



CIAC OFFICIALS' ADVISORY BOARD ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES May 16, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Burns (Swimming), Bud Chernovetz for Hank Luzzi (Basketball), Ray Faustich (Baseball), Patricia Javorski (Girls Lacrosse & Field Hockey), Hank Koritkoski (Softball), Dave Leete (Boys Lacrosse), Terry Schanbacker (Soccer) for Joe Miller, Lev Torgerson (Ice Hockey), Melissa Zigmont (Gymnastics) Dan Scavone (Consultant) and Joe Tonelli, CIAC Staff

ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

On a motion by Lev Torgerson, the minutes of February 13, 2019 were approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

3,749 individual officials occupy 4,864 officiating slots. 2,173 officials are members of the NFHS Officials Association. In comparing these numbers with last year, we are down 63 individual members and 51 officiating slots.

STATEWIDE MEETING

The Advisory Board was invited to attend the state-wide meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2019. Sandwiches will be available at 5:00 pm and the meeting starts at 5:30 pm. The email invitations were sent to all boards. There can be 2 reps from each board, not counting the CIAC Advisory Board members.

OLD BUSINESS

PRESEASON RULES MEETINGS FOR COACHES

Officials' groups should send the dates of their fall preseason rules meetings for coaches to Dan Scavone as soon as you can confirm them with the leagues and schools you service.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR UPDATE

Dan mentioned that at the CAAD conference in March, the recruitment of officials was mentioned in 3 separate sessions in order to raise the awareness of the need for more officials. A pitch was made

to solicit their help to identify students or faculty that may be interested in becoming a high school official. Dan also mentioned the SWC student officials training that was very successful. IAABO Board #6 will begin a dialogue with the CCC to initiate the same program in the largest league in the state. Dan showed the group a video that was put together by John Holt, former sports anchor at WFSB Channel 3. This program was successful and Dan plans to share this video with those in attendance at the 2019 State-wide meeting.

RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Joe T updated the group on the status of the NFHS Recruitment Initiative, the CIAC efforts and the work of the local boards in this important area. Every group needs to go all out to attract new members. The NFHS has helped all states by raising the awareness of the important role the officials play in high school sports and the need to increase the pool of officials. It is important to target the younger age groups with the hope that these candidates will stay with it for the long haul.

NEW BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS

CIAC OFFICIALS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2019-2020

Fall Meeting – Thursday, October 10, 2019;
Winter – Wednesday, February 13, 2020;
Spring – Thursday, May 14, 2020
All Advisory Board Meetings start at 4:00 P.M.

State – wide meeting – June 18, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M.

NFHS ONLINE AND IN-PERSON RULE INTERPRETERS MEETING SCHEDULE 2019 - 20

The list of online and in-person rule interpreters' meetings was distributed. The CIAC Officials Association will reimburse the CIAC state interpreter for the in- person meetings held at the NFHS office in Indy.

NFHS RULES APPS

During the 2019 – 20 school year, for every rule book and / or casebook purchased by your board an equal number of free rules apps can be accessed by NFHS Officials Association members. This will be explained at the state - wide meeting.

ARBITER GAME SCHEDULING PROGRAM

It has been a goal of the CIAC to merge the scheduling program developed by Matt Fischer for schools with the Arbiter scheduling product, utilized by the officials' assigners. Through the hard work of Matt and the cooperation of the Arbiter hierarchy, starting in the fall of 2019, all schools and practically all officials' assigners will be using Arbiter Game. The athletic directors and administrative assistants who took advantage of the training sessions are on their way to learning the new system. The athletic director training sessions were four (4) hours. The commissioners had a one (1) hour refresher with the arbiter techs showing them some minor changes and short cuts, since many of them have years of experience with the system. This system will communicate schools and the officials, an initiative that the commissioners have been seeking. There is an expected learning curve, but in the long run, the system will benefit all of the users.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PLANNING FOR THE STATE-WIDE MEETING

The board discussed some ideas for the state-wide meeting agenda. The goal is to provide food and some socialization...start the meeting on time ... share some important information and best practices, discuss topics of interest, and get them headed for home at a reasonable time.

AROUND THE TABLE

We did a brief around the table which always produces some interesting information and varied topics and food for thought.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Joe T informed the board that he is retiring and Dan Scavone will be joining the CIAC Executive Staff beginning July 1. Dan will assume the Director of the CIAC Officials Association position and oversee several sports committees. Joe will serve the CIAC as a consultant during the transition period.

Dan is a former principal, long – time athletic director, CAAD president, CCC league commissioner and a former high school and college basketball official, Joe stated that “Dan has been a consultant to the CIAC Officials Association Advisory Board the past 4 years and has assisted with the recruitment program. With Dan’s leadership, the organization will continue to grow while serving the member schools and the 50+ official’s organizations extremely well.”

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M. The Next meeting is the state-wide meeting – Thursday, June 13, 2019.

5:00 P.M. – Sandwiches

5:30 P.M. – Meeting begins