eligibility Review Board heard four appeals and approved three.

4.3 Cooperative Team – Will hold its first meeting in October.

5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6.0 STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Matt Fischer reported CIAC has formed a committee to help the transition to the Arbiter Game system, and the committee will include officials assignors and athletic director representatives from each league.

6.2 Joel Cookson informed the Board that in response to news about declining participation, CIAC would be posting some information on its site which will show that when considered in relation to enrollment, Connecticut athletic participation numbers are virtually unchanged.

6.3 Bob Lehr reported the second year of the CIAC early-season girls volleyball tournament had gone very well.

- 6.4 Joe Velardi reported the revamped CIAC Sportsmanship Committee would hold its first meeting next week, with a focus of growing the Class Act Schools program along with other initiatives. He also shared CIAC is in the process of surveying schools in partnership with the Korey Stringer Institute to determine needs in regard to treating heat illness with a hope that CIAC will be able to provide needed items to its member schools.

Motion: To adjourn – A. Mahon / second – D. Tanner – motion approved.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 17 (8:30 a.m.)