

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 28, 2012 9:30am

Erie 1 BOCES Room B2b

Items are numbered to correspond to the Athletic Council agenda

Present: J. Rabey, B. Banker, M. Wendt, J. Spanbauer, D. Scholla, C. Bullis, T. Slade, L. Ratajczak, B. Fadeley, P. Turski
Guest: Todd Nelson (NYSPHSAA Asst. Director)

- 1.0/2.0 Call to order/Introductions J.Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
- 3.0 Minutes: Approval of Executive Committee minutes
Motion: to approve the October 17th, 2012 Executive Committee meeting minutes
CARRIED Wendt/Scholla
- 4.0 Executive Director's Report T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
- a) Erie 1 BOCES/Buffalo Public Schools Pilot Program
Examination of officials' payment for Buffalo Public Schools through Erie 1 BOCES has revealed significant benefit. The process is continuing to move forward with BOCES management working on the details of the agreement. In the near future, there is anticipation of a signed contract.
 - b) Arbiter Game Update
Currently, the Section VI office is researching possible sports scheduling opportunities of ArbiterGame, a product of ArbiterSports. The Section VI office hopes to offer a demonstration of ArbiterGame in the near future.
 - c) Negotiations Update
The meetings held thus far regarding the officials' contract have gone well. Several items have been agreed upon and 9 items were tabled. Financial items have yet to be discussed. It is the hope to have a finalized contract by the end of the 2012-2013 school year. T. Slade to update as the negotiating committees move through the negotiating process.
 - d) Boys Bowling Situation
Three students who were in violation of rule 400 have since been approved by their league as eligible for participation during this current 2012-2013 winter season. Therefore, it is a non-issue at the Section level.
 - e) Boys Tennis Update
This past season, a boys tennis student athlete from Williamsville South HS walked off the court during play and resigned from finishing the match. The chairman filed a violation of commitment to compete against said athlete deeming him ineligible for participation in the upcoming 2013 spring season. The Williamsville South athletic director expressed his intention to file an appeal of the aforementioned ruling. The Section VI executive committee should expect an appeal hearing in December before the holiday break.
Note: Tennis is the only sport to have a commitment to compete form.
 - f) NYSPHSAA – 2013 Hall of Fame
The nominations for the 2013 Hall of Fame are due in the association office by December 15th. Please follow the online directions. [Nomination Form](#)
- 5.0 Communications - T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 5.1 Senior All – Star Contests (previously approved at the 10/17/2012 executive committee meeting)
 - 5.2 [Outside Agency](#)
ACTION ITEM for the athletic council meeting
 - 5.3 [Combining of Schools](#)
ACTION ITEM for the athletic council meeting
- 6.0 Committee Reports L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org
- 6.1 Finance Committee
[October Report](#)
 - 6.1.1 The Section VI Treasurer's Report was distributed. Assets were reported in excess of \$1,300,000. This is the second year that the "encumbered for state championship" item line was included. Note: Not all bills have been received from the Fall season at the time the treasurer's report was generated.
 - 6.1.2 The 2013-2014 proposed Section VI budget was distributed and posted on the Section VI website. It will be listed as an action item on the January athletic council agenda.
 - 6.2 Sectional/Intersectional T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
 - 6.2.1 **ACTIONS ITEMS** for the athletic council
 - a) **Boys & Girls Lacrosse Regionals/Venue**

Section VI does not have the facilities to host both the boys and girls lacrosse regionals. The most appropriate solution would be to split venues between Section VI and Section V. In order for this to happen, Section V must also be in agreement. *A motion will be sought to pursue splitting regional venues for boys and girls lacrosse between Sections V & VI at the athletic council meeting.*

b) **Combining Schools: End of Season Report**

The original purpose for the report was to evaluate the progress of emerging teams over a three year period. In recent years, however, the requests' to combine comes from the need to save programs. Thus, the combining schools end of year/follow-up report has become obsolete. *A motion to eliminate the end of year report will be sought at the athletic council meeting.*

c) **Football Pilot Program**

The terminology used to state the action item on the executive and athletic council meeting agendas regarding the football pilot program is incorrect. Therefore, at the athletic council meeting, President Rabey will amend the motion, removing the terms "denial of", and thus stating "approve the reimbursement in the amount of \$3200 for the football pilot program.

Discussion: The pilot has already occurred and a commitment for payment was made before reimbursement was requested at the Section level. Moreover, the schools involved were unaware they would be receiving a bill for participation in the pilot. K. Stoldt (Section VI Football Chairman) has requested that the action item regarding reimbursement for the football pilot program be tabled until the January athletic council meeting, as he would like the opportunity to present his position regarding the situation to the executive committee.

d) **Section VI Request for Waiver of Participation (minimum number of contests)**

Currently, the form states that the deadline for submission to the Section VI office must be no later than 7 calendar days prior to the sectional event. A seven day deadline would be appropriate for some sport specific situations, but in many instances not needed. The 7 day deadline is not Section policy, it is only stated on the form and has become current practice. There is no benefit to continue with the deadline, it only hurts student athletes and puts unnecessary restrictions on administration. *A motion to approve flexibility regarding the deadline for the waiver of participation (minimum number of contests) will be sought at the athletic council meeting.*

6.8 Chemical Awareness

6.8.1 M. McKenna has confirmed two guest speakers for a brief presentation

6.13 Nominations Committee

B. Banker bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us

Sportsmanship Coordinator position vacancy: J. Graczyk (Pioneer) and D. Ames (Newfane) have expressed interest in being co-chairs for this position. The nomination will be given at the athletic council meeting.

11.0 Old Business

12.0 New Business

12.1 Cheerleading (Outside Agency)

The state association is reviewing the upcoming East and West invitationals and would like to institute Changes to the cheerleading booklet regarding outside agencies. A vote concerning this item will take place 12/3/12 at the state meeting.

12.2 Fiscal Concerns (Reduction of Contests)

Members were asked to inquire regarding their groups' sentiment toward fiscal concerns so that direction may be given to C. Bullis (girls representative) and D. Scholla (boys representative) for an impending vote at the state meeting.

13.0 Good of the Order/Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn

CARRIED Wendt/Banker