

CIAC BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING MINUTES  
September 20, 2018

Present: Anthony Azzara, Glenn Lungarini, Beth Smith, Ray Faustich, Joe Tonelli, Joe Canzanella, Matt Fischer, Joel Cookson, George Synnot, Robert Lehr, Matt Perachi, Damian Frassinelli, Fred Balsamo, Cherese Miller, Sheila Riffle, Gregg Simon, Daniel Moleti, Linda Iacobellis, Vincent DeNuzzo, Dave Tanner, Henry Rondon, Roberto Medic, Michael Barile

The meeting began at 4 pm with Chair Anthony Azzara presiding. (Note, due to the length of the Eligibility Committee meeting preceding the Board of Control meeting, the agenda schedule was altered and voting items were moved to later in the meeting. The minutes reflect the items as they were originally scheduled in the agenda).

1.0 ACTION ITEMS

- 1.1 Review and approval of the Board of Control Minutes for August 30, 2018 – After review and discussion the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented with edits reflecting the names of Board members who proposed and seconded the motions.

Motion: To approve minutes – H. Rondon / second – M. Barile / motion approved (one abstention).

- 1.2 Treasurer's Report – Beth Smith presented the financial report as of August 31, 2018.

Motion: To approve treasurer's report – S. Riffle / second – D. Moleti – motion approved.

- 1.3 Self-Report – Use of Ineligible Player – [ ] – The Board considered a self-report from [ ] for a use of an ineligible player by its boys soccer program. An athlete participated with an outside program during the season and then self-reported the violation to the athletic department. The school immediately suspended him from any soccer activities and was following up both with its coaching staff and area outside teams to reinforce CIAC rules about outside competition.

Motion: To fine the school \$100 for the violation – B. Smith / second – V. DeNuzzo – motion approved.

2.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 2.1 Legislative Updates – Glenn Lungarini provided an update on current legislative issues that might impact CAS members. The primary concern is a classroom safety bill that is likely going to come for a vote so CAS and partners are working to make the bill as palatable as possible. There is also discussion on a bill that would make water safety a mandatory part of health and safety curriculum. CAS will continue to address legislative challenges and keep the member schools aware of issues.
- 2.2 NFHS Update – Glenn Lungarini informed the Board section meetings were taking place around the country, and the Connecticut staff would attend a meeting in early October. The process has also begun for award nominations including music and speech educator awards and the Spirit of Sport and Heart of the Arts.
- 2.3 Ford Grant – CIAC was pleased to share that the first round of awards had been distributed for the J. Robert Ford Athletic Need Grants. Six schools had received funds totaling \$21,400 thus far, and it is a rolling application process so more applications would be considered as they come in.

- 2.4 SAAB: Cherese Miller informed the Board about the formation of the Student Athlete Advisory Board. This group of student representatives would provide feedback and input on a variety of issues, particularly sportsmanship as it relates to the Class Act School program. The nomination process would begin shortly and this idea came directly from a recommendation from students that attended the New England Student Leadership Conference this summer.
- 2.5 Hall of Honor – Glenn Lungarini and Joel Cookson informed the Board members of some changes to the CAS-CIAC Hall of Honor. The nomination process has been streamlined to try and increase the ease of nominations, and the ceremony for 2019 has been moved to the spring.
- 2.6 Disqualification/Ejection Rule – Appeals Procedure Proposal – Board members were provided a proposal, submitted by West Haven High School, to institute an appeal process on ejections/disqualifications. Discussion ensued about the proposal along with a review of the current language pertaining to ejections/disqualifications. A few Board members expressed an interest in clarifying the procedures schools would currently follow, based on current language, to correct a misapplication of rules which result in disqualification. The consensus of most Board members was that an appeal against judgment decisions by officials/referees/umpires beyond methods already in place would undermine the authority of officials. Further discussion included the unreliable nature of a single piece of video evidence, who submitted the video, the lack of context beyond an individual clip, and logistical capability of managing such an appeal process in a timely manner. It was the consensus of the Board members that current language was appropriate and there was no interest in moving the proposal of an appeal process forward. Therefore, no motions were made regarding this item.
- 2.7 Students Playing Back At Sending School – Gregg Simon updated the Board members on a recent trend that CIAC has noticed regarding students that choose to attend magnet, charter, vocational, etc. schools. If those schools the students attend do not sponsor any athletic program, the students are permitted by CIAC rule to compete at their sending school, assuming the sending schools grants their participation. CIAC has found that more and more schools are now denying approval for students to play back at their sending school. CIAC staff wanted the Board members to be aware of this trend in event that member schools might put forward rule changes to address the issue going forward.

### 3.0 CONSULTANT REPORTS

- 3.1 CAS – Glenn Lungarini informed the Board members that the fall leadership series would begin tomorrow with a focus on social emotional learning.
- 3.2 CAPSS – No report
- 3.3 CABE – No report
- 3.4 Sports Medicine – Glenn Lungarini offered a report from the most recent Sports Medicine Committee meeting that CIAC was going to continue working with the group to aide in data collection regarding concussions.
- 3.5 CATA – No report
- 3.6 Unified Sports – George Synnott reported that along with its usual schedule of tournaments, the organization is focusing on growth at the middle school level this year. Currently 76 middle schools have Unified Sports programs, including five new schools added within the last two weeks.
- 3.7 CAAD – Damian Frassinelli reported CAAD held its Executive Board meeting on 9/5. Two schools, Stonington and Wolcott Tech would be recognized with the organization's sportsmanship award, and the group has a goal of getting 100-percent participation in the Class Act Schools program. On 11/4 CAAD will be holding two classes at CIAC.
- 3.8 CHSCA – Joe Canzanella reported CHSCA had its Executive Board meeting on 9/19 and the group's Hall of Fame ceremony would be held on 11/15 at the AquaTurf.

- 3.9 Officials – Joe Tonelli recommended a recent story that appeared on the Hartford Courant about the need to recruit new officials, a topic that continues to be a focus for the Officials Association.
  
- 4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - 4.1 Eligibility – Linda Iacobellis reported that the Eligibility Committee heard 12 cases; three were approved; nine were denied.
  - 4.2 Eligibility Review Board – Linda Iacobellis reported that the Review Board heard two cases; one was upheld; one was denied.
  
- 5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
  - 5.1 Co-op procedures
  
- 6.0 STAFF REPORTS
  - 6.1 Matt Fischer reported that CIAC has agreed to a partnership with Arbiter Sports that will lead to some changes within the CIAC Online Eligibility Center. Schools will officially be told about this in the coming weeks and there will be several information sessions to help schools adjust to the changes.
  - 6.2 Joel Cookson informed the Board members that minutes from all CIAC committee meetings including the Board of Control are available for viewing on CIACsports.com if they ever have a desire to read them.
  - 6.3 Gregg Simon in response to the discussion about appeals for disqualification, highlighted the work of Joe Tonelli in working with the officials in the state. He also praised the work of Bob Lehr in hosting the first CIAC regular season tournament which was a 20-team girls volleyball tournament held recently.
  - 6.4 Glenn Lungarini informed the Board of a new partnership with Side Effects Incorporated that provided CIAC with a new scorer's table in its entryway and that CIAC would be happy to share the information if any schools are looking to upgrade signage, scoreboards or scorer's tables at their venues.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 18, 2018