

**CIAC OFFICIALS' ADVISORY BOARD
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
MAY 11, 2011**

Members present: Alison Laney, Tony Barbaro, Rich Coyle, Chris Burns, Kelly Murphy, Hank Koritkoski, Dave Leete, Jay Kelleher, Terry Schanbacher, Barbara Startup, Lev Torgerson, and Joe Tonelli, CIAC Staff.

Action Items/Discussion Items

On a motion by hank the minutes of February 3, 2011 were approved.

Membership Report

4,000 individual officials occupy about 5,000 slots. There are 2,100 NFHS Members, an increase of 750 members with all of the baseball umpires joining the NF Officials' Assoc.

Membership Templates

Because the boards recently updated and submitted their membership rosters to CIAC for the background checks, these rosters will be used for the 2011-2012 membership rosters for your board. By unanimous consent, it was agreed that membership in the CIAC Officials' Association runs from July 1 to June 30. The current board rosters will be distributed at the state-wide meeting and the method for making updates will be explained.

State-Wide Meeting

The Advisory Board approved a state-wide meeting for Thursday, June 16, 2011.

Financial Update

The CIAC Officials' Association continues to have a solid financial base as a result of the CIAC subsidy that significantly reduces our expense.

Background Checks

Criminal Information Services (Cris Company) of Oregon will begin the background checks on all CIAC Officials' Association members that provided the DOB and consent. A very small percentage did not comply and cannot be screened or approved to officiate until they submit the required information. Priority for notifying boards regarding the approved list will be given to fall sports and Joe will only communicate with the board designated contact person. The goal is to notify boards prior to the season, if possible, but that will depend of the timeliness of the submissions by the particular boards.

Grants Program

Chairman Hank Koritkoski reported on the success of the grants program. Many boards have already applied, been approved, and already received the \$250 grant. Many excellent programs have been initiated and grant request can be made from now through the June 30, 2012. The approved grants list was distributed. Hank encouraged all boards that have not done so already to apply.

Old Business

- Preseason rules meeting for coaches – Joe needs the fall dates and details. Officials' groups should send the dates of their preseason rules meetings for coaches to Joe Tonelli
- The dates for the July and September on-line rules interpretation meetings were distributed. All meetings are at 2 p.m. at CIAC. The dates distributed at the May 11th adv bd meeting were off by a day. The corrected dates were part of the state-wide meeting packet.
- The game fee for officials' was discussed. All officials will receive a percentage increase for 2011-2012 and the handout will be part of the state-wide meeting packet.
- CIAC Board of Control meeting reps for Aug 25, Sept 28 and Oct 27 were discussed

New Business

- The Advisory Board Meeting Dates have been finalized. Thursday, October 20, 2011, Thursday, February 2, 2012, Thursday, May 10, 2012. All meetings are 4:00 pm. The state-wide meeting is Thursday, June 14, 2012 @ 5:30 pm.
- Joe Tonelli will arrange for an Officials' rep at the August, September, and October Board of Control Meetings. If you signed up please reconfirm.
- Discussed and will incorporate a more information sharing and workshop type format for state-wide meeting.

Idea Sharing

The group shared some ideas about programs within their sports designed to improve the caliber of their officials and their service to member schools. It was an excellent discussion regarding mentoring, observer program, dues collection, yearly rules testing and other worthwhile topics.

Informational Items

- NFHS will no longer supply paper exams. Joe Tonelli I will have a plan to accommodate all groups and will discuss the options at the state-wide meeting.
- Joe Tonelli mentioned the photo in the packet that highlights the IAABO clinic held at the U of New Haven designed to promote female officials.
- The baseball umpires joined the NFHS Officials Association to take advantage of the many benefits, including the insurance coverage which extends to high school and non high schools games in all sports that CIAC sponsors. We now have more approximately 2200 NFHS members.

Around the table

Some of the items mentioned by board members...

- The successful merger of three (3) softball groups in the Fairfield County into one harmonious board of nearly 100 umpires, worked extremely well.
- The grants program is an excellent example of the type of initiative that demonstrates CIAC support of local boards.
- Sub varsity fees in some sports are lower than what non high school leagues are paying which makes it more difficult to cover all the games.

Thank you Barbara Startup

Barbara mentioned that this would be her last meeting. Gloria Bellucci will become the volleyball rep. Like Barbara, Gloria has been part of the volleyball leadership in the state for many years. She will be an excellent addition to the advisory board. Although we know it will be a smooth transition, we will miss Barbara. She has been the rep since Day 1, and her experience, knowledge and positive approach served us extremely well. Thanks Barbara for your willingness to serve on the adv board for the past 5 years.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 20, 2011 @ 4:00 pm.