

CIAC FIELD HOCKEY MINUTES
November 3, 2017

Members present: Jane Capellini, Teg Cosgriff, Dominique Fox, Carol Janssen, Dot Johnson, Babby Nuhn, Kitty Palmer, Robyn Ongley, Maureen Perkins, Jenna Tuccio, Kathleen Bromage, Dawn O'Neil (tournament director), Deb Martin (officials coordinator) and Joe Tonelli (CIAC staff)

The meeting was called to order by Joe Tonelli for Chairman Bob Hale.

Reviewed Pairings – Produced by CIAC and confirmed times and locations. Dawn had done a lot of work ahead of time to nail down times and locations for playdowns and first round games. With only one TBA, the pairings were approved and turned into Matt to be released to the public.

Reviewed Semi-final Sites – Dawn discussed the potential semi-final sites. Conflicts with other sports tournaments as well as local school programs make it difficult to find sites that can host double-headers (which we would prefer). Dawn will decide on the best locations once the teams are known. She will emphasize that any postponement will have to be rescheduled for the next day, including Sunday, after 12:30 p.m.

Assignments for the finals – Dawn reviewed a detailed list of tasks and assignments for the finals. As always, the committee members pitched in to be certain everything is covered. Because of an accident on 691, the route 10 corridor that leads to our office was closed. Since our excellent host and site director was unable to get to the meeting, Dawn and I will call him to be sure we are all on the same page.

Other Finals Issues

- Escorts for Officials – Mike will have people on the sideline to intervene and also provide escorts via the golf cart for the officials immediately after the game. We will review the security measures with him, after the meeting.
- Game Start Time – The renovations of the facility including new turf, and the school construction projects that included the parking lots, are completely finished, which will enhance an already great event.
- Patsy Kamercia – Babby updated the group and asked everyone to keep Patsy and her family in our thoughts and prayers. She is a truly wonderful person, a coaching legend at HK, and an individual who has influenced thousands of student-athletes in her very successful career. She has made numerous contributions to the sport of field hockey and has made a countless number of friends along the way.
- Field Issues – According to Chairman Bob Hale, no field issues were identified through the established process, but as a courtesy we will contact the schools with grass fields to give them a heads up.

Dot Johnson – The committee congratulated Dot Johnson for being selected as a 2018 “Gold Key” recipient by the CT Sports Writers Alliance. The dinner will be held at the Aqua Turf on Sunday, April 29, 2018.

Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the committee is **Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 3:15 p.m.**