

Athletic Council Meeting September 18, 2013

**SECTIONAL/ INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE
September 12, 2013 REPORT
Chairperson: Timm Slade**

Action Items for the Athletic Council

- 4.0 **ACTION ITEM:** Approve Niagara Wheatfield and Williamsville North (classified as small schools) to play in the large school division for boys ice hockey
- 4.0 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Winter 2013 Pre-Season Reports
- 4.0 **ACTION ITEM:** Approval of Spring 2013 Post Season Reports

MINUTES SECTIONAL/INTERSECTIONAL COMMITTEE

September 12, 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*

1.0 Sports Concerns:

1.1 The next officials' contract negotiations meeting is scheduled for October 7th, 2013. As the new contract has yet to be finalized, the Section will continue to follow the 2012-2013 rates for payment of officials.

a) The Section VI office was informed, by representatives from ArbiterSports, that the Section VI ArbiterOne account must be converted to ArbiterSports' nationally standardized system. Without the conversion, the current Section VI ArbiterOne database account will not be supported in the near future. The tentative date scheduled to begin the conversion process is Monday, March 3rd. Notification letters and instructions will be distributed, well in advance, to athletic directors, athletic secretaries, league assigners, officials' groups etc. detailing the changes to occur.

2.0 Section Concerns

2.1 Section VI Sport Chair Open Positions

Ed Greenway, from Williamsville East, has been approved by the nominations committee as the new Section VI Boys Lacrosse Chair. Kristin Janese, from Niagara Wheatfield, has been approved by the nominations committee as the Section VI Girls Tennis Chair. Approval of both individuals will be requested at the September 18th athletic council meeting.

3.0 NYSPPHSAA Concerns:

3.1 The NYSPPHSAA president, R. Zayas, is recommending re-instituting face-to-face sports' chairmen meetings. T. Slade expressed concern to R. Zayas regarding the cost (between \$600 - \$1000 per chairman) if this recommendation were approved. T. Slade recommended holding these meetings at the same time as each sports' state championship as to satisfy the need for the requested meetings while not incurring the cost of an additional trip to the state.

3.2 Time Warner Cable

Currently, Section VI has a contract with Time Warner Cable in the amount of \$7,500. Recently, the NYSPPHSAA has confirmed a 10 year agreement with Time Warner Cable; where each section will receive a portion of those funds - of which, Section VI will receive approximately \$5,400. In total, Section VI will receive \$12,900 in sponsorship from Time Warner Cable to be used for state travel for individual sports.

3.3 The NYSPPHSAA approved a waiver for new track style starting blocks to be used in swimming. These blocks may be used for practices, but NOT competition. Note: The cost of each block is approximately \$2,000.

3.4 Cornell University has been approved as the venue for the 2014 Boys Golf State Championship.

3.5 Girls Field Hockey Overtime Procedures: the penalty stroke was replaced with a 10 second one-on-one. Coaches in Section VI will follow the new process through the regular season at the varsity level only.

4.0 Athletic Council Action Items

4.1 Spring 2013 Post Season Reports

a) **Boys Tennis:** As Buffalo has been unable to fill their three spots in singles and doubles for sectionals, the committee recommends that those spots be filled by athletes from the other leagues.

b) **Baseball:**

- Concern was expressed over Sal Maglie Stadium as a finals venue. Niagara Falls will not oversee this venue in the future and the city refuses to repair one non-working light.
- Concern was expressed regarding the quality of the Spalding baseball used by the Section.
- Concern was expressed regarding the conflict between the Baseball sectional schedule and the Boys Golf sectionals for athletes who participate in both sports.

c) **Softball:**

- J. Hall, chairman, is investigating the use of the Northtowns Center in Amherst for part of the section championships.

- d) **Track & Field:**
- Concern was expressed regarding the failure of some coaches to submit entries within the timeframe of the deadline. The Section office will continue to send out reminders reinforcing the adherence to the established deadlines.
- e) **Boys Lacrosse:**
- There is a venue conflict for Regionals. Boys and Girls Lacrosse are both hosting the regional championships on May 31st at All High Stadium. T. Slade to share with R. Schmitt (girls chairman) and Ed Greenway (boys chairman) that the boys or girls will have to change their date.
- f) **Girls Golf:**
- Concern was expressed regarding coaches who were not on site the entire time athletes were present at the state championships. T. Slade to address this situation with R. Wargala, chairman.
- g) **Girls Lacrosse:**
- See boys lacrosse.
 - T. Slade to reaffirm with R. Schmitt that LAX power is working well.
 - T. Slade to request clarification from R. Schmitt regarding the date of the class B seeding meeting
 - Concern was expressed regarding boys and girls championships held both at home or both away. T. Slade to contact Section V to request that one plays at home and one away.

Winter Pre-Season Reports 2013-2014

- a) **Indoor Track:**
- Concern was expressed that Fredonia is scheduled as the championship venue. Brockport is being investigated as a possible alternative.
- b) **Alpine Skiing:**
- No concerns
- c) **Boys Basketball:**
- L. Jones, chairman, plans to host a Section VI boys basketball coaches meeting. He requests that it replace league meetings. However, approval by all leagues is necessary for this change to occur.
 - Concern was expressed regarding the B & C sectional finals venue. T. Slade to contact L. Jones and discuss flexibility options
- d) **Girls Basketball:**
- T. Slade to contact C. Durr as proposal #1 is not reflected in the calendar regarding the TBA for the C semi-finals
 - T. Slade to share with C. Durr the concern expressed regarding the finals scheduled to take place on a Sunday. In addition, T. Slade to e-mail athletic directors in the As, Bs, AAs to see if there is an issue scheduling the finals on a Sunday
 - T. Slade to notify C. Durr that AA was not listed in the finals on the post season calendar
 - T. Slade to inquire with Brent Ford, Buffalo State contact, whether separate tickets were sold for boys and girls basketball championships on the same day
- e) **Bowling:**
- No concerns
- f) **Rifle:**
- Supervision to be reviewed due to some concerns at the rifle sectionals this past year
- g) **Boys Ice Hockey:**
- The committee requests approval for Williamsville North and Niagara Wheatfield to move up a classification
 - No dues increase 2013-2014
- i) **Girls Ice Hockey:**
- Iroquois and Lancaster will be a combined team for 2013-2014
 - Nichols has approached R. Hopkins, chairman, requesting membership of their team. T. Slade informed Nichols they would have to request membership from Monsignor Martin
- k) **Wrestling:**
- The chairmen are working on a resolution to the awards issue that occurred the previous year
- l) **Boys Swimming:**
- No concerns
 - The boys swim committee requests monies to be available for a hospitality room for working personnel. The sectional intersectional committee members were asked to discuss this request with their leagues. This will be added as an agenda item for the next sectional intersectional meeting.

5.0 **Old Business**

6.0 **New Business**

6.1 Proposed Section VI 2014-2015 Sports Calendar

The sectional intersectional committee was asked to review the proposed Section VI 2014-2015 sports calendar, which will be an action item at the November 2013 athletic council meeting.

7.0 **Good of the Order**

7.1 Modified Football

The NYSPHSAA has accepted the fourth Monday in August as the start date for modified football. However, Section VI has permanent approval to start every year on August 22nd.

7.2 T. Slade to contact W. Stefani regarding Orchard Park as the venue for the boys volleyball semi-finals every year.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley

Dates for the 2013-2014 teleconference meetings 9:00am: (THURSDAYS):
Sept. 12th, Oct. 31st, Jan. 9th, Feb. 27th, Apr. 24th