

CONNECTICUT HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

DATE: June 11, 2020; 4:00 pm

PLACE: Zoom meeting due to COVID 19

ATTENDANCE: B. Adkins, S. Aresco, H. Bellucci, J. Bevino, J. Buonocore, C. Claffey, J. Canzanella, B, Cecchini, P. Christensen, L. Corto, S. Follo, A. Forcucci, M. Fritch , B. Hedden, G. Hunt, J. Jarvis, R. Kosta, M. Logan, G. Makowicki, J. Madaffari, K. Maher, C. McDougal, B. Nuhn, M. Perkins, D. Petruzzello, B. Sarnacki, D. Schultz, B. Vanderrest, T. Ziemnicki, CAAD representative(s): M. Perachi and D. Dennehy: **Not in attendance:** J. Casagrande and D. Pisati

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting from 1/9/2020 where given out at the last meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Financial report given by B. Cecchini; B. Cecchini stated that there will be two reports in August will the Executive Board will meet; stated we are behind, but this is due to COVID 19 and the cancellation of Coach of the Year and All State banquets and other expenses including the T-shirts and hats; also Farmington Club, which was a sponsor, was sold and no longer part of the Aqua Turf. We will be looking for sponsorships in the future. In August, more of financial report will be given – Motion so move to wait till August Executive meeting - unanimously accepted.

WINTER INDOOR TRACK PROPSOAL FOR ALL STATE: R. Kosta, Chair, stated had their Indoor Track banquet occurred right before COVID 19 strike. He is requesting expansion of All State Indoor Track Athletes, which is a line with what was approved by Executive Board for Outdoor Track. The proposal was shown to all on screen. This would add approximately 20 – 25 more All State Indoor Track Athletes being recognized. This year there were approximately 175 Male and Female All State Indoor Track recognized. J. Canzanella asked B. Vanderrest and B. Hedden thoughts. Both stated the Outdoor Track met with Indoor Track and agree with the proposal. The only difference in in the relays: Indoor has six (6) and Outdoor has eight (8). No further discussion. J. Canzanella motion to accept proposal of expanding the number of Indoor Track All State Athletes, second by M. Fritch. Unanimously accepted.

Comment by J. Canzanella that since Outdoor Track did not have their banquet, due to COVID 19, that Indoor Track might have some clinches at their banquet next year, and might have to work with Outdoor Track before their banquet. B. Hedden stated there would be no clinches.

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CT COTY AND CHSCA COACH OF THE YEAR: G. Makowicki stated that COTY was postpone and all nominations from CT for this year would be rolled over. G. Makowicki asked for motion to postpone the selection of CHSCA Coach of the Year for this coming year and even though right now it is set for September it be moved to May 6, 2021; Motion made by J. Buonocore and 2nd by L. Corto - Unanimously accepted. B. Cecchini will send an email to the receipts and M. Logan will post on website.

ICE HOCKEY: S. Follo gave report for Ice Hockey; Three (3) newsletters went out; had a 100% from Coaches in choosing Hoby Baker; Due to not having All State Ice Hockey banquet all certificates were sent to the Coaches of those being recognized and they in turn were to get to their Athletes. Thanks to B. Cecchini and M. Logan for all their help.

FALL GOLF: C. Claffey spoke to Fall Golf; The Fall Golf proposal did not get approved for this coming season; it was suggested that C. Claffey get the proposal of CAAD and CHSCA in writing to B. Cecchini before the next Executive meeting in August for the Executive Board meets and can review.

MEETING DATES: B. Cecchini stated the meeting dates in magazine and on website; the dates will be mailed home. The next Executive meeting is Thursday, August 20th at noon and the Executive Board with Sports Chairs is Tuesday, September 15th at 5:30pm. B. Cecchini did call and spoke to many Sports' Chairs about the 2020-21 All State banquet dates and some were changed. B. Cecchini stated in the magazine and will mail.

CAAD UPDATE: M. Perachi stated three (3) things from CAAD. First, the May General meeting did not occur and will occur with Guidance Counselors on Wednesday, October 7th; Second, CAAD Leadership nominations will rollover and will occur on Tuesday, November 10th; this next item M. Perachi stated might be very important to the membership of CHSCA; Third. now there is a 45 hours Coaches certification course online; 41 hours on online and 4 hours in person; BRAND NEW; M. Logan stated on our website already; B. Cecchini stated, that due to COVUD 19, the CT State Department has given an extension of Coaches certifications; Coaches should have received this in the mail. M. Perachi will be rotating off as President of CAAD and thanked the Executive Board of CHSCA for working with them and D. Dehenny, St. Paul's AD, will be taking his place. Thanks from the Executive Board of CHSCA for all of M. Perachi's communication with us.

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LEGISLATION: B. Cecchini stated since we still do not have a Lobbyist, been using CAAD's for information and three (3) things brought up to the State Legislature, which has been put on the back burner, due to the COVID 19; 1st concerning electronic devices; 2nd recycling materials on playgrounds; and 3rd information concerning sexual abuse; B. Cecchini stated in the Fall CHSCA Executive Board needs to look into a Lobbyist for CHSCA.

SPORTS YOU UPDATE: D. Schultz has been working with Jen Gros (jen@sportsyou.com) with a Free App for Athletic Departments; C. McDougal stated he has already been working with J. Gros with his Fall Coaches; it was stated that J. Gros would work with an entire department or team, it depends on the AD or Athletic Department, how much depth of the App wanted; this App will save all communication with parents and athletes; B. Cecchini stated before COVID 19 did try to get J. Gros to come in to an Executive Board meeting and give a presentation about the App and just did not occur; C. McDougal and D. Schultz stated J. Gros will do Zoom meeting with Athletic Staff on the App.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION UPDATE: There will be a meeting Thursday, June 25th at Back 9 for 1st round of interviews for the Executive Director; the interviews are at 9 am, 10 am, and 11 am. The second round will occur on Thursday, July 2nd. It is the hope that someone will be names by Wednesday, July 15th.

SHIRTS, EMBLEM AND SIZES: J. Madaffari needs all Executive Board members, who have not received a T- shirt, to email him at pridejm@aol.com with size and home address. The sizes are Men and Women. The T- shirt was shown. This included M. Perachi and D. Dennehy from CAAD.

HALL OF FAME: B. Nuhn stated on Monday, June 29th at the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce in Middletown at 3 pm, Hall of Fame committee will met. B. Nuhn will contact those on the committee with this information. The hope is to have the Hall of Fame in November 2020.

SPRING COACHES SALARIES: T. Zemnicki called B. Cecchini about Coaches being paid for Spring; some districts were being paid, others were not and others told to file for unemployment; it was stated that when the CIAC tried to intervene the Superintendents stated to back away that each district would make a decision; B. Adkins stated he had information from Lacrosse; other Executive Board members spoke what they knew other school districts were doing and/or leagues; B. Cecchini will try to comply information and have for the Executive meeting Thursday, August 20th.

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CHSCA EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR 2020-2021: P. Christensen would be moving to Past President; D. Petruzzello, President, 1st vice President S. Aresco, 2nd Vice President: BB. Vanderrest; and 3rd Vice President J. Buonocore; Motion made by M. Fritch to accept the new officers for CHSCA for 2020-21 and 2nd by C. Claffey. Unanimously accepted

CHSCA MEMBERSHIP: D. Fontana will still be handling membership in August 2020 at the same PO BOX 632, Southington, CT 06489 until CHSCA has a new Executive Director.

FOOTBALL UPDATE: H. Bellucci stated new guidelines and it is discrepancy of each school district for July 6th to allow or not Football season to begin; It feels like there will be a season, however, a lot depends on things and will wait for answers and more guidelines from CIAC;

J. Buonocore gave update on the proposal from the Football Alliance which has no movement yet; the CIAC Football playoff proposal would be sent by J. Buonocore to M. Logan, who will email it out to the Executive Board; J. Buonocore stated it basically has football starting earlier and ending earlier; something like Thanksgiving games would be eliminated instead possible played on Columbus weekend; all games would be Friday and Saturday; There has been a lot of positive feedback; B. Cecchini said he wants to make sure CHSCA Executive Board and Football committee looks at this very closely and every league has a say; H. Bellucci feels, we meaning CHSCA Football committee with the back of the Executive Board, do a survey of the Football coaches; H. Bellucci stated right now the CIAC championship are the second weekend in December and weather becomes a factor along with interfering athletes playing Football and possible doing a Winter sport. J. Canzanella stated should keep a close eye on this due to the Football alliance sending to the media ect.; D. Schultz stated the FCAIC Football games are on Thanksgiving and stated make sure the numbers played or not played on Thanksgiving is accurate; Also, need to look at the way Football teams are given points for playoffs; J. Buonocore stated will take one to two years. There was discussion from the Executive Board and clearly stated to make sure it was good for all Football Conference, not what was being stated from the Football Alliance; Again, H. Bellucci felt a survey of CHSCA Football Coaches needs to be taken.

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CIAC UPDATE: D. Petruzzello stated Zoom meeting during the COVID 19 have been occurring of the CIAC Board of Control. There are guidelines to Athletic Directors how things should be done during this time and should be getting to Coaches-this is posted on the CIAC website and M. Logan stated posted on the CHSCA website D. Petruzzello went through Transfer ruling; J. Canzanella stated all Coaches need to know there is no playbook for this and need to be very careful – is a grey area and encourage Coaches to seek out to their AD make sure following what they should school; M. Logan encouraged that Coaches know their insurance policy as part of CHSCA; The insurance policy is on website; B. Cecchini stated every coach to be covered needs to be following National, State and district guidelines. The CIAC Board of Control did stated in summer by guidelines is all volunteer coaching and tentative dates for what can and should be done.

OTHER ITEMS:

PROTEST OCCURING AND CHSCA: D. Petruzzello feels that we, CHSCA need to put something out there and in support of nonviolent protest; J. Canzanella will work with D. Petruzzello on a statement; J. Canzanella stated CIAC and other school districts have done this. M. Logan will put on the website.

PHYSICALS FOR FALL SPORTS: S. Aresco asked if CIAC was looking into waiving the 13-month Physicals for Fall Sport Athletics, due to COVID 19, Doctors are not doing physicals. J. Canzanella spoke to what CIAC Medical Advisors stated did not want to go beyond the 13 month. L. Corto stated some school systems are accepting the Zoom health assessment or Telehealth call for physicals. S. Aresco stated problem of insurance. Ask if M. Perachi and/or D. Dennehy would bring up to CAAD. D. Petruzzello stated at Middletown has own health office within their school system.

MAGAZINE: B. Hedden spoke to CHSCA magazine subscription; B. Cecchini has spoken to S. Larson, who does the magazine and will look into a cost per year. H. Bellucci stated he sends it to his Football Coaches by Twitter.

J. Madaffari wanted T. Ziemnicki to know the rest of us on the Executive Board and himself understands her frustration about some systems not paying their Coaches during this time.

Next, meeting dates Thursday, August 20th Executive Board meeting and Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 5:30 pm Executive Board and Sports Chairs

ADJOURNMENT: J. Madaffari motioned to adjourn and H. Bellucci 2nd - Unanimously accepted.

Minutes taken by: B. Sarnacki, CHSCA Secretary