

CIAC FIELD HOCKEY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 16, 2018

Members present: Jane Capellini, Carl Janssen, Dot Johnson, Michael Maltese, Babby Nuhn, Kathleen Bromage, Kitty Palmer, Maureen Perkins, Jenna Tuccio, Debbie Martin (Officials Coordinator), Dawn O'Neil (Tournament Director), Bob Hale (Committee Chair), and Joe Tonelli (CIAC staff)

Welcome – Bob Hale welcomed the group and thanked the committee for all they did for this years' tournament. Bob had to miss the finals because he was out-of-state at a conference. Bob was kept informed via text during the championships, which he appreciated. Bob offered his congratulations to Babby Nuhn on winning the Class S state championship.

Minutes – By unanimous consent, the minutes of the November 3, 2017 meeting were approved.

Tournament Report – Dawn produced a very thorough report on the 2017 tournament finances with comparisons to previous years. Basically, the comparisons indicate that we are doing very well. The income is usually about the same each year, and any slight variation is usually the result of the matchups and/or weather. Dawn has done an excellent job managing the expenses, but the cost of doing business usually increases slightly each year in all CIAC tournaments. Dawn praised the work of Mike Maltese and his staff in going above and beyond to make the field hockey finals at Wethersfield High School a class event. A list of officials that worked the tournament was included in the report. The best officials who are available work the tournament and they did a good job. There were no major issues reported. Bob commended Dawn and Debbie for a job well done and once again thanked the committee for their efforts.

Total tournament expenses were \$16,084 with income of \$26,869 for a net of \$10,765. Another successful year in the books.

<u>Final Results:</u>	Class L	--	Staples 1	Darien 0
	Class M	--	Daniel Hand 2	New Canaan 1
	Class S	--	North Branford 2	Granby Memorial 1

2018 Field Hockey Tournament Packet – The committee reviewed the tournament packet for the 2018 season and made date changes and other suggested modifications. Here are some items that were added or clarified. It was also decided to include a policy statement regarding semi-final doubleheaders and the on-field warm-up time for the second game. The committee agreed the teams playing the second game will have a 20 minute on-field for warm-up, which may alter the scheduled start time of the game. The warm-up can be shortened by mutual agreement of both head coaches. The new 2018 rule changes will be included in the packet. Regarding the 15 complimentary admissions ... it was emphasized that prior to the semi-finals schools should provide a gate list to the host school. For the semi-final and final games, all participating school athletic directors will be emailed electronic tickets that can be downloaded and printed. These e-tickets will serve as your complementary game ticket. After discussion, the 2018 packet was approved by unanimous consent.

Divisions – The three divisions (Class L, M, S) will be formulated by enrollment and posted on line on the field hockey page, when the fall packets are posted.

Other Business – At the post season coaches meeting, it was asked about the recruitment of new officials for field hockey. Joe mentioned to the committee that recruitment and retention of official is everyone's job and a key component is input from coaches and athletic directors. The schools know the kids that played for the school and may have officiating potential and interest. All boards in all sports have a new officials' contact person who deals with the new candidates. The CIAC Officials Association has just surveyed these contact people regarding strategies of recruitment and retention, which will continue to be a challenge. After we collate the information, we will share the information obtained from the survey with all boards and formulate a document with best practices. A plan to further enhance the recruitment process will be a priority.

Adjournment – With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Next Meeting – 2018 Pairings Meeting – Friday, November 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.