



CHSBUA Board of Directors 4Q21 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Agenda 10/10/21 3p-5p Meeting In Person and Zoom Conference Call

In Person Location:

Caliber Collision
4890 N Robb St
Wheatridge 80003

Conference Call via Zoom for anyone unable to attend in person

Zoom Meeting

Attendees (**bold**):

Executive Committee

President – **Ross Chase**
President Elect – **Kennie Monger**
Past President – **Ryan Roark**
Secretary – **Greg Holstine**
Treasurer – **Terry Angell**
Members at Large – **John Juranek**; Chad Rangel; **Mason Smith**

Area Directors

Area 1 Denver: **Gary Czachowski**; **Bill Fleming**; **Mike Tycksen**
Area 2 Colo Springs: **Don Howard**; **David Patterson**
Area 3 Pueblo: **Pat Garcia**
Area 4 La Junta: **Vacant**
Area 5 Trinidad: Kirby Bonato
Area 6 Lamar: Jason Dittenburner
Area 7 Northeast: Cody Roth
Area 8 Greeley: **Chuck French**
Area 9 Ft Collins: **Rob Montoya**
Area 10 Boulder: **Pat Corcoran**
Area 11 Durango: Derek Kibel
Area 12/17 Salida/Buena Vista: **Dave Granzella**
Area 13 Alamosa/Monte Vista/San Luis Valley: **Rodney Winters**
Area 14 Grand Junction: **Doug Levinson**
Area 15 Delta/Montrose: **Dan Cholas**
Area 16 Craig/Meeker/Steamboat Springs: **Bob Richardson**

CHSBUA Rules Interpreter

George Demetriou

Colorado High School Activities Association

CHSAA Liaison – Adam Bright

CHSAA Officials Liaison – Tom Robinson

CHSBUA Member

Discussion:

Ground Rules for the meeting

- participate
- get focus
- maintain momentum
- reach closure

Call meeting to order

- Roll call – Greg
- Welcome and opening remarks – Ross
 - Thanked Terry for organizing the room

Approval of previous minutes

- Accepted previous meeting (3Q21) minutes (provided) (No corrections were received)
 - Motion: John Juranek
 - 2nd: Kennie Monger
 - Outcome: 3Q21 meeting minutes adopted

Treasurers Report

- Financials – Terry
 - P&L posted on website
 - Current as of 9/30/21
 - Income \$800 from Gr8Call
 - A few expenses are included

CHSAA Report

- CHSAA update – Review discussion/outcome of Ross/Adam meeting 9/23
 - Discussed over lunch
 - Ross looking to build relationships with Adam
 - Time Limit –
 - Ross suggested that CHSAA implements a no new after 1:45 with a drop dead of 2:00.
 - Adam agreed that this would be beneficial but this would have to go thru the baseball committee (selected Athletic Directors and Coaches)
 - How do we get progress? – Ross to follow with Adam
 - Could the CHSBUA president or other representative be a part of the committee to vote?

- Ross to contact Adam about when the meeting is and make sure it is added to the agenda
 - CHSBUA needs to receive the minutes of the baseball committee meeting
 - Ross stressed that this needs to be done for the 2022 season.
- Unregistered Umpires –
 - CHSAA discourages the use of unregistered umpires but understands that there are assigners who use them due to the officiating shortage.
- Recruitment/Retention –
 - It's no secret there is an officials' shortage in not only baseball but all HS sports.
 - Adam had a couple suggestions about how to possibly attract current student-athletes once they graduate but that doesn't help us now.
- Travel/Per Diems for Umpires during Post Season –
 - Adam understands the difficulties faced during post season regarding travel for non-front range umpires.
 - The early rounds are determined by seeding so that can create challenges if no local sites are available for those outlying areas.
 - He feels like the regular season and postseason needs to be expanded for more games.
 - He would like to see a "college world series" type format during the final weekend.
 - This would create more opportunity for more games and more assignments.
- Final Weekend Assignments –
 - Adam supports the idea of notifying our final weekend officials several weeks in advance.

Rules Interpreter Report

- Nothing to note

Old business

- Master Clinic 2022 – Ross
 - Planning to have the 2022 Master Clinic in person
 - Scheduled for Feb 6, 2022 need to include in communication to membership
 - Committee Ross (chair), Kennie, Ryan, John, Bill (added to committee 10/10)
 - Location by Nov 1
 - Suggestions – send any ideas and comments to Ross in next few days
 - Will be one master clinic for the state to meet the MC requirement
 - If there are other sub meetings, Ross would support but will not meet the MC requirement
 - Would we want an MLB umpire at the MC as a keynote speaker?
 - Local MLB umpires
 - Adam Hamari, Chris Guccione, Cory Blaser
 - Have speakers on various topics
 - Gr8 Call is sole uniform/equipment provider
 - Could have other vendors not related to uniform/equipment providers
 - Work to limit to 2 hours
 - Hybrid meeting

