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Mr. Eddie Bonine, Executive Director
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TO: NIAA Sport Commissioners / Official Association Presidents / NIAA Member Schools

FR: Jay Beesemyer, Assistant Director

RE: **2010 COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

The 2009-2010 NIAA Commissioners meeting was held Friday, June 4, 2010 at the NIAA office in Reno, Nevada

Commissioners Present:

Leon Reyes, NENOA
Rick Kaufmann, NNOA Swimming
Chris Healy, NNOA Baseball
Dennis White, NNOA Wrestling
Marc Ratner, SNOA
George Ritter, NNOA Softball
Roger Pagni, NNOA Soccer
Dave Sanger, NNOA Basketball

Chapter Presidents / Association Representatives:

Vince Kristosik, SNOA
Bill Webb, NENOA
Grant Fleming, NNOA Soccer
Mike Evans, NNOA Softball
Tony Kiriluk, NNOA Football
Mike Sheets, NNOA Wrestling
Carrie Fry, NNOA Volleyball
Tony Richert, NNBOA
Don Marchand, NNBUA
Sharol McDade, NNOA Volleyball
Barth Aaron, NNBUA & NNFOA

Others Present

Eddie Bonine, NIAA Executive Director
Donnie Nelson, NIAA Assistant Director
Gus, Dave Sangers' Dog

COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES

1. The meeting began at 9:00 AM with "Commissioner of the Year", Rick Kaufmann, leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jay Beesemyer, NIAA Assistant Director, began the meeting after introductions were completed.
2. Mr. Beesemyer explained the packet of information and accompanying handouts. All contact information for Commissioners and Presidents was updated. The 2010-2011 NIAA Activities Schedule was also presented and reviewed with needed changes being made. Please **see attached** for latest updated 2010-2011 Activities Schedule.
3. The 2008-2009 Commissioner meeting minutes were reviewed.

4. The 2010-2011 Pre-Season Rules Clinic dates were presented. Commissioners were encouraged, as a professional touch, to continue sending out a pre-season letter to the member schools giving them an update on the upcoming (sport) season and to address any prior-season concerns / issues that may have arisen / occurred.
5. The deletion process was reviewed. It was noted that any deletion would apply to all levels of a particular sport from which an official was deleted.
6. The NFHS website has launched a new educational module “Concussion in Sports” which all NIAA registered officials are encouraged to complete. Specific instructions were provided to all in attendance. *See attached* for cover letter that Commissioners / Presidents may use in getting their member officials properly educated so concussion-type situations are dealt with consistently across the state.
7. The 2010-2011 National Federation rule book order form was presented. The *NFHS/Referee Magazine* pre-season publications will again be provided to the associations. Also, the 2010-2011 Class Alignment was provided.
8. The newly formed relationship between the NFHS and ArbiterSports was discussed and what additional features, mostly educational, will be made available to officials as a result of this partnership. The NIAA registration fee (per official / per sport) will remain at \$12 while the NFHS registration fee will increase to \$17 per official for the first sport registered.

The NFHS Summer Meeting will include a session which will detail the added features and how state and official associations will benefit. Mr. Beesemyer will send out written communication following this July 8th, 2010 meeting.

9. NIAA Activity Cards: Cost will again be \$35 in 2010-11. Mr. Beesemyer noted that 115 officials purchased cards this past year, with 5 of those being issued to officials who did not register this past year but had in 2008-2009.
10. Player uniform issues that arose during the 2009-2010 season were discussed with procedures for appeals to the state office outlined.
11. Barth Aaron, an attorney who is also a baseball and football official, led discussion in regards to the contract negotiations currently taking place between the soon to be sanctioned officials associations and the member schools of the NIAA.

A current version of the “*Agreement*” was distributed and reviewed by all with proposed changes being agreed upon and noted. Administrative fees (3.5 of the proposed *Agreement*) were discussed in length with provisions being reflected in “Schedule B” as part of the proposed contract.

Please see attached a revised copy of the **proposed** *Agreement* that will be presented to the NIAA Board of Control at its regularly scheduled meeting, to be held in Reno, on June 16th and 17th, 2010 at the Silver Legacy Hotel-Casino.

12. 2009-2010 ejection numbers were presented. Mr. Beesemyer pointed out that there were 214 ejections this past year, which was down from the 248 the prior year (14% fewer). There was also discussion as to the NIAA ejection policy (NAC 386.843) in regards to where ejected

athletes needed to go following an ejection. It was found out that procedures varied depending on the sport. It was agreed that an ejected player needed to be properly supervised and keeping them in the team bench area seemed to be the most common place where this could be consistently administered. Coaches are required to leave the vicinity of the playing area (out of sight and sound).

The additional game penalty that is part of the NIAA ejection policy was also discussed with officials being reminded that this is not their responsibility to enforce.

13. 2009-2010 State Official assignments were presented. Although new procedures / guidelines were considered at last years meeting in regards to cutting back travel expenses through specific number of assignments allotted to out of area associations, there was little change to the “grids” that were distributed to the commissioners in 2009-2010. It is still the NIAA’s feeling that having “mixed crews” on all state championship contests is in the best interest for all involved. The NIAA currently uses a percentage basis (calculated by number of schools served by a particular association) to determine how many state assignments are allotted to a particular association.

The NIAA reserves the right to change the current procedure at anytime, especially if associated costs and other factors dictate that a change be made.

14. Sport by Sport discussions concluded the meeting. *See attached list* of items that were touched upon during this roundtable discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM