



FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 14, 2023

Committee Members: (*indicates present)

- *S. Penhollow, Chairperson
- *A. Lloyd, Buffalo Representative
- *K. Burnett, CCAA Representative
- *B. Hickson, ECIC Representative
- *J. Contento, NFL Representative
- *E. Valley, NO Representative
- *M. DiFilippo, Executive Director
- *B. Fadeley, Treasurer

1.0 Treasurer Report

1.1 Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was shared with the committee. The fund balance was noted to be in good standing. The committee was reminded that at this time of year the dedicated funds are subtracted to reflect a more accurate depiction of the fund balance - Boys Ice Hockey, Girls Ice Hockey and Indoor Track participation fees received at present and State Championship monies are ear marked for expenses yet to occur throughout the school year and give the misperception of a significantly larger fund balance than what is actually available to the Section.

1.2 2023 Spring Financial Report

The 2023 spring financial report was reviewed with the committee. There was nothing remarkable to report. The sports that typically produce a deficit continue to do so. It was noted that Softball fell in the negative this year as opposed to 2022 due to charges for site rentals. Neutral sites are variable year to year and therefore rental charges are variable as well. Flag Football will begin charging admission with the 2024 season.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Section VI Travel Pay

The Finance Committee continues to discuss the contracted mileage stipend and the request to produce a proposal where the total cost is shared equitably among Section VI member schools. Several options have been reviewed without consensus on how to proceed. The last version of a proposal reviewed by this committee will be distributed again. Committee members were asked to be prepared to finalize a recommendation for the athletic council at the October 12, 2023 Finance Committee meeting.

2.2 Coordination Fee Structure

The committee was reminded that section 940.1 of the Section VI Policy manual (member dues will be used to fund the Section office using a five-sport classification fee as approved by the NYSPHSAA) is no longer in compliance now that NYSPHSAA implemented six classifications beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. Considering the timeline of operations, the 2023-2024 coordination fees, which are based on the 5-classification formula, was approved to remain as is.

At the last Finance Committee meeting, it was agreed to recommend to continue to use the Section VI formula beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. However, the class fees portion of the formula will be structured based on the 6-class format, using the Boys Basketball numbers. M. DiFilippo and B. Fadeley were asked to supply a recommendation for class and sport pricing, based on the impending 2024-2025 proposed budget, at the October 12th, 2023 Finance Committee meeting. A recommendation will be formalized at this meeting and presented at the November 15, 2023 Athletic Council meeting for review and discussion. The recommendation will then be slated for approval at the January 17, 2023 Athletic Council meeting.

3.0 New Business

3.1 NYSPHSAA Foundation Board

M. Kruzynski (Medina) currently represents Section VI on the NYSPHSAA Foundation Board. He is interested passing this role to someone who is better able to serve in this position. This foundation has been in place for about 3 years and was created to find ways of fundraising to support NYSPHSAA outside of the dues structure. Meetings are held 3-4 times a year via Zoom. No one from the Finance Committee expressed interest in taking on this position so the offering will be extended to the athletic council and member leagues.

3.2 Officials Rec/Ret. Expense Claims EOY Report & 23-24 Recommendation

The data from the 22-23 end of year officials claims and forecasted projections for 23-24 revealed an anticipated deficit for the officials recruitment and retention fund account at the end of this fiscal year. At present, the fund balance is in good standing, but quickly approaching the \$5000 contracted threshold.

Recommendation to bill member schools, MMAA, and affiliated sports officials organizations the contracted rate to keep the officials recruitment and retention fund account in safe standing for the 23-24 school year

CARRIED

Burnett/Hickson

3.3 State Championship Travel (ie. Golf Expenses)

M. DiFilippo discussed 2 areas of inconsistency across sports and pertaining to state championships.

Within certain smaller sports (ie Boys Golf and Tennis), some schools are not adhering to section 310.3 of the approved Section VI policy manual. As such, those schools that do not comply with the lodging policy of 4 student-athletes to a hotel room and 2 coaches to a hotel room are being back-billed by the Section.

In addition, M. DiFilippo plans to address discrepancies between Boys and Girls Golf this upcoming spring 2024 season. Section VI has been paying for an extra night and extra practice round for Boys Golf, but not Girls Golf. The Finance committee agreed to move forward with being consistent and equal between Boys and Girls Golf.

3.4 New Position

M. DiFilippo shared a potential new position in the Section VI office is being discussed at the Executive Committee level. If confirmed, funding will need to be discussed.

4.0 Good of the Order

4.1 Next meeting date: October 12, 2023 @ Erie 1 BOCES

Motion to adjourn

CARRIED

Valley/Lloyd