AIA Baseball Sports Advisory Committee
May 27, 2020
10 am - Noon
AIA Zoom Meeting
****DRAFT of Meeting Minutes****

1. **Roll Call**

   Committee members present: Chairman Garye LaFevers 2A Admin; Reed Porter – 1A; Phil Echeverria – 1A; Frank Shane Folsom – 3A; Greg Rice – 4A; Barry Cromer – 4A; Jerod Aker – 5A; Jake Kluch – 5A; JR Langston – 6A; Cory Nenaber – 6A.

   Not Present: Terry Antonio – 2A; Art Griffith – 3A.

   AIA Staff: David Hines; Joe Paddock; Tyler Cerimeli; Brian Gessner; Dan Nero.

2. **Approve agenda minutes from Jan 2020.**

   Motion to approve by Shane Folsom; 2nd by Reed Porter. Unanimously approved.

3. **Agenda items:**

   - **SAC members-**

     Dan Nero mentioned that some new SAC members may be coming on the committee in Fall 2020 per their specific Conferences.

   - **Officials – Brian Gessner/Tyler Cerimeli-**

     Brian Gessner shared the concern of baseballs being used in the early 2020 AIA games that did not have the NOCSAE seal on them. This new NFHS rule has been sent out since 2018 and is in effect this year 2020. Going forward, Mr. Gessner asked if the games should be suspended. Mr. Porter asked if AIA Officials can bring balls to the games?

     Some coaches mentioned they were using up balls they had from past years. Dan Nero mentioned that Wilson balls the AIA has for State Playoffs have had the NOCSAE seal since 2018. Also, all were reminded that it was agreed at the beginning of the 2020 season that throughout the AIA, if the home team cannot furnish NOCSAE approved baseballs, the home team head coach would be on bench restriction for the entire game and the umpire will report this to AIA. All agreed schools need to take care to have NOCSAE balls for Spring 2021.

   - **What the future holds for AIA baseball after we return to school.**

     Mr. Hines explained that the AIA staff and Executive Board are looking to the NFHS and AIA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee for additional guidelines. The CDC, Governor's Office, State and County Health Offices are continually updating guidelines and best practices. Mr. Hines was very clear the AIA would do whatever it could to protect the Spring Sports 2021 season, as we all are aware of the unfortunate loss of Spring Sports 2020.

- **3A Conference Survey of Head Baseball Coaches and Athletic Directors.**
  Possible 3A Double Elimination Final Four - May 2021
  Mr. LaFevers will send out a survey to 3A ADs and Baseball Coaches in Fall 2020 to gather information for possible 3A Baseball State Tournament changes. Baseball SAC can review results and make a recommendation.

- **Post Season Spring 2021**
  Mr. Nero gave the following plan:
  1A – Diablo Quad Fields
  2A – Goodyear Reds Fields
  3A – Surprise Quad Fields
  4A-6A – Hohokam and Diablo Stadium

- **Consideration of Article 21.11.1.6.1:**
  21.11.1.6 The post-season tournaments shall be considered as a separate tournament.
  21.11.1.6.1 There shall be no substitution in the original roster during any single tournament.

  After some discussion of the possible history of this Article there was:
  Motion to DELETE 21.11.1.6.1 by Cory Nenaber; 2nd by Barry Cromer.
  Unanimously approved.

4. **New Business:**
   Next meeting: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 – possible AIA Zoom call.

5. **Adjournment**
   11:00 am.