- Will be in person
 - Will be via Zoom in live mode
 - Also record and distribute
- Positions open – Ross
 - Area 4 – La Junta: **Vacant**
 - Area 5 – Trinidad: Unknown status with Kirby (opted out last year)
 - Plan for a replacement is:
 - Ross to call the La Junta and Trinidad umpires to gauge interest
 - Terry to send names to Ross of areas 3, 4, 5, 6
 - If no interest
 - Pueblo and Lamar could plan to cover La Junta and Trinidad
 - Need to have a vote to change the constitution to eliminate any area
 - Need to provide notice at any scheduled meeting
 - EC can review and make change
 - How does It affect voting for board?
- 2022 Test Discussion – Ross
 - Greg sent out options in a survey to vote on:
 - Agreed to keep format from 2021 test
 - 1 membership/new umpire test (100 question test; 80 T/F & 20 2 person mechanics)
 - 1 postseason test (80 question test; 60 multiple choice & 20 3 person mechanics)
 - Smaller database of questions
 - AD's will be involved in picking questions
 - The same 60 multiple choice questions for all umpires with only 2 chances to pass the test
 - Must provide a communication about the test formulation to the membership to ensure they understand more about the test and that it is made up from NFHS test questions and not meant to be a “stump the umpire” test
 - EC will narrow the database from 225 to 100 by 10/31
 - Include EC participation for transparency
 - BOD will pick the final 60 questions by 12/5
 - Include AD participation for transparency
- Set dates for 2022 – Terry, Greg
 - Need to send out notice to association members
 - Dues/registration plan/post season eligible/dates
 - Discussed with Monica about registration process
 - Working to activate new registration and pay program
 - Configurations to allow:
 - BOD comps
 - New umpire payment including books
 - No collection at area meetings
 - A la cart 2022 books purchase if desired
 - Ask Monica about new umpire's access to arbiter so they can register

- Ask about background check requirements/reports for outstanding umpires
 - MC plan/date
 - February 6, 2022
 - Location by 11/1
 - Test plans/date
 - 100 T/F & 80 multiple choice
 - Open by mid- January; Close March 8
 - Training
 - Begin in January
 - AD's to provide training dates to Terry ASAP
 - Kickoff Area Meetings
 - Early February
 - AD's to provide meeting dates to Terry ASAP
 - Season start/finish dates
 - CHSAA schedule posted on CHSBUA
 - Will add CHSBUA dates to create a master calendar – Greg/Terry
 - Keep 2020 rule books
- Golf Tournament update – John
 - More details will be provided as the team wraps up their work
 - John expects to have a check by 10/15 for 2021 event
 - Next year's tourney will be Friday, July 29th at the Omni in conjunction with the NASO convention
 - Will become finalized in January 2022
 - Working to get in NASO publication
 - Need to work to get officials participation
- HOF Banquet
 - Will look at 1Q22 meeting to induct next members
 - We should look at inducting umpires
 - Current list of HOF members posted on the CHSBUA web site
 - Could we have it the night before the MC?
 - Would help with participation and travel
 - Need to have nominations
 - These people were nominated at 1Q20 meeting
 - Bruce Grigsby
 - Joe Bonaquesta (coach in Pueblo)
 - Dan Weikle
 - Dave Baker
 - We should look at others to include some recent retirees
 - Outcome: We agreed to have the next ceremony in 1Q23 in conjunction with MC weekend
 - Need to look to have it at a hotel for convenience of those traveling in
- Check signer
 - Need to change 2nd signee – Ross
 - Ross will be added
 - Terry and Ross to go to the bank by 10/31
 - Both will be bonded per the constitution

- Post season awards update – Greg/Committee
 - Distribution of awards to AD's planned for 1Q22 meeting
- Years of service award – Greg/Terry
 - Distribution of awards to AD's planned for 1Q22 meeting

New business

Recruitment and retention

- Could announcements at games be made?
- Can we pay the new umpire dues?
- Sportsmanship from schools
- Discuss with other sport's presidents
- Need to be a partner with CHSAA and Schools
- NASO link with recruitment videos maybe something could be used for recruitment
 - [Public Service Announcements & Commercials - Say Yes To Officiating](#)

Next Meeting

- 1Q221 BOD meeting – February 6, 2022 (in conjunction with MC)
- Details to be provided closer to the date
- It is important to have BOD membership attend our meetings (in person and telephone conference) in order to conduct business

