

# CIAC OFFICIALS' ADVISORY BOARD

## ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

February 15, 2017

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gloria Bellucci, Buddy Chernovetz, Ray Faustich, Jay Kelleher, Hank Koritkoski, Dave Leete, Joe Miller, Kelly Murphy, Lev Torgerson, and Joe Tonelli, CIAC Staff

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### ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

On a motion by Joe Miller, the minutes of October 13, 2016 were approved.

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### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

3,848 individual officials occupy 4,958 officiating slots. 2187 officials are members of the NFHS Officials Association.

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### FINANCIAL UPDATE – MULTI-SPORT REFUNDS

Joe T reported that \$3,172 was distributed to the multi – sport officials who are enrolled in 3 or more sports. These officials increase the officiating pool. Also, providing an honorarium and mileage reimbursement to clinicians for the preseason rules meetings for coaches is another initiative and financial investment that has reaped numerous benefits for schools while enhancing the relationship between officials and coaches. As of today, in 2016 - 17, we have invested \$4,546 for these rules meetings and NFHS rule interpreters' meetings. It is money well spent. A discussion took place regarding the multi – sport refunds. Joe T stated that this goodwill gesture is appreciated by the multi - sport officials and the group agreed that we should continue this practice.

However, the group did unanimously agree that it was unnecessary to provide mileage reimbursement for the end of the year state – wide meeting. The group felt that the meeting was beneficial to all and that many of the attendees don't expect to be reimbursed and never submitted their mileage. Joe T said he appreciated the kind gesture.

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### ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Dan Scavone, president of CAAD was unable to attend this rescheduled meeting because he had to officiate a basketball game. Dan brings a dual perspective to these meeting which is very beneficial.

## **OLD BUSINESS / INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **PRESEASON COACHES' RULES MEETINGS FOR SPRING COACHES**

These spring rules clinics are being finalized and will be posted on line and emailed to athletic directors.

### **NFHS ONLIN RULE INTERPRETERS MEETINGS**

Many of our rule interpreters continue to take part in these meeting to get the new rules from the national interpreters and rules editors. Because we are considered a 100% state by the NFHS, we can have an interpreter from each board participate in the online rules meetings. We can also include some assistant interpreters who wish to attend.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

Many concussion bills, most of which are aimed at youth leagues have been raised. To reduce concussions, officials were included in a bill that would require a ref in all sports to eject a player from the game that intentionally contacts another player in the head. As you are aware, the NFHS rules cover these situations and we believe the bill has been dropped. Crum Rubber bills continue to surface and CIAC has been mentioned in a few bills, one that recommends the CIAC be under the State Dept. of Education and another one to look into all aspects of the CIAC. These bills stem from certain areas of the state where athletes have been ruled ineligible or CIAC has made other decisions that are in accordance with our policies that people don't like. As you are aware, we are in a society where no one wants to be told "No". Obviously, the SDE has their hands full and the Commissioner of Education testified that they want no part of running high school athletics.

### **COMMISSIONERS TOOLS**

On the CIAC website there is a password protect area for assigners that is very helpful to them. A few assigning commissioners asked if the contact information for the assigners on all boards could be listed on the commissioner's tools website. Matt indicated that he could accommodate the request because only commissioners have access to that site. The idea was discussed and approved by the CIAC Officials Association Advisory Board with several assigners present at the meeting. Some of the reasons mentioned for contacting other assigners is to verify if an official who wishes to join a board in another sport is in good standing; to share officials when a board is shorthanded and to seek advice.

### **NFHS WEBSITE ARTICLES**

Ken Devoe, who is an IAABO Board #10 official, and an outstanding freelance writer and a former member of the NFHS publications committee has done numerous article for the NFHS website. The NFHS is looking for officials who are talented writers who are willing submit articles of interest to the NFHS. Ken requested that anyone interested can contact him via e-mail [kendevoe@comcast.net](mailto:kendevoe@comcast.net). Joe asked the Advisory Board members and Ray Faustich and Hank Koritkoski expressed interest in speaking with Ken about this. Any others can contact Ken.

## **ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

Included in the meeting packet were several articles of interest to officials from various high school publications. Many of these articles point out the shortage of officials and stress that it is everyone's responsibility to encourage and recruit officials for high school sports

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## **SPORTS REPORTS - AROUND THE TABLE**

The group shared some thoughts regarding their particular sports. Since recruitment of officials will always be a topic of interest, Joe Miller shared a unique idea. At their recent end of the year soccer banquet for their officials he distributed 2 different business cards and asked each official to give them out to at least 5 family members, friends or others that they think might be interested in officiating. Both cards had the GNHSOA logo on the front with website info and Joe's contact info on the back. One of the cards said, "Interested in becoming a high school soccer official"? Joe shared a few cards with the group. The group thought that this was a great gimmick and would be interested in hearing from Joe at the next meeting to see if it produced some new candidates. Joe also mentioned that non - weather related changes continue to plague all assigners. We need to identify the schools that are the worst offenders and there needs to be follow up by the officials as well as the AD's association and the CIAC. This part of the meeting always results in a sharing of information that is beneficial to all attendees and will always be part of our CIAC Officials Association Advisory Board meetings.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm. The next meeting of the CIAC Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2017 @ 4:00 PM @ CIAC.

The state- wide meeting will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2017. Food 5 P.M - Meeting start time 5:30 P.M.