



## CHSBUA Board of Directors 1Q21 Meeting Minutes

### Meeting Agenda 02/21/2021 7p Conference Call

Conference Call via Zoom

Attendees (**bold**):

#### Executive Committee

President – **Ryan Roark**

President Elect – **Ross Chase**

Past President – **Wallie Weld**

Secretary – **Greg Holstine**

Treasurer – **Terry Angell**

Members at Large – **John Juranek; Bill Manley**; Chad Rangel

#### Area Directors

Area 1 Denver: **Stephan Brown; Bill Fleming; Mike Tycksen**

Area 2 Colo Springs: **Richard Gillenwaters; Don Howard**

Area 3 Pueblo: **Pat Garcia**

Area 4 La Junta: Kip Peck

Area 5 Trinidad: Kirby Bonato

Area 6 Lamar: **Jason Dittenburner**

Area 7 Northeast: Cody Roth

Area 8 Greeley: **Chuck French**

Area 9 Ft Collins: **Mason Smith**

Area 10 Boulder: **Pat Corcoran**

Area 11 Durango: Kennie Monger

Area 12/17 Salida/Buena Vista: **Dave Granzella**

Area 13 Alamosa/Monte Vista/San Luis Valley: **Rodney Winters**

Area 14 Grand Junction: **Nat Bertrami**

Area 15 Delta/Montrose: Dan Cholas

Area 16 Craig/Meeker/Steamboat Springs: **Bob Richardson**

#### CHSBUA Rules Interpreter

**George Demetriou**

Colorado High School Activities Association

## 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 – Ryan

#### **Approval of previous minutes**

- Accept previous meeting (4Q20) minutes (provided) (No corrections were received)
  - Motion: Bill Manley
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Juranek
    - Outcome: 4Q20 meeting minutes adopted

#### **Treasurers Report**

- Financials – Terry
  - P&L posted on website
    - not much activity since last meeting
      - Marvin Baker funeral flowers expense
    - Upcoming
      - DH guide purchase – EC approved
      - Insurance invoice – requires review and approval
        - Bill for remainder of last year for all umpires from start of year to current
      - Registration/Dues are coming in

#### **CHSAA Report**

- CHSAA update – Bert
  - Waiting to submit variances to the state
  - Expect mask wearing into and out of facility
    - wear at plate meeting
    - schools responsible for players/coaches wearing masks not umpires
  - capacity limits at sites will be by county mandates
  - final details will come before the season starts (maybe a couple of weeks before the season)
  - going to request 18 games
  - Registration will have the COVID-19 waiver form sign off
    - Will we have enough umpires to cover games?
      - If we don't, games will be prioritized based on numbers

- No testing/contact tracing/vaccine requirements for HS
  - Health department will provide direction on questions
- Tentative schedule that Bert provided:

HS Practice begins	04/26/21 05/03/21	tentative dates. Possible push of dates
HS Competition may begin	05/03/21 05/06/21	max Contests 18 - waiting for variance to be submitted and approved.
Championship umpire selection		need a date for selections
Competition ends	1A: 6/5/21 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A: 6/12/21	
1A Districts: week of 6/7 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A: 24 teams qualify to regionals. Higher seeded team hosts three-team regional. Higher seed receives bye.	1A: 6/7/21 - 6/12/21 2A: 6/15/21 3A, 4A, 5A: 6/14/21	Districts games possible Monday - Saturday Regionals Tuesday Regionals Monday
1A: Regionals 2A: Quarter Final & Semi Final 3A, 4A, 5A: Eight-team, state tournament: Games 1-11	1A: 6/19/21 2A: 6/19/21 3A, 4A, 5A: 6/18-19/21	Saturday Saturday Friday and Saturday
1A: Semi Final and Final 2A: Finals 3A, 4A, 5A: Semi Final and Finals: Games 12-15	1A: 6/23/21 2A: 6/26/21 3A, 4A, 5A: 6/25-26/21	Wednesday Saturday Friday and Saturday

- Presidents meeting on 11/14 follow up
- Ryan attended
  - Discussion on new insurance process
  - Online rule books – we will not have access
  - PPP was not answered and no other comments
    - Was for wages and building admin

### **Rules Interpreter Report**

- New DH Rule
  - Annotate on the lineup card what type of DH is being used
- Baseballs require NOCSAE stamp
  - Varsity games only
- Catcher's chest protector types
  - Protector with NOCSAE label
  - Wearing NOCSAE vest undershirt
- Hybrid stance rules

