



CHSBUA Board of Directors 2Q21 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Agenda 05/23/2021 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: **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: **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

CHSAA Liaison – Bert Borgmann
CHSAA Officials Liaison – Tom Robinson

CHSBUA Member

Gary Czachowski

Derek Kibel

Rob Montoya

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
 - Thanked everyone for service
 - Specifically Wallie Weld, Bill Manley and Stephan Brown as terms have ended

Approval of previous minutes

- Accept previous meeting (1Q21) minutes (provided) (No corrections were received)
 - Motion: Wallie Weld
 - 2nd: John Juranek
 - Outcome: 1Q21 meeting minutes adopted

Treasurers Report

- Financials – Terry
 - P&L posted on website
 - DH guide purchase – EC approved
 - Years of Service pins purchase – BOD 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
 - Umpire registration progress update
 - Dual registration for CHSBUA and insurance/arbitrator
 - Has been a challenge for some umpires
 - Still working to collect dues – work in progress
 - Emails sent to outstanding umpires
 - Umpires working games that are not on our list
 - How to reconcile?
 - Why are assignors using non CHSBUA umpires?
 - How to address?
 - Need to discuss/follow up

CHSAA Report

- CHSAA update – Bert

- No report

Rules Interpreter Report

- Update – George
 - All will be in weekly bulletin
 - Ejection report
 - Assistant coach – need to get names of ejections at the game
 - Do not contact school personal
 - Ejection argument over a check swing
 - Unacceptable act by coach
 - Ball/strike issue
 - No restriction – please follow 5 step process
 - Balk call when the wind blew the hat off and pitcher tried to catch it
 - No harm, no foul
 - No ejection for hitting 2 batters
 - No warning before the game starts
 - i.e. for jewelry
 - reminder is fine but not a warning
 - more in the bulletin
- Ryan's comments
 - Reminded about 5 step process
 - Work to get a warning prior to ejection
 - Many of ejections without warnings

Old business

- Post season awards update – John/Committee
 - Committee – Lead: John; Committee: Terry, Ryan, Chuck, Greg
 - Gr8-Call (Gene) has agreed to terms
 - Will get signed agreement
 - Will pay \$800 this week
 - Order form created for championship umpires
 - Polo shirts to be ordered from R&D Embroidery
 - Shirt size will be requested from umpires
- Golf Tournament August 2021 – John/committee
 - Committee Lead: John;
 - The golf tournament date is Saturday, 8/7 at Raccoon Creek
 - Looking for volunteers to help with organization, sponsors, and day of help
 - Need to promote and get involved
 - Can add to George's email
 - Sponsorship
 - Jeff Penny
 - \$75 for hole
 - John to send info to Terry to post on web site
- Years of service award – Ryan
 - Pins were ordered and picked up



- Distribution plan to be developed so that pins can be presented to umpires at 2022 area meetings.
 - Terry and Greg to develop a plan

- Modified Season Calendar update (enclosed for reference) – Greg
 - Highlights:
 - 1A – Season ends 6/5; Districts 6/7-6/12
 - 2A-5A – Season ends 6/12; Seeding announced Sunday 6/13
 - 2A – Regionals Tuesday, 6/15
 - 3A-5A – Regionals Monday, 6/14
 - Regionals – 8 sites; 3 teams = DH at each site
 - Pencil guys/crews before selection Sunday
 - Notate marginal umpires for umpires
 - Payment dates updated – Terry
 - Was registration process completed?
 - Was there an issue with CHSBUA arbiter to pay registration?
 - Email Terry with names that might have issues
 - Enter comments on spreadsheet for with issues
 - Insurance dues date included

- Post season eligibility, ranking and availability spreadsheet – Greg
 - Updated spreadsheet sent to each Area Director on 5/19
 - A number of umpires did not register with CHSBUA and only paid for insurance
 - Terry has been contacting outstanding umpires for resolution
 - AD's to return spreadsheet by 6/1 date
 - Per the above calendar dates to prepare for assignments
 - Let Greg know if you need help with the spreadsheet

- Championship Umpire Selection – Ryan
 - Scheduled for Monday, May 24
 - AD's requested to provide names and qualifications on 5/1

- 2021 elections – Ryan
 - Elections must complete by May 28th
 - Positions open:
 - President Elect
 - Bob Richardson and Kennie Monger accepted nominations
 - Bob withdrew due to lack of finding an AD replacement
 - 2 Members at Large – North & State
 - John Juranek and Mason Smith accepted nominations for the 2 open positions

- AD positions
 - These elections would be organized by the individual Area impacted
 - Area 1 - Denver: Stephan Brown - Term(2020-2021)
 - Gary Czachowski will be the next AD
 - Area 2 - Colorado Springs: Richard Gillenwaters - Term(2020-2021)
 - Accepting applications and working on an election process
 - Area 4 - La Junta: **Vacant**
 - Kip has opted out and currently no plan for a replacement
 - Ryan is leading an effort for resolution
 - Pat G and Jason are contacting umpires for season support
 - Need to work on Trinidad as well
 - Area 14 - Grand Junction: Nat Bertrami - Term(2020-2021)
 - Accepting applications through 5/12 with a resolution by 5/28
 - Area 9 Ft Collins: Mason Smith (Executive Committee)
 - Rob Montoya will be the next AD
 - Area 11 Durango: Kennie Monger (President Elect)
 - Derek Kibel will be the next AD
- BOD members CHSBUA State Insurance and Arbiter Fees
 - Reminder to submit an expense report to Terry for reimbursement due to the separate \$17 insurance and arbiter fee
 - Terry sent the expense form to the membership on 5/23
 - Will work with CHSAA about Insurance and Arbiter fees and if they can be “marked” as paid for BOD members

New business

- HOF Banquet and Golf tournament
 - What do we want to do and when?
 - Need to create a committee on how to move forward
 - Ryan, Ross, Kennie, John, Wallie,
 - Terry has list of names and will put on the website
 - Reminder of HOF inductees from 2020
 - Terry notified both of them
 - Can we provide a bio for each of them – Terry and John
 - Don Hegi – has moved to Texas
 - Dan Ringsby
 - Will look at 1Q22 to induct next members
- Check signer
 - Need to change 2nd signee – Ross
- New umpire recruitment
 - What do we do to get guys in?
 - Looking for ideas
 - Some issues are specific to individual areas
 - Please send ideas to Greg

- Week day DH at 2p
- Baseball doesn't have a time limit so it goes on (unlike football or basketball)
- Youth games are paying more than HS with a time limit
- Sub V games not covered with 2 umpires which takes a toll
- Unqualified officials doing games – not part of CHSBUA
 - Unknown guys doing games
- Some guys doing the same teams everyday
 - Fed up and short fuse
- Some umpires opt to do youth softball tournaments on weekends instead of working baseball

Next Meeting

- 3Q21 BOD meeting – tentatively ???
- 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 1Q21 meeting

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:

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| 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 | |

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| 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
 - 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
 - Pitcher’s 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
 - 2nd: 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 1st weekend to 2nd 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
 - 2nd: 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
 - 2nd: 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
 - 2nd: 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

- 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

- 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 | |
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| https://zoom.us/pricing | | https://www.webex.com/pricing/index.html | |
| 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 1st 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

- 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