

CIAC Football Committee

Minutes

4/12/2022

1. MINUTES - The committee approved the minutes from the 2/24/22 meeting.
2. FINANCIAL REPORT - Mr. Simon distributed the financial report. This was a really good year. GOFAN worked well for us. The total income was \$167,971. The weather was cooperative.
3. CHAMPIONSHIP SITES - We are still waiting to hear back from UConn and Central. Mr. Simon will keep the committee informed and give an update at the next meeting.
  - a. Mr. Williams asked the committee to provide feedback on the tournament sites so we can add it to the packet.
4. CONNECTICUT HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ALLIANCE UPDATE - Al Carbone from the SCC gave a report on the schedule from the Alliance and the schedule for next year. This is the 5th year of the Alliance and adjustments are continually being made. 5 CTC schools joined the Alliance schedule for next year.
  - . The Alliance is working toward a statewide football schedule. This is under discussion among the leagues.
  - a. If a statewide schedule isn't realized then the Alliance will try to include all leagues.
5. SUCCESS IN TOURNAMENT FACTOR - The current formula is built for 4 divisions. There is currently only 2 years of data. Mr. Simon distributed the current language. The committee discussed this by-law as it relates to having 6 divisions. A motion was made. "For schools of choice; A team which reaches the semi final in one of the last three years moves up two divisions. Schools that reach the semi finals 2 of the last three years move up three divisions. This proposal is for one year and then will be reviewed by the committee."
  - . The motion passed.
  - a. The committee will discuss the "come down" aspect in future meetings
6. DIVISION SIZES - The committee approved the division sizes for 2022 there will be 23 schools in each division, and 24 in Class S.
7. 2022 FOOTBALL PACKET -
  - . JOINT PRACTICES - Current Language states that a team must have a minimum of three (3) days of practice prior to scheduling a full team scrimmage. In football five days of conditioning practice plus three days of practice in full pads is required before a full team scrimmage. The committee had a lengthy discussion. Mr. Simon will draft language that clarifies scrimmage, practice and combined practices.
8. CHAMPIONSHIP SITES:
  - . Current Language "To be determined – All must have lights, be properly lined, access to lavatory facilities, a sheltered, heated and lighted area for teams to prepare both at half-time, and prior to the game. While a locker room may be used, some better choices may be available as long as they meet the criteria and maintain privacy and security for the athletes. Wearing cleats must be allowed in these areas."
    - a. Suggested language "TOURNAMENT SITES: – All must have permanent lights, be properly lined, access to lavatory facilities, a sheltered, heated and lighted area for teams to prepare both at halftime, and prior to the game. While a locker room may be used, some better choices may be available as long as they meet the criteria and maintain privacy and security for the athletes. Wearing cleats must be allowed in these areas. The final determination as to whether a site can be used for a tournament game is up to the tournament director."
    - b. Mr. Simon will write a letter to Cromwell regarding their site as a potential tournament site.
8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS -
  - a. Out of season coaching
  - b. Next meeting is Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 3:00 pm