### **Old business**

- MC planning – Ryan/Committee
  - Committee formed to work on the content
    - Lead: Ryan
    - Committee: Ross, Bill M, Kennie, Mason
      - In process to putting everything together that will include:
        - Will film some situations
        - CHSAA address

- New rules
    - DH break down
    - Force play slide video
    - Pitchers positioning
    - Interference/obstruction at the plate
    - Balls should be compliant – we will not suspend games
  - Goal 3/15 - 4/1 at the latest to be posted
    - Small group to review before posting
  - Post season awards – John/Committee
    - Committee formed
      - Lead: John
      - Committee: Terry, Ryan, Chuck, Greg
      - Committee agreed:
        - Following survey guidelines of approximately 80% members said to spend less than \$100/umpire which is in the approved budget
      - Committee recommending:
        - Provide the 45 Semi-Finals and Finals umpires with polo shirts
          - Gene/Great Call (G8Call) will do a 3-year agreement for \$800/year toward 45 polo shirts with the Great Call logo on the shirts along with a mention at the master clinic
            - One quote for 50/50 shirt with CHSBUA logo and Championship Umpire on the chest and Great Call (GR8) on the sleeve for \$25/shirt
            - Another quote for performance shirt with CHSBUA logo and Championship Umpire on the chest and Great Call (GR8) on the sleeve for \$33/shirt
            - Committee to review and proceed with one of them
        - Provide the 15 Final umpires with
          - Order form for selection of one of the following:
            - Plaque and CHSBUA hat with Championship umpire added to the back of hat
            - Ring (subsidized) – the umpire would pay \$150
            - Jacket (Black pullover shell with Blue stripes)
            - Plaque and on field umpire shirt (black or light blue)
            - On field umpire shirt (black or light blue) and CHSBUA hat with Championship umpire added to the back of hat
          - Order form to be created
      - Kennie asked if we can open up to membership to order a ring at their cost
      - Motion: John Juranek
        - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Richard Gillenwaters
        - Outcome: Committee recommendation adopted including the forthcoming committee decision about which shirt will be purchased
- Golf Tournament 8/16/20 fundraising update – John/committee
  - Committee created to identify possible uses for funds gained from activities
    - Lead: John
    - Committee: Greg, Ryan, Terry, Stephan
    - The committee agrees:

- We must have a predetermined idea about what we should be using any funds from activities
    - The specific uses have to be identified
    - What do we want to do that don't budget for?
  - The committee recommends:
    - Rolling over golf money from August 2020 event for the 2022 season
      - Golf tourney fundraiser is planned to occur in late 2021
    - Provide a meal for each area's 2022 kickoff/welcome back/recruitment meeting
    - Run area/group/combined area clinics as appropriate/possible (gym and/or field) for 2022 season training
      - Recruitment for attendance
      - Pay clinicians to teach and evaluate
      - Progress report on attendees
        - i.e., moved from 1<sup>st</sup> weekend to 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend playoff games
        - Showcase progress to state membership
    - An area could request money to do specific training or event to advance umpires
  - Motion: Dave Granzella
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Richardson
    - Outcome: Committee recommendation adopted
- Years of service award – Ryan
  - Absorb CS pin program
    - Pins for every 5 years
      - About \$5.10/pin with original set up
      - Could wear on lapel or hat
      - 117 pins = \$510
    - Could we get for cheaper?
    - Area Directors should talk this up as resulting in retention
    - Motion: Ross Chase
      - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Richard Gillenwaters
      - Outcome: move forward with pin program to include cost review
- Modified Season Calendar Draft (enclosed) – Greg
  - Updated calendar with latest dates and information
    - We should be aware that dates will be fluid until we get closer to the season
    - Preseason HS season/club games
      - Some/many teams are planning to play before the HS season
        - They will be asking for umpires (just like summer ball)
        - Opportunity for training
          - New umpires
          - 3 person mechanics
  - BOD agreed that the following must be met for post season eligibility requirements for 2021 only
    - Register and dues paid extended to 3/15/21
    - MC attendance yearly requirement?
      - Recommend that umpires review this year's MC
      - We will take up changing the constitution to become yearly in the future
    - Post season test minimum of 85% by 5/2/21

