

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

## February 13, 2013 9:00am

Present: J. Rabey, B. Banker, M. Wendt, J. Spanbauer, D. Scholla, C. Bullis, T. Slade, M. DiFilippo, P. Turski, B. Fadeley  
Guest: K. Stoldt

- 1.0 Call to order J. Rabey [jrabe@depew.wnyric.org](mailto:jrabey@depew.wnyric.org)
- 2.0 Introductions J. Rabey [jrabe@depew.wnyric.org](mailto:jrabey@depew.wnyric.org)
- 3.0 **Motion: to approve the January 16, 2013 Executive Committee meeting minutes**  
**CARRIED Scholla/Spanbauer**
- 4.0 Executive Director's Report T.Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)
- 4.1 Football Pilot Program (K. Stoldt)  
The football committee approached the B West schools (7) about piloting the Thumbs Up Video program as a possible resolution for issues with filming, taping, scouting, etc. and for the overall betterment of the football program. The original agreement included a \$500 upfront charge to the schools involved. The football committee, then, looked into getting a check for \$3200 to send to Thumbs Up Video Productions, which in turn, the production company would reimburse each B West school \$300. Since its completion, the program has been deemed successful regarding feasibility, quality, and access. Note: Section VI will not be approached with future requests for reimbursements.  
Discussion Points:
- Procedurally, the football committee began the pilot program before requesting reimbursement due to the fact that the Section VI Finance Committee meeting was not scheduled until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the football season.
  - If the program is used in the future, the agreement will be between the schools, divisions, and the video company only – not the Section.
  - If one team in a division does not choose to participate, alternate arrangements will be made.
  - K. Stoldt to confirm that all B West schools have made payment to Thumbs Up Video Productions
- Motion: to approve the expenditure for the football pilot program pending approval of the Section VI Finance Committee.**  
**CARRIED Rabey/Scholla**
- 4.2 Football Alignment/BEDS  
The proposed 2013-2014 football alignments were submitted. The newly approved combining of schools formula was used to create the proposed alignments. K. Stoldt has asked that the proposed alignments be approved as soon as possible. The paper schedule is complete; however, nothing can be released until the alignments are approved. K. Stoldt is receiving numerous calls regarding the football schedule, necessitating an expedited approval.  
Discussion Points:
- Playoffs (procedure for choosing teams) – A & AA's: 2 schools from each division plus 2 wildcards
  - Buffalo's requests for combining of schools were based on geographic need.
- Note: Combining of schools requests will not be approved without the submission of proper paperwork including signatures. Once the remaining anticipated requests for combining of schools pertaining to football are received, a vote for approval will be taken via e-mail.
- 4.3 Wrestling Grievance Update  
The officials have been awarded \$86 per match for wrestling dual meet tournaments.
- 4.4 Wrestling Litigation  
T. Slade to give a deposition pertaining to a lawsuit in which Section VI was named regarding a Williamsville South wrestler who contracted herpes gladiatorum in 2011. T. Slade to update as litigation moves forward, but is confident in the processes Section VI follows regarding on site physicians and protocols set forth concerning skin lesions.
- 4.5 Negotiations Update  
Negotiations meetings are scheduled to begin again in March 2013. A finalized contract is anticipated by the end of June.
- 4.6 ArbiterGame Update RefPay  
ArbiterGame was presented to and reviewed by Section VI members on January 25, 2013. Aside from potential benefit to member schools, it was discovered that ArbiterGame may be advantageous to use at the Section level regarding vendors, ticket takers, etc. for sectional contests. The Section will continue to pursue and possibly pilot ArbiterGame as an option for payment of officials. A second meeting with Spencer Evans, VP of Marketing at ArbiterSports, will be scheduled in the near future.

4.7 2012 Cross Country (NYSPHSAA) Litigation  
T. Slade was recently contacted by the attorney representing the Section XI student athlete who passed away at the state cross country championships. T. Slade immediately contacted NYSPHSAA's attorney and the Section VI attorney. It is, as of yet, undetermined if Section VI will be named separately in the lawsuit. The situation is unique as it was a state championship, but was hosted by Section VI, therefore the attorney's plan to proceed in a collaborative effort. T. Slade to update as the proceedings move forward. Note: Section VI attorneys have directed T. Slade not to have any further discussions with the attorney representing the Section XI athlete. In addition, the state attorney has contacted Section VI's insurance carrier (Cool Insurance).

