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CIAC OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 2009

Members present: Jane Dahle, Ray Faustich, George Ford, Barry Fowler, Lucy Goodridge, Kevin Holmgren, Hank Kortikoski, Dave Leete, Hank Luzzi, Andy Mann, Joe Miller, Terry Schanbacher, and Joe Tonelli, CIAC.

Note: Jenn Sylvester was introduced to the board. She is the CIAC Officials' Association secretary. Jenn can be reached at (203) 250-1111 ext. 3902 and her email is jennsylvester@casciac.org

ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

On a motion by Barry Fowler, the minutes of May 13, 2009 were approved

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have about 3800 individual officials that total 4650 officiating slots. We have 100% membership from all 53 boards.

In addition, there are close to 1500 Connecticut officials who are also members of the National Federation (NFHS) Officials Association which also includes liability and accident insurance.

BUDGET PROPOSAL

Budget committee members Dave Leete, George Ford and Hank Luzzi reviewed the budget proposal. After a brief discussion and on a motion by Ray Faustich the 2009-2010 budget proposal was approved.

NEW RECRUITMENT BROCHURES

The new brochures were distributed to the board. Any official or board that needs brochures to distribute to their members or to display at a place of business should contact Jenn Sylvester.

OLD BUSINESS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The fall preseason meetings for coaches in the various sports were well attended. Send the winter dates to Joe Tonelli as soon as you set them

NFHS RULE INTERPRETATION MEETINGS

The state interpreters from Connecticut representing all the fall and winter sports attended the NFHS meetings in Indianapolis and Pennsylvania. Hank Kortikoski informed the group of the informative nature of the meetings.

EJECTION REPORTS

Following the proper procedure in submitting the DQ reports starts with the ejecting official. The need to get the information correct and submit the report to the board designee in a timely manner is very important.

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CIAC BOARD OF CONTROL REPS

October 22	TBA
November 19	Dave Leete
December 17	Lucy Goodrich
January 21	Barry Fowler
February 25	George Ford
March 24	Jane Dahle
April 29	Joe Miller
May 20	TBA

BACKGROUND CHECK UPDATE

Committee members Ray Faustich, Dave Leete, and Hank Kortikoski reported various aspects of the discussions by the committee and the progress that has been made. The summary of the background committee was reviewed. Joe T. reported that by unanimous consent the background check committee agreed to continue to move forward to finalize plans for doing background checks for officials in Connecticut. The minutes of the September 14, 2009 Background Check Committee can be accessed at http://www.casciac.org/pdfs/background_check_091409_meeting_summary.pdf

After a thorough discussion, a motion by Dave Leete to endorse the recommendation of the background check to finalize a plan to implement background checks in the near future was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

REFEREE MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Joe T mentioned that he and Arnie Mann, a baseball assigner, were interviewed along with several others throughout the country about the effects of the economy on officiating. We will be informed as to when the article will appear in referee magazine.

Joe said that he met Barry Mano from NASO, who is also the Publisher of Referee Magazine, at the NFHS Summer Meeting in Chicago, and this topic surfaced during a round table discussion where he and Barry were at the same table. Barry informed me that Referee Magazine would be doing an article on the topic and we would be contacted. It's great that Connecticut will be included in the article.

STATE-WIDE MEETING SUMMARY

The information packet was distributed to the board. 88 officiating leaders attended the meeting. The summary of the June 18th meeting is posted online at http://www.casciac.org/pdfs/off_assoc_meeting_min_061809.pdf

PROTOCOL FOR LODGING A COMPLAINT

Joe reviewed the suggested protocol in lodging a complaint which appears on page 162 of the CIAC handbook. This is just another step in enhance the working relationship between officials and member schools

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DISCUSSION OF ISSUES FROM BOARDS

- The board spent the last 25 minutes of the meeting further identifying troublesome issues. Some of these issues are as follows: encouraging athletic directors to check with the arbiter or the other assigning programs to double check the pertinent info and to be sure officials were assigned to the game.
- Another issue involves a coach who has an interactive blog where he invites public comments, sometimes criticizes the officials publically in this manner. Joe commented that this was inappropriate and must be addressed.
- Several board members mentioned that some schools have difficulty starting on time. This creates a problem for everyone.
- It was mentioned that the vast majority of schools pay schools in a reasonable period of time. CIAC will work with you on this...we must identify the schools that are in this category.
- It was mentioned that scrimmage fees remain a problem since the fees being paid are different from school to school and league to league. Many believe that the inconsistencies cause problems between schools and officials groups. Set fees need to be determined soon to avoid problems in the future.
- Everyone agreed that the communication from CIAC to officials regarding rules and other info has been well received. The fact that officials are on all committees and have representation on the CIAC Board of Control has solidified the role of officials as part of the CIAC team

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

The next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2010.

For your advanced planning, the Spring Meeting date is Wednesday, May 12, 2010