

CIAC OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION  
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
MAY 14, 2008

Members Present: Jane Dahle, George Ford, Barry Fowler, Hank Koritkoski, Dave Leete, Hank Luzzi, Terry Schanbacker, Paul Swords, Lev Torgerson and Joe Tonelli.

ACTION ITEMS.DISCUSSION ITEMS

The minutes of January 8, 2008 were approved by unanimous consent.

The membership report was distributed which reflects record setting enrollment in the CIAC Officials Association for the 2007-2008 school year. A total of 3,505 individuals occupy 4, 273 officiating slots. There are 55 boards of officials in all sports and 54 of them have 100% of their members enrolled with CIAC.

The financial report was distributed and the income to date was \$41, 280. The expenses of the association continue to be minimized through the contributive services and support of the CIAC.

The recruitment brochure continues to be a positive publication that enhances the efforts of attracting new members to the officiating ranks. By unanimous consent it was agreed to continue this publication. Joe will revise the necessary information and go to print by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

By unanimous consent, the board approved the recommendation to keep the dues at \$10 for the 2008-2009 school year. An initial enrollment notice will be e-mailed to board officers and we need to work toward all boards submitting their file to Matt Fischer in a timely manner. Also, we need to insist that all groups use the membership template designed by Matt and identify the new officers, which includes a person designated by each board who handles new officiating prospects for your board.

OLD BUSINESS / INFORMATION ITEMS

The rule interpretation meetings are going well with attendance on the increase. We need to get the dates to Joe for the fall and winter so they can be posted on line in a timely manner.

It was the feeling of the group that the state-wide meetings held last summer with presidents, commissioners, secretary/treasurers and rule interpreters were very important, but, it is not necessary to have these meetings on yearly basis. However, if a need arises to get any of the specific groups together (such as insurance or any other important issues) the board authorized Joe to schedule a meeting and provide food and soft drinks.

## NEW BUSINESS

Joe informed the group of a special arrangement and opportunity for all Connecticut Boards to join the NFHS Officials Association for \$12 per member for the next two years. Being affiliated with the NFHS, the organization that runs high school athletics in the country and writes our rules has numerous personal and professional benefits. Some of the major benefits include an excellent liability and medical/accident insurance plan through Bollinger Insurance, the quarterly NFHS Officials publication, access to the rule book, case book, and interactive online rules dialog, and be on the cutting edge of an initiative to provide several types of online officials education through videos and clips. The information was enthusiastically received by the board, and Joe was authorized to present the information as an option for all interested groups. Joe will obtain more detailed information about this topic when he attends the NFHS summer meeting in Washington, DC in early July.

Background checks for officials continue to be a topic of discussion around the country. The numbers of states that are conducting background checks are on the increase. The Advisory Board will continue to discuss this topic.

The meeting dates for the CIAC Officials Association Advisory Board for the 2008-2009 school years are as follows:

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Tuesday, January 6, 2009

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

The meeting dates for CIAC Board of Control were distributed and it was determine that the softball rep will attend the Aug 28, 2008 meeting to represent the officials. George Ford will be the rep for the Sept 25, 2008 meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

The next meeting of the CIAC Officials' Association Advisory Board is Thursday, October 2, 2008 @ 4:00pm.