4.8 Combining of Schools Committee  
The recently approved combining of schools proposal has necessitated the establishment of a combining of schools committee to evaluate combining requests. It was determined that an Ad Hoc committee, chaired by J. Rabey, will be established. One representative from each league will be asked to sit on the committee. The purpose of the committee will be to establish criteria for combining of schools and to inform member schools of the application process along with the possibility that schools will be denied combining in future years based on performance. The committee will review all applications and submit recommendations to the athletic council based on the criteria set forth.

4.9 Cheerleading Championships  
As NYSPHSAA moves forward hosting East and West tournaments for cheerleading, T. Slade would like to revisit the opportunity of holding a Section VI invitational. It is proving to be a positive endeavor for the state, and in all likelihood would benefit Section VI cheerleading as a sport, generate revenue for the Section and thus help provide funding for Section VI member schools.

5.0 Communications T.Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)

5.1 **Combining of Schools 12-13 Combining of Schools 13-14**

- a) Maple Grove and Chautauqua Lake for Football 2013-2014
- b) Frewsburg with Falconer for Boys Tennis 2012-2013
- c) Lyndonville with Medina for JV/Varsity Football 2013-2014
- d) Tapestry with Maritime for Baseball 2012-2013

***Motion: to approve requests for combining of schools, (a) through (d), as presented***  
***CARRIED Wendt/Scholla***

5.2 **Senior All Star Contests**

- a) B&G Basketball, Catt. County Exceptional Senior Game, 3/21/13 at Olean HS, co-sponsored by CCAA and IAABO Board #121
- b) Baseball, Chautauqua County Exceptional Senior All-Star Game, 6/11/13 (rain date 6/12/13) at Diethrick Park (Jamestown), co-sponsored by Fredonia HS
- c) Softball, Chautauqua County Exceptional Senior All-Star Game, 6/13/13 (rain date 6/14/13) at Prommenschenle Stadium (Dunkirk), co-sponsored by Fredonia HS
- d) Silver Hoops Men's HS Basketball Senior All-Star, 3/23/13 at Grabiarz, co-sponsored by Butler Mitchel Alumni, P.A.L., Buffalo Public Schools

***Motion: to approve requests for Senior All Star contests, (a) through (d), as presented***  
***CARRIED Banker/Bullis***

6.0 Committee Reports M. DiFilippo [mdifilippo@e1b.org](mailto:mdifilippo@e1b.org)

6.1 Finance Committee **January Report**

As decided at the January athletic council meeting, the BOCES line item has been removed from the treasurer's report. The Section reports approximately 1 million in assets as of February 8, 2013. As requested, a "details of deposits" report was submitted outlining where monies are received from in addition to the transactions listing provided.

6.6 State Executive Committee/Central Committee **January Exec. Comm. Summary**

Boys Rep D.Scholla [dscholla@olean.wnyric.org](mailto:dscholla@olean.wnyric.org)  
Girls Rep C.Bullis [cbullis@ntschoools.org](mailto:cbullis@ntschoools.org)

- Reduction of Contests Update

Concern was expressed over the fiscal concerns vote held at the state meeting. At the January 2013 Section VI athletic council meeting, D. Scholla (Section VI Boys Representative) and C. Bullis (Section VI Girls Representative) were directed to vote in favor of a motion that included the terminology "until further notice" in regards to fiscal concerns. The motion that was made, however, included the terminology of "2 years". After much deliberation, the Section VI representatives voted against the motion, as they determined it was the direction they were given by the Section VI athletic council.

- Sectional Uniforms

The use of sectional uniforms at the NYSPHSAA individual championships (as long as no cost is

charged to the students, schools, or sections) was approved at the January state meeting. Section VI student athletes will wear section uniforms as they are provided by the Section with no cost to students or member schools.

6.9 Transfer/Foreign Student R. Black [hronblack@hotmail.com](mailto:hronblack@hotmail.com)  
*No Report*

6.13 Nominations B. Banker [bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us](mailto:bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us)

6.13.1 Section VI Spring sports chairs' terms to expire June 30, 2013

Recommendations are needed by the March 20, 2013 athletic council meeting. Currently, there is an open position for softball as M. Kruzynski is stepping down. Also, the status regarding D. Brooks, Assistant Chairman for softball, will be evaluated prior to the spring season. A list of open positions and positions held by incumbents will be sent to B. Banker. Each league representative will advertise the positions via their league meetings and forward nominations to B. Banker.

Note: Others may apply even though incumbents have expressed interest in renewing their positions.

10.0 **SPORTS REPORTS:**  
**FALL SPORTS REPORTS: 2013, Due March 1st**

11.0 Old Business  
*No Report*

12.0 New Business  
*No Report*

13.0 Good of the Order/Adjournment  
**Motion: to adjourn**  
**CARRIED Wendt/Spanbauer**

Respectfully submitted,

*Beth Fadeluy*