

CIAC GIRLS LACROSSE COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 13, 2017

Members present: Lori Connelly, Pat Javorski, Tim McCluskey, VJ Sarullo, Phil Schneider, Cindy Dysenchuk (tournament director), Marge Williamson (chair) and Joe Tonelli (CIAC staff).

Call to order – The meeting was called to order by Marge Williamson at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes – On the motion by Lori Connelly, the minutes of May 25, 2017 were approved.

2017 Tournament Report – Cindy reported that the tournament went very well. She praised VJ Sarullo and his staff at Jonathan Law High School for being an excellent host for the finals. With great access to the major highways, Jonathan Law is an ideal site for the girls' tournament, and since VJ is willing to continue to host this event, we will hold the 2018 championships at Jonathan Law. Phil mentioned that we should make the committee and the umpires aware about the parking area behind the visitors' bleachers. We will remind the committee at the pairings meeting and Pat can let the umpires know when she makes the assignments for the finals. Semi-final sites are always a challenge, especially if schools graduate early. A discussion took place about fans wanting to come onto the field after the game to celebrate with the winning team. VJ handled the situation very well to minimize the problem, but we can include a statement about that when Cindy sends her information to the finalists.

Joe Tonelli thanked Cindy for her efforts and for doing an excellent job running the tournament. Joe mentioned that as a result of VJ keeping expenses down and the matchups, we once again increased the net income, which totaled \$10,273. We have come a long way from the days where girls' lacrosse resulted in a \$3,000 deficit.

2018 Rule Changes – The rule changes will be in the packet and covered by the umpires at the pre-season meetings. Joe mentioned that the NFHS publishes the rule book, but they have an excellent working relationship with US lacrosse who has a seat at the table at the NFHS rules committee. We will include the current information on eyewear and optional headgear in the packet.

2018 Tournament Packet – The packet was reviewed and the necessary revisions were made. By unanimous consent, the revised 2018 packet, with the three (3) division breakdown by enrollment was approved. It was emphasized that if there are any new teams, new co-ops or if the enrollment of a co-op team changes, these teams will be placed in the appropriate division. The division placement of all other teams will remain unchanged. As has been our past practice, we do not re-balance after the divisions are approved at the fall meeting. The packet will be finalized before submitting it to Judy and the divisions can be accessed on the girls' lacrosse page on the CIAC website, when the packet is posted on line.

New Business

- US Women's Lacrosse Optional Headgear – Effective January 1, 2017 and thereafter, the performance standard for the optional headgear is F3137. All optional headgear worn must meet this standard or it would be considered illegal for use. Additional information for the optional approved headgear can be found on the www.ciacsports.com web site on the Girls Lacrosse page and also on the www.nfhs.org web site.
- US Lacrosse Women's National Tournament – Phil reported that this year's tournament will once again be held on the Memorial Day weekend at Stonybrook University, which could affect teams with play in games. It is important for coaches that have players in the Women's National Tournament, and also have a play-in game, to be proactive and attempt to contact potential opponents in advance to try to schedule the CIAC game on Friday. If that is not possible because of proms or other conflicts, CIAC rules stipulate that no player will be permitted to miss a CIAC tournament game because of the National Tournament, so coaches should convey that to their players in advance to avoid issues. The coaches on the CIAC Girls Lacrosse Committee will inform the coaches about this. Because Phil will have access to the team rosters we can be proactive.
- Championship Games/SAT & ACT Test Dates – Coaches should also remind their athletes that the championship games are played on either the SAT or the ACT date so they should plan to avoid registering for these tests on this date, if their team has a chance to be in the finals. This year the finals are on the ACT date. The game times will not be changed because of these tests so tell the kids to plan ahead.

Adjournment – With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on the morning of the pairings. The date is Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the CIAC.