- BOD agreed that there will not be any requirements for the following:
  - Area Meeting attendance requirement?
    - None – will encourage attendance to share information
  - 3-person training requirement
    - None discussed
  - Varsity (max 18 game schedule)/Sub Varsity games requirement?
    - None required
- Motion: Bob Richardson
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stephan Brown
  - Outcome:
    - For 2021 post season eligibility requirements: Register and pay by 3/15; MC viewing recommended; 85% score on post season test.
    - No requirements for area meeting attendance, 3-person training or umpiring any varsity or junior varsity games
- Umpire registration progress update
  - As of 2/15, 100 umpires have registered
    - Reminder that the 3/15 registration date is for post season eligibility
  - Monica to send a reminder to the membership on 2/22
    - Would be helpful for ADs to reach out to their area's members with a reminder
    - Terry to provide outstanding umpire lists to the ADs
- Nominees for 2021 elections – Ryan
  - Elections must start around May 1<sup>st</sup> and complete by May 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Positions open:
    - President Elect
      - Nominees
        - Motion: John Juranek nominates Bob Richardson
          - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wallie Weld
          - Outcome: Bob Richardson accepts nomination
        - Motion: John Juranek nominates Greg Holstine
          - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pat Garcia
          - Outcome: Greg Holstine declines nomination
        - Motion: Richard Gillenwaters nominates Chuck French
          - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pat Garcia
          - Outcome: Chuck French declines nomination
        - Motion: Ross Chase Nominates Kennie Monger
          - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike Tycksen
          - Outcome: Greg spoke with Kennie on 2/26 and Kennie will provide decision early in March
      - 2 Members at Large – North & State
        - Motion: Greg Holstine nominates John Juranek
          - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pat Garcia
          - Outcome: John Juranek accepts nomination
        - Motion: John Juranek nominates Bill Fleming
          - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wallie Weld
          - Outcome: Bill Fleming declines nomination
        - Motion: Wallie Weld nominates Mason Smith

- 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Juranek
    - Outcome: Mason Smith accepts nomination
  - Some AD positions that expire per web site
    - These elections would be organized by the individual Area impacted
      - Area 1 - Denver  
[Stephan Brown - Term\(2020-2021\)](#)
      - Area 2 - Colorado Springs  
[Richard Gillenwaters - Term\(2020-2021\)](#)
      - Area 4 - La Junta  
[Kip Peck - Term\(2020-2021\)](#)
      - Area 14 - Grand Junction  
[Nat Bertrami - Term\(2020-2021\)](#)
    - Added due to EC nomination:
      - Area 9 Ft Collins:  
[Mason Smith](#)
      - Area 11 Durango:  
[Pending Kennie's decision](#)
      - Area 16 Craig/Meeker/Steamboat Springs:  
[Bob Richardson](#)

- Referee Designated Hitter publication – Greg
  - Digital copies are available in limited quantities at no cost
    - Access via Referee Digital Portal (RDP)
    - Instructions provided to interested umpires pending access from Referee
    - Tabled until March 2021
      - Will do a survey in March to gather interested umpires to provide access
  - Publications have been ordered for new umpires only in 2021/22
    - They will be distributed to the areas with new umpires
      - Distribution in March once we get the new umpires registered
      - ADs to provide Greg with number/names of new umpires and will be sent to each area

**New business**

- How we should conduct area meetings virtually – Ryan
  - Two options listed below with details and costs per month
  - Are members willing to do an online video calls to share information?
    - Some Areas may be able to meet in person safely
  - Can some areas join/partner with other areas for online meetings?

ZOOM		Cisco WebEx	
<a href="https://zoom.us/pricing">https://zoom.us/pricing</a>		<a href="https://www.webex.com/pricing/index.html">https://www.webex.com/pricing/index.html</a>	
BASIC	PRO	FREE	STARTER
Free	\$14.99 /month/license	Free	\$13.50 /host/month
Host up to 100 participants	Host up to 100 participants	Host up to 100 participants	Host up to 150 participants

Group meetings for up to 40 minutes	Group meetings for up to 30 hours	Group meetings for up to 50 minutes	Group meetings for up to 24 hours
Unlimited one-on-one Meetings	1 GB Cloud Recording (per license)		5 GB Cloud recording storage
			MP4 recordings
			Recording transcriptions

