

CIAC BASEBALL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
November 15, 2017

Members present: Steve Baldwin, John Cross, Fran DiGiore, Ray Raustich, Scott Martin, Steve Patrina, Paul Steiner, John Wrenn, Anthony Azzara – Chair, George Synnott – Tournament Director, Fred Balsamo – Consultant, Joe Tonelli – CIAC staff

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anthony Azzara at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes – On a motion by Steve Patrina, the minutes of October 2, 2017 were approved.

Correspondence – Butch apprized the committee that he followed up with Waterford Principal, Andre Hauser, and received excellent cooperation regarding props that were a facsimile of a shot gun that team members had in the dugout and were used during tournament games. Butch read the letter which outlined the steps taken by the school to address the issue. The committee was completely satisfied with the response and the actions taken by the school to ensure that this would not happen again, and this matter is closed. It was suggested that a general statement regarding sportsmanship be included in the tournament packet to address issues of this nature.

Pitchers and Catchers Conditioning Week – To complement the pitching rule, the committee was informed that effective this spring (2018), ten (10) pitchers and four (4) catchers can take part in conditioning week.

Tournament Dedication – John Wrenn reported that he sent out the nominations for the 2018 tournament dedication and received positive feedback about Leo Pinsky, the long-time very successful baseball coach at Farmington High School and a member of the CHSCA Hall of Fame. The committee unanimously agreed that the 2018 CIAC Baseball Tournament be dedicated to Leo.

CIAC Board of Control Approvals – We had the opportunity to get on the CIAC Board agenda for October and received approval to continue to fill the brackets in the future. We also reported to the Board and gained unanimous support on the revisions to the CIAC Pitching Limitation Rule, the implementation of the “Ten Run Rule” and increasing the number of pitchers from 8 to 10 pitchers, with 4 catchers for conditioning week. All of this information will be included in the packet.

2018 Baseball Tournament Packet – Fred and George reviewed the revisions to the packet including the date changes and all other pertinent information. A CIAC Pitch Count Certification Form with instructions will be part of the packet. After discussion and by unanimous consent the 2018 baseball packet was approved.

Tournament Sites – The potential semi-final are as follows: Palmer Stadium, Muzzy Field, Dunkin Donuts Park, Municipal Stadium in Waterbury and Dodd Stadium in Eastern Connecticut. The finals are set for Palmer Stadium.

Adjournment – With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting of the committee will be the pairings meeting on Friday, May 25, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.