

**CIAC OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION**  
**Advisory Board Committee**  
**October 11, 2007**

**Members Present:** Frank Begen, Lorraine Duffy, Ray Faustich, Barry Fowler, Dave Leete, Hank Luzzi, Barbara Startup, Terry Schanbacher, Lev Torgerson, Sr. and Joe Tonelli, CIAC

- **Action items/Discussion Items**

Approved the minutes of May 15, 2007

Motion – Frank, second Hank, action- passed

- **Distributed the membership report** of October 11, 2007 which reflected that we are ahead of last year's pace and increased membership by nearly 300 officials.
- **The financial report** indicated that the membership income to date is \$36,500.00. Bills will be sent to the boards that have not sent in their enrollment fees.
- **The budget committee presented a balanced budget** with an anticipated income of \$40,000.00. As a result of CIAC subsidizing a significant portion of the actual expenses of the CIAC Officials' Association, the 2007-08 budget allocation earmarked to spend on member services is \$20,000. Some of the projected expenditures approved by the officials' board include: customized membership cards and mailing house processing and mailing costs = \$2,400.00. NFHS rules interpretations meetings for 13 sports @ \$700.00 = \$9,100.00. Recruitment brochures (10,000 full color brochures) = \$2,000.00. Officers and commissioners state wide meetings = \$4,800.00. Interpreters state wide meetings = \$600.00. Special projects/ events = \$1,100.00 and the investigation of new initiatives, programs, training assistance and other ideas. = \$4,000.00. The board agreed that the CIAC Officials' Association has a very favorable budget outlook as a result of record setting membership figures and the generosity of the CIAC subsidy.  
The 2007-08 Budget was approved. Motion Ray, second Barbara, action-passed

- **Old Business/ Information Items**

**Preseason rule interpretation meetings-** need winter dates to publish on our website. NFHS Rules interpretation meetings/ dates – For the first time the NFHS rules interpretations meetings were attended by all fall sport state interpreters from Connecticut. All agreed that the meetings were outstanding and beneficial. The dates of the NFHS meetings will be sent to the state interpreters.  
NFHS Rules Interpretations via web casting- wrestling participated with excellent results.  
**Recruitment report- Article in Shoreline Publishing** – shared an article about CT officials that appeared in 13 shoreline towns. The article was very well written and resulted in several calls to the CIAC from prospective officials.

**Sec / Treas, Presidents, Commissioners, Interpreters meeting summary-** The board felt that the meetings were very worthwhile. A summary of all these meetings is posted on the Officials web page.

New web address [www.ciacofficialsassociation.org](http://www.ciacofficialsassociation.org) Encourage your officials to use it.

- **Scrimmage Guidelines-** The new guidelines represent a change in the philosophy regarding scrimmages. The new guidelines state that officials should receive some compensation for scrimmages. It was emphasized that a cooperative spirit on the part of officials' groups as well as the member schools should be the order of the day in this year of adjustment. Officials' groups should communicate with the schools they service to discuss a reasonable and agreed upon fee. It was also emphasized that these are just guidelines designed with the hope that reasonable people will do what is fair for all concerned. Some athletic Directors and officials' groups favor a negotiated fee which could happen down the road. The scrimmage guidelines were distributed and can be found on line at [www.casciac.org](http://www.casciac.org). The reference is on page 156 of the new CIAC handbook.
- **NFHS study on violence** toward officials was distributed.

### **New Business**

- **Ejection reports** – The new on line ejection reporting system was explained and the process was outlined. All agreed that the data from the ejection reports will assist the CIAC in identifying individuals, teams, and athletic programs that have sportsmanship issues and those schools that should be commended.
- **Distribution and utilization of the recruitment brochure** – each board should distribute the brochure to their members. They can be distributed to AD's, coaches, athletes, recreation departments as well as at events. The preseason coaches' meeting is also a good venue for this purpose.
- **Football Insurance through Bollinger-** the insurance committee investigated the coverage provided to various sports and looked at the plans offered by the larger companies. The committee identified Bollinger as an excellent provider that offered a good plan for officials' groups to consider, they wanted to make a comparison. Football studied the situation and selected Bollinger as their provider. Football reported that they saved money by making the switch and they are satisfied with their liability and accident/medical plan.
- **On going goals and new initiatives** – The ongoing goals are posted on the website and the new initiatives relative to the NFHS interpretation meetings and the online ejection reporting system will be pursued in 2007-2008. Board members were encouraged to forward any other goals that they wished to be considered.
- With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.
- **The next meeting of the advisory board** will be held on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. at CIAC