- Post season eligibility, ranking and availability spreadsheet (draft enclosed) – Greg
  - We agreed to use this last year
    - If anyone needs help with the spreadsheet use or filling out, contact Greg
  - Final worksheet will be provided to include the eligibility decisions around the 1<sup>st</sup> of May
  - We may need to be flexible with how the post season assignments are done this year
  - The spreadsheet tracks:
    - All postseason eligibility requirements
    - ADs insert umpire ratings for classification, best position, last weekend to work, crew chief, last championship umpired
    - By mid-May, ADs collect availability for the 3 playoff weekends
      - Understand that there might be 5% who make changes
    - Identify any travel limits and/or blocked schools
  - There are 1A/2A districts games that need to be supported that coincide with the end of the regular season
    - We have to plan to provide umpires for these games
  - We should communicate with umpires as soon as possible for SF and Final’s assignments
    - Need to make sure everyone is on the same page prior to communicating
- 2021 Rules Test Plan – Greg/George
  - ~ 95% of the test questions are from past NFHS tests
    - Others from Referee quizzes or created to cover new rules
  - We had 10 umpires review the multiple-choice questions in the database
    - Each reviewed about 20 questions each
      - The final database has 225 questions
    - This corrected any typos
    - Reworded/eliminated any questions and answers that were not clear
  - Ross created the two person mechanics T/F questions
  - Using the same three person mechanics questions from last year’s test
  - This plan requires umpires to take only one test
    - Umpires make their choice on which test to take
    - 3 chances to pass
  - Umpires only wanting to do regular season games including new umpires (unless an out of state transfer that wants to be postseason eligible) will have an 80 T/F rules questions AND 20 two person mechanics questions combined in one test. 100 questions total.
    - Required to pass test by May 2
      - This test would be available until June for any late joining umpires (i.e., after the season begins)



- Note: post season interested umpire may take this test as preparation or for additional review
  - Umpires wanting to be playoff eligible including an out of state transfer will have a 60 multiple choice rules question test AND 20 three person mechanics questions combined in one test. 80 questions total.
    - Required to pass test by May 2
- BOD members CHSBUA Registration, State Insurance and Arbiter Fees update
  - With the change in how fees are collected (1 for CHSBUA, 1 for insurance/arbiter):
    - BOD will still have the CHSBUA registration fee marked as paid by Monica
    - BOD will have to pay the \$17 insurance and arbiter fee due to how the site was created
      - BOD will receive a \$17 check for reimbursement
        - submit an expense report to Terry
- 2021 Inactive umpire status
  - A question from an umpire about 2021 inactive status and fee prompted us to review and discuss:
    - Our Constitution/Bylaws under Art IV – Membership, allows for inactive status for a medical issue, or a leave of absence and the cost of this is \$50.
    - With our veteran umpire dues only being \$10 for 2021, the following was approved by the Executive Committee:
      - CHSBUA "waives" the inactive status dollar amount and grants any umpire for the 2021 season, for whatever reason that wants to "opt - out", inactive status with no fee charge. This would allow them to return the following year with regular/normal registration fees.
  - "Opt-out" requests should be received by the Area Directors and forwarded to Terry and Monica for tracking

### **Next Meeting**

- Possible short update meeting before the season maybe 5/1??
- 2Q21 BOD meeting – tentatively 5/23
- 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 – Ryan

## **Closed items from 4Q20 meeting**

### **Rules Interpreter Report**

- Open item from 3Q20
  - How do we address umpires that need to replace rule books?
    - We do have 150 2020 rules books held by ADs and CHSAA
      - Should we charge them directly?
        - ADs to manage and will have to charge the official

- Large payments approval process – Terry
  - Revisited 2Q20 BOD item
  - We voted the following into the constitution
    1. If budget item, treasurer and president concurrence and would pay any below \$300
    2. If not a budget item and less than \$300 - \$1000, executive committee will approve
    3. If not a budget item and more than \$1000, the BOD would approve
  - Reviewing this after our budget approval in 3Q20, believe that there is a need for a slight modification
  - Proposing the following modification to bullet number 1 (changing it to 2 bullets), a slight word change to bullet number 2 and no change to bullet number 3:
    1. If the invoice is part of the approved budget, Treasurer can pay
      - a. An approved budget example: \$2,300 payment to CHSAA
        - i. There shouldn't be any reason to revisit this between the Treasurer and President and should just be paid
    2. If not a budget item and less than \$300, Treasurer and President concurrence required
      - a. If flowers need to be sent or some incidentals purchased, the Treasurer and President would discuss about proceeding
    3. If not a budget item and between \$300 - \$1000, executive committee will approve
    4. If not a budget item and more than \$1000, the BOD would approve
  - The final wording will read:
    - If the invoice is part of the approved budget, Treasurer can pay
      - If there are budget overages:
        - Less than \$300, Treasurer and President concurrence required
        - Between \$300 - \$1000, executive committee will approve
        - More than \$1000, the BOD will approve
    - If not a budget item and less than \$300, Treasurer and President concurrence required
    - If not a budget item and between \$300 - \$1000, executive committee will approve
    - If not a budget item and more than \$1000, the BOD will approve
  - Motion: Mason Smith
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Juranek
    - Outcome: Final worded bulleted items replace previous approved 3 bullets in the constitution by laws