

**Athletic Council Meeting January 16, 2013**

**SECTIONAL/ INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE  
January REPORT  
Chairperson: Timm Slade**

**Action Items for the Athletic Council**

- 2.1 Approve directing the Section VI Boy's & Girl's Representatives to support sectional uniforms at State Championships.
- 2.5 Approve directing the Section VI Boy's & Girl's Representatives to support the combining of schools proposal.
- 4.1 Approve the Spring 2013 pre-season reports excluding boys and girls lacrosse sectional finals date and venue and the softball sectional final venue.
- 4.2 Approve the Fall 2012 post season reports.
- 4.3 Approve Combining of Schools requests and Outside Agency

# MINUTES SECTIONAL/INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE

## January 3, 2013

Attendance (\* indicates present)  
Sect/Insect: Buff: Aubrey Lloyd CCAA: Ben Drake\* ECIC: Jim Graczyk\*  
NFL: P. Burke\* NO: Dave Carson\*  
Section Reps: Timm Slade\*, Mark DiFilippo\*, Don Scholla\*, Cindy Bullis\*  
Guests: B. Banker\*, J. Conley\*

### 1.0 **Sports concerns:**

#### 1.1 Football Alignments/BEDS

It is anticipated that football alignments and schedules will be delayed resulting from the combining of schools proposal and timeframe of submission of enrollment numbers via the SED. Thus, the Section will have to be flexible regarding the timeline for submission of combining of schools requests. T. Slade to offer K. Stoldt assistance regarding 2013-2014 football schedules.

### 2.0 **Section Concerns**

#### 2.1 Sectional Uniforms at NYSPHSAA Championships

Sectional Uniforms at State Championships were voted down at the last State meeting. T. Slade requested a review of this decision, and as such, it has been added as an agenda item to the NYSPHSAA executive committee meeting on January 29, 2013. As made clear from the Fall 2012 Cross Country Championships at Elma Meadows (Section XI athlete), it is imperative that athletes are easily identifiable.

**Recommendation:** to direct the Section VI Boy's (D. Scholla) & Girl's (C. Bullis) Representatives to support sectional uniforms at State Championships.

#### 2.2 Boys Tennis Appeal

An appeals hearing is scheduled for January 11, 2013. The Section VI Executive Committee will evaluate a denial for participation judgment (for the 2013 season) regarding a Williamsville South tennis player deemed in violation of the commitment to compete rule. Involved parties to attend include T. McMahon (Section VI Boys Tennis Chairperson) and Williamsville South representatives.

#### 2.3 Boys Ice Hockey Appeal

The rules and discipline committee, resulting from a transgression by a boys ice hockey athlete, has sanctioned said athlete in 2 games - totaling a 4 game suspension. The school involved, initially intended to file an appeal, but subsequently decided to accept the ruling.

#### 2.4 Wrestling Grievance

The Section is at a level 3 grievance with the NFWOA regarding officials' payment pertaining to tournaments. A meeting is scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup> with Dave Hoover, third party representative and Erie 1 BOCES Director of Labor Relations/School Attorney.

#### 2.5 Combining of Schools (B. Banker)

The proposal for combining of schools, to be voted on at the January 29, 2013 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting, includes the following criteria: the school with the higher classification number will have a percentage of the other school(s) classification number added (Class AA 50%, Class A 40%, Class B 30%, Class C 30%, Class D 20%). This criteria was determined to be an equitable solution for all parties. B. Banker to clarify with R. Zayas (NYSPHSAA Executive Director) the scope of authority leagues have in determining deadlines for schools to merge or demerge programs.

**Recommendation:** to direct the Section VI Boy's & Girl's Representatives to support the combining of schools proposal.

### 3.0 **NYSPHSAA Concerns:**

Nothing to Report.

### 4.0 **AC Action Items** for the January meeting to include:

#### 4.1 Approvals: Spring Pre-Season Reports

##### **Concerns:**

##### **Boys/Girls Lacrosse:**

- Both sectional championships are scheduled on the same date at the same venue

##### **Softball:**

- All classes scheduled to play sectional finals at Sunshine Park (West Seneca). May prove to be an issue for C & D classes. T. Slade to express concern at the January athletic council meeting and with the softball chairmen.

## **Notifications:**

### Boys Lacrosse:

- Teams will remain in brackets set for sectional playoffs, no reseeding

### Baseball:

- Resulting from a change in policy, all sectional baseball games must play a full 7 innings.
- A vote to move regional games from the Monday/Tuesday before States to the preceding Saturday/Sunday will take place during the January 16 State conference call. The baseball committee is in favor of the change and has the support of the S/I committee.

### Golf:

- The State qualifier is scheduled for May 22, 2013. This is a conflict for those athletes who also participate in baseball. Unfortunately, this issue is unavoidable due to unpredictable weather.

**Recommendation:** To approve the Spring 2013 pre-season reports excluding boys and girls lacrosse sectional finals date and venue and the softball sectional final venue.

## 4.2 Approvals: Fall Post Season Reports

### Noteworthy Items:

\*Financial reports are as of 1/2/2013

### Football:

- Payment from Ralph Wilson Stadium has yet to be received.
- K. Stoldt obtained sponsorship which paid for t-shirts for athletes that played at Ralph Wilson Stadium.

### Boys Soccer:

- The website has proved successful.
- Since the A's & B's were split, a greater cost was incurred by the Section.
- Hamburg's venue cost has increased.

### Boys Gymnastics:

- Expressed desire to reduce from 6 to 4 contests. T Slade to submit request at the State level.

### Girls Tennis:

- Cost is substantial regardless of venue
- M. Venditti looking to secure the Village Glen as the venue for the 2013-2014 sectionals.

### Girls Gymnastics:

- D. Aquino (Sports Chair) was informed transportation (and payment of) was the chairperson's responsibility.

### Girls Field Hockey:

- There is a substantial cost to the Section to use Amherst as a sectional venue. T. Slade to speak with J. Otto (Sport Chair) regarding the issue.

### Boys Volleyball:

- T. Slade to speak with W. Stefani (Sports Chair) regarding changing from Orchard Park to Cleveland Hill for the 2013 semi-finals.

### Girls Volleyball:

- Splitting the D class worked well last season, however the committee is not looking to do the same for the upcoming 2013 season. T. Slade to speak with the committee regarding the matter.

### Cross Country:

- Hosting the 2012 Cross Country Championships was a difficult and cumbersome task for the Section; especially regarding billing and payment. The proper procedures were not clarified by the State.

### Girls Swim:

- Report has yet to be submitted

## 4.3 Approvals: **Outside Agency** & **Combining Schools 13-14**

## 5.0 Old Business

### 5.1 Spring 2013 Handbooks

The Section VI office staff, in collaboration with Spring Sports Chairs, is in the process of updating the Spring handbooks.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Section VI Spring Sports Chairman Renewals

The Spring sports chairs terms expire June 30, 2013. Renewal forms have been distributed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Fadeley

**DATES FOR 2012-13 teleconference meetings 9:00 am: (THURSDAYS):**  
**Feb. 28, Apr. 25**