Baseball Post Season Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2018

1. Welcome and introductions.
   • Present: Tony Maselli, Rob Haraka, Greg Butler, Billy Kern, Sam Tropiano, Larry Busichio, Frank Torcasio, Glenn Fredericks, Tom Gambino, Craig Yetman

2. Approval of 2017 Post Season Minutes.
   • Motion by Frank Torcasio, second by Greg Butler, Unanimous.

3. Review of the regular season (Positive / Negative).
   • A discussion ensued as to the C-Flap. The C-Flap has not been approved by NOCSAE. If the flap was not installed by the manufacturer it voids the warranty on the helmet. The recent spike in high school athletes using the C-Flap is primarily based on the popularity of the C-Flap in MLB. Helmet manufacturers are in the process of developing a NOCSAE approved helmet with the C-Flap.
   • The elimination of the 50-pitch limit was a positive change.
   • The only concern was that the visiting team was not permitted to enter the pitch count, and therefore caused issues with teams playing another game without the pitch count data updated. The pitch count committee will review the old system of both teams reviewing the pitch count.

4. Review of the post-season (Positive / Negative) (Sectionals, Semifinals, Team finals)
   • Tom Gambino expressed concern about the quality of the officials at the post-season games and was inquiring on how the umpires are selected. Craig Yetman the tournament director explained the process.
   • A suggestion was made to possibly have the officials form online electronically. NJSIAA will look at doing that for next season.
   • A discussion ensued as to the benefits of a 3-man crew vs. a 2-man crew at the state tournament level to have more quality officials available. The conclusion is the 3-man system works very well and is essential in the state tournament.
   • Feedback as to the new facility for the state finals held at the Bob DeMeo Field in Hamilton, New Jersey were all positive. The park was accessible to the NJSIAA for the entire week to allow for flexibility due to weather or any other circumstance.

5. Review of dates for next season.
   • Only a few changes were made to the 2019 tournament schedule. The Non-Public state finals will now be playing on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. The committee agreed that overall the change is positive. It helps to spread the tournament out.

6. Review of current regulations and proposed regulations for next season.
   • Clarifying payments to umpires. Instead of having both sections pay half check make a rotation each year. There could be 2 options. Pay all 3, or one section pays 2 the other 1. Either will look at rotating each year.
   • Coin Toss Change for State Semi-Finals and State Finals at any neutral site. The team that travels the farthest from their school to the neutral site location will call heads or tails before the flip. The winner of coin toss will choose home or away and the loser of coin toss will choose which dugout they want.
7. New Business:
   - All baseballs for the 2019 season must be NOCSAE approved for all levels. This is a NFHS Rule and all baseballs need to be replaced. There is no grandfather rule regarding this. Schools were notified in February of this change.
   - Pre-Game Line-up card to include the courtesy runner to keep the game moving.
   - Craig Yetman suggested that prior to the season, 2 regional meeting be held, one in the North and one in the South for coaches. This way the coaches are on the same page as the umpires as to new rules and regulations.
   - Please note for the 2020 season that a redesigned chest protector will be manufactured to protect the heart. Old chest protectors will need to be replaced.
   - It was suggested that during the state tournament the officials’ fees for all rounds except the finals should be $85 and the finals stay at $90. Most officials get paid more than $80 for a regular season game and when they work the state tournament they get paid less. NJSIAA will discuss as this issue was also brought up in the softball meeting.

8. Old Business
   - A discussion ensued as to changing the seeding procedure for state tournament. The recommendation by the baseball committee is to seed strictly on power points and not a combination of power points and win %. Additionally, the power points will calculate the first 15 completed games by a designated cutoff date max. Motion by Frank Torcasio, second Tom Gambino, vote for proposal was unanimous.

9. Correspondence
   - State Finals Site – positive/negative – Discussed above
   - Sites for non-public sectional finals, discussion around changing back to neutral sites instead of the higher seed, since there was a lack of complaints, and more positive, no action will be taken regarding that.
   - Seeding – power points only or combination of PP & Win % - Discussed above.
   - Pitch count recording – home team only?? – Discussed above.

10. Good of the Order
    - Nothing

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55.