Close the meeting

- Closing comments – Ross

Closed items from 3Q21 meeting

- HOF Banquet
 - Committee – Lead – John; members: Ryan, Ross, Kennie
 - Committee has secured Applewood Golf Course Banquet room
 - Sunday, October 10th, 530p-930p
 - Both Don and Dan can make that date
 - Information about the event will be publicized soon
 - John is targeting to have invites out the 1st week of September
 - May need to distribute via USPS – Joe Rossi can help
 - Terry has past lists of attendance
 - Terry has put the list of past inductee names on the website
 - Reminder of HOF inductees from 2020

- Don Hegi – has moved to Texas
 - Dan Ringsby
 - A bio for each of them is on the website
 - Rule Books for 2022 – Ross
 - As covered above – For the 2022 season, there is only rule change and it doesn't really change the way we will umpire games (it will serve as a point of emphasis).
 - The change is: Pitchers who do not receive signs from the catcher must now simulate taking a sign with one foot on the rubber.
 - The purpose of the rule is to prevent quick pitches.
 - It has been a long-standing rule that a quick pitch is an illegal pitch and we have not received any reports that has been a problem in CO.
 - The EC recommends not purchasing 2022 rule books for returning umpires
 - This could reduce the returning umpire dues
 - For veteran umpires
 - Remind umpires to keep 2020 books
 - Area Directors contact umpires ASAP
 - For new umpires:
 - We will use any outstanding 2020 rule books that Monica has
 - Need to verify how many she has
 - We can order them for \$5.99/each on amazon (print or digital copy).
 - We could buy new 2022 book sets needed.
 - Also, a PDF link to the 2020 rulebook is available
 - https://cdn3.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0037/2464/2020_HS_Rule_Book.pdf
 - Motion: Pat Garcia
 - 2nd: Terry Angell
 - Outcome: Above recommendations adopted
- 2022 Test Discussion – Ross
- Discussed options for 2022 testing
 - Use 2021 plan
 - Post season 60 multiple choice questions & 20 3 person mechanics
 - Membership/regular season 80 True/False questions & 20 2 person mechanics
 - Current test questions are from the past 5 years of NFHS tests
 - ~225 multiple choice questions & 20 3 person mechanics
 - 80 True/False questions & 20 2 person mechanics
 - They were vetted by a dozen umpires before the 2021 test
 - Additional feed-back was received and all of the test questions have been reviewed for clarity and grammar since the 2021 test
 - Use the same questions for test(s)
 - Purchase NFHS Test ~\$100 (need to verify cost and what it would provide)
 - Arbiter is offering an NFHS equivalent test with Parts A and B as part of their package
 - There will be 50 questions on each part
 - Those will be available on the NFHS schedule
 - Encourage the umpires not to wait until last week to take test
 - Provide AD's rule book reference for umpire to look up

- Umpire recruitment/retention – Ross
 - What do we do to get guys in and keep them?
 - Some issues are specific to individual areas were reviewed
 - Week day single or DH at 2p or earlier
 - Baseball doesn't have a time limit so it goes on (unlike football or basketball)
 - Youth games are paying more than HS sub varsity games with a time limit
 - \$60-\$70/game
 - Some umpires opt to do youth softball tournaments on weekends instead of working baseball
 - Multiple games that shorter in duration
 - Sub Varsity games not covered with 2 umpires which takes a toll
 - Unqualified officials doing games – not part of CHSBUA
 - Unknown guys doing games
 - Assignors using non CHSBUA umpires
 - This causes numerous issues around officiating quality
 - Some guys doing the same teams everyday
 - Fed up and short fuse
- Ideas to submit to CHSAA for 2022
 - Sub-Varsity games - State adoption timing/game management rules:
 - No new inning after 1:45
 - Drop dead at 2:00
 - Adding a "3-6-9" rule.
 - Three outs, six runs, or nine batters per half inning.
 - Change run rules to 15/10/8 after 3/4/5 innings
 - Currently have 20/15/10 after 3/4/5 innings in effect
 - Umpires/Coaches/Players/Schools are generally on same page about the games being too long
 - Non-Certified Umpires:
 - Possibly adding an alternate level?
 - Class B, Class 2
 - Use Arbiter to block them from Varsity games
 - Possible use a patch to show certification
 - Schools notified of non-certified umpires
 - NO Varsity assignments, NO EXCEPTIONS!
 - Not required to take test
 - Not required to attend local meetings/Master Clinic
 - No voting rights
 - Required to take background check per CHSAA guidelines
 - Insurance requirement???
 - Must reconcile and address these umpires
 - Must identify and let folks know that are not CHSBUA officials
 - Non certified umpires could cause issues related to calls
 - i.e. Ejection example
 - Varsity games covered by CHSBUA certified umpires
 - Sub varsity games can be done by anyone
 - Dual registration for CHSBUA and insurance/arbiter
 - Must have better joint (CHSAA & CHSBUA) communication about what is required
 - Other ideas? Please send to Ross

- Ross will have a meeting with Adam to discuss these ideas