



CHSBUA Board of Directors 3Q21 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Agenda 08/15/21 7p Conference Call

Conference Call via Zoom

Join 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
 - Season Recap – Ross
 - Ross thanked everyone for their dedication
 - Appreciated the effort about handling games and training
 - Confident that this season will occur
 - Presidential Transition – Ryan/Ross
 - Ryan wished Ross good luck
 - Appreciated Greg's support
 - Ryan had a shortened tenure
 - Ross will rely on Ryan and his past experience
 - President's Plan – Ross
 - Ross will rely on the Various AD's for everyone's knowledge and their individual needs

Approval of previous minutes

- Accepted previous meeting (2Q21) minutes (provided) (No corrections were received)
 - Motion: Terry Angell
 - 2nd: Bob Richardson
 - Outcome: 2Q21 meeting minutes adopted

Treasurers Report

- Financials – Terry
 - Reminded everyone (new AD's) that we review budget items every meeting
 - P&L posted on website (final-not audited)
 - Many issues over registration/dues (to be addressed under new business)
 - We were very close on our budget from last year budget
 - Budget to be reviewed at the end of the meeting to include the meeting's decisions
 - It is recommended that we come up with a budget at this time of calendar year
 - Reviewed some of the line items for clarification and understanding
 - Need to get clear understanding of the \$10/umpire fee to CHSAA

CHSAA Report

- CHSAA update

- Ross to meet with Adam

Rules Interpreter Report

- Update – George
 - 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). More discussion below around rule books
 - 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.

Old business

- 2021 elections results – Ross
 - Welcomed new Area Directors
 - Area 1 – Gary Czachowski
 - Area 2 – David Patterson
 - Area 9 – Rob Montoya
 - Area 11 – Derek Kibel
 - Area 14 – Doug Levinson
 - Welcomed Executive Committee new members
 - President Elect – Kennie Monger
 - Member at Large – Mason Smith
 - Positions open:
 - Area 4 - La Junta: **Vacant**
 - Currently no plan for a replacement
 - Discussion about how to proceed
 - What does state association composition look like?
 - Possible Pueblo and Lamar covering La Junta
 - Trinidad also has AD that opted out last year
 - Pat confirmed John Gonzales is registered
 - He wants to recruit new umpires
 - Ross will host discussion with EC and effected areas
- Post season awards update – Greg/Committee
 - Committee – Lead: John; Committee: Terry, Ryan, Chuck, Greg
 - Gr8-Call (Gene) has agreed to terms
 - Signed agreement received
 - \$800 paid on 7/17
 - Polo shirts ordered from R&D Embroidery
 - Orders received from championship umpires
 - Award orders placed
 - Distribution of awards pending meeting plans/dates
- Golf Tournament August 7th at Raccoon Creek – John
 - There were 108 golfers (18 football/baseball officials participated)
 - More details will be provided as the team wraps up their work
 - Poor turn out from football and baseball officials
 - Can a survey be sent out about what guys would like to do (i.e. golf, bowling, etc)?
 - Survey by Don, John, Mason to gauge interest

- Currently at +/- \$4000 and a contribution to Special Olympics
 - Expect to have final numbers by the September 3
- Next year's tourney will be Friday, July 29th at the Omni in conjunction with the NASO convention
- Years of service award – Greg/Terry
 - Pins are picked up



- Distribution plan developed so that pins can be presented to umpires at 2022 area meetings.
 - Identified 2021 and 2022 milestones for umpires
 - Distribute those pins to Area Directors
 - Will include pins for 2023 umpires
- 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
 - Will look at 1Q22 meeting to induct next members
 - We should look at inducting umpires
- Check signer
 - Need to change 2nd signee – Ross
 - Ross is working on the change with the EC

New business

- 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
- Master Clinic 2022 – Ross
 - Would like to have the 2022 Master Clinic in person
 - Believe that after a tough couple of years, we need to meet in person to regain some of the brotherhood and support each other
 - Want to set the date soon and publish
 - Suggestions – send any ideas and comments to Ross in next few days
 - Have speakers on various topics
 - Work to limit to 2 hours
 - Recommended to be in person
 - Could be via Zoom in live mode
 - Also record and distribute
- 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

 - 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

 - Greg will send 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 options are:
 - The same 60 multiple choice questions for all umpires with only 2 chances to pass the test
 - A database of 100 multiple choice questions
 - Each test the umpire sees will be slightly different
 - 3 chances to pass the test
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- 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
- Set dates for 2022 – Terry, Greg, Ross
 - Need to send out notice to association members
 - Dues/registration plan/post season eligible/dates
 - Pull up dates for post season eligible
 - Late fee after January 31
 - Look this up
 - MC plan/date
 - Test plans/date
 - Training
 - Kickoff Meetings
 - Season start/finish dates
 - Keep 2020 rule books
 - What else?
- Proposed budget
 - Reviewed provided budget
 - David provided some insight about planned budgets for non-profits
 - Motion: David Patterson

- 2nd: John Juranek
- Outcome: 2022 budget adopted

2022 CHSBUA Budget

Ross Chase	Yes	Chad Rangel	Absent	Area 4 - Vacant	X	Derek Kibel	Absent
Kennie Monger	Absent	Gary Czachowski	Yes	Kirby Bonato	Absent	Dave Granzella	Absent
Ryan Roark	Yes	Bill Fleming	Yes	Jason Dittenburner	Absent	Rodney Winters	Yes
Greg Holstine	Yes	Mike Tycksen	No	Cody Roth	Absent	Doug Levinson	Absent
Terry Angell	NV	Don Howard	Yes	Chuck French	Yes	Dan Cholas	Yes
John Juranek	Yes	David Patterson	Yes	Rob Montoya	Yes	Bob Richardson	Yes
Mason Smith	Yes	Pat Garcia	Yes	Pat Corcoran	Absent	15 Yes; 1 No	Adopted

Next Meeting

- 4Q21 BOD meeting – TBD (Oct 10 (HOF date), Oct 24, Nov 7)
- 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 2Q21 meeting

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

- 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)
 - David Patterson will be the next AD
 - 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)
 - Doug Levinson will be the next AD
 - 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