

## **CIAC OFFICIALS' ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES - MAY 9, 2013**

Members present: Chris Burns, Jay Kelleher, Hank Koritkoski, Dave Leete, Joe Miller, Kelly Murphy, Lil Perone, Lev Torgerson, Ray Vanacore, and Joe Tonelli, CIAC Staff.

### **Action Items/Discussion Items**

On a motion by Joe Miller the minutes of February 7, 2013 were approved.

### **Membership Report**

4,118 individual officials occupy 5,281 officiating slots. Also, there are approximately 2,389 NFHS Officials' Association members who obtain accident, medical and liability coverage along with many other benefits and online access to a wealth of educational information relative to officiating. As members of the CIAC Officials' Association, boards can enroll in the NFHS for a special rate of \$17 per member. To encourage membership, the CIAC has a standing grant of \$250 to help defray the cost of membership in the first year.

### **Membership Templates**

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that membership in the CIAC Officials' Association runs from July 1 to June 30. The current rosters will be emailed to the boards in June, prior to the state-wide meeting. The electronic copy of the 2012-13 rosters will serve as the starting point for the 2013-14 rosters.

### **State-Wide Meeting**

The Advisory Board was invited to attend the state-wide meeting on June 13, 2013. Sandwiches will be available at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. The email invitations have been sent to all 50 boards and there can be 2 reps from each board.

### **Background Checks**

Criminal Information Services of Oregon has done an excellent job with the reports and getting the information to us in a timely manner. We have screened more than 5,000 officials, the majority of which have been done at no additional cost to the officials' or local boards. Now there is only a \$10 fee for the new applicants. It is important when meeting with new candidates to provide them with a copy of the background check policy and also inform them that it can be accessed online at [www.ciacofficialsassociation.org](http://www.ciacofficialsassociation.org). Utilize this opportunity to get the full name of the new candidates, including their middle name or initial. All agreed that CIAC is providing a valuable service to the boards and the schools by doing background checks.

### **Grants Program**

Chairman Hank Koritkoski reported on the success of the grants program. The CIAC Officials' Association has awarded \$10,250 in grant money to the various boards. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2013. This initiative was very successful and many programs were either initiated or further developed with the assistance of the grants program.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **CIAC Membership Fees**

The budget committee of the officials' advisory board recommended that the membership fee remain the same (\$10) for the 2013-14 school year. Also, for advanced planning, the budget committee recommended that the CIAC membership fee increase to \$13 for the 2014-15. The moderate increase was discussed and agreed upon in principal by the advisory board. It was pointed out that this will be the first increase in 9 years, and during that time period officials' fees have increased approximately \$13. It was also pointed out that the officials' association membership fee in CT is the lowest in the country while the game fees are among the highest in the country.

Practically all of the board reps present cited the benefits of being part of the CIAC team. Some of the benefits mentioned were background checks, utilizing CIAC resources and staff for information, the free admission perk of the membership card, increased communication and support from CIAC, the establishment of the CIAC communication protocol for schools and officials' groups to deal with issues and concerns, NFHS rules information and participation in the NFHS online rules interpretation meetings at no cost, free electronic exams and answer files, participation of all officials in NFHS surveys, representation on CIAC sports' committees, and the spirit of cooperation that exists between the boards and CIAC. Also, the sharing of information, ideas and best practices among the groups at advisory board meetings, as well as the state-wide meeting, has been extremely beneficial to all.

### **Preseason Rules Meetings for Coaches**

Joe needs the fall dates, times and sites of the interpretation meetings for coaches serviced by your board. Officials' groups should send the dates of their preseason rules meetings for coaches to Joe Tonelli. The reimbursements and the honorarium for the clinicians have worked out well. Over \$6,000 have been expended for this initiative during the 2012-13 season. This is money well spent and goes a long way in enhancing the relationship among the boards and the schools you service.

### **On-line NFHS Rules Interpretation Meetings**

The dates for the online rules interpretation meetings were distributed. All meetings are at 2:00 p.m. and participants registered by Joe Tonelli can use their home or work computer. Joe will need your email address to register the participants. 5 registrants per sport is the limit. The calendar of meetings will be part of the state- wide meeting packet.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- The Advisory Board Meeting Dates for 2013-14 have been finalized. All meetings are at 4:00 p.m.:
  - Thursday, October 17, 2013
  - Thursday, February 13, 2014
  - Thursday, May 8, 2014
- The state-wide meeting for this year is Thursday, June 13, 2013. The 2014 state-wide meeting is Thursday, June 19th @ 5:30 p.m.

- Joe Tonelli will arrange for an Officials' rep at the August, September, and October CIAC Board of Control Meetings. The October rep is Lev Torgerson.
- Possible topics for the state-wide meeting were discussed. They are as follows:
  1. Accommodations for athletes with disabilities – implications of the recent ruling by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights. OCR stated that disabled students should have opportunities to participate on athletic teams for K–12 schools;
  2. Heightened awareness relative to actions or comments made during the game directed towards players or coaches;
  3. Follow up on social media guidelines;
  4. Accountability for training and preparing officials;
  5. Ejections / follow through / report content
  6. Death of Utah soccer official – implications for everyone

### **Discussion Items / Idea Sharing**

The group shared some ideas about the above topics. The advisory board agreed that all of these topics would be worthwhile for the state-wide meeting.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. The next meeting will be the state-wide meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2013.

- Sandwiches and Refreshments @ 5:00 p.m.
- Meeting starts @ 5:30 p.m.
- Fall Advisory Board Meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2013 @ 4:00 p.m.