



ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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Athletic Council Minutes 03/09/2021

Athletic Council via Webex 12:00 PM

Roll Call:

Absent: JFK, Clarence

President's Report:

Kiel Illg

Approval of Athletic Council Minutes from 1/12/21

Motion to approve minutes

1st Vinny Dell'Oso (Starpoint)

2nd Daryl Besant (Lakeshore)

Discussion of minutes

Motion passed

- ***ECIC President Term Discussion:*** At Lackawanna Board of Education meeting, board has approved to post a Director of Health, PE, and Athletics at Lackawanna for a part-time position. Kiel Illg will be stepping away from athletics but still overseeing the position. Lackawanna looking to hire someone as of July 1, 2021. As per the ECIC Constitution, this will be a seat for an athletic director filling the role. Within the athletic council executive meeting, Kiel Illg discussed stepping away. The executive committee requested that Kiel Illg remain.

Questions: Vinny Dell'Oso (Starpoint) in full support of finishing out term as current president along with Pat Cauley (Hamburg).

- ***Update of Upcoming Executive Director ECIC Posting:*** Search has been ongoing. Jim Graczyk still maintaining interim executive director role. Executive Committee did vote to move forward with a March posting at the end of the month with interviews to happen in April and ECIC hiring a full time Executive Director in May to start in June. The reason for this decision is for budget as well as some of the tenures for administrators that are coming up to be discussed at the April meeting. There will be opportunity to receive some great candidates. The salary will be up to \$85,000 for the position offered. If you know of anyone who might be interested or be a great fit for the position, please once you see the posting forward it to the interested individuals.
- ***Review of ECIC Rep Directory:*** During the March meeting, which will add a little to the Activity Board, at the March meeting we should have a nomination committee, which is the membership, who will nominate individuals to sit on the activity board as well as to be

the chair of our boys' and girls' activity board as well as our boys' and girls' representative from Section VI. The seats that are going to become vacant

Boys' Activity Board: Jason Przybysz, Brian Hickson, and Vinny Dell'Oso

Girls' Activity Board: Pat Cauley, Daryl Besant, and Dave Hack.

These individuals would like to continue to move forward, however, it is opened to any other athletic directors and encourage anyone to become involved. If there is anyone else who would like to nominate themselves, please advise. Put your name forward for a vote at our May athletic council meeting. If no one wishes to speak publicly, please provide an email if you are interested in any of these positions so it can be added to the agenda for the May athletic council meeting. Any nominations as well will have to come forward once we get those names for our boys' and girls' activity chairs. We can handle much of this during our May meeting since the names will be listed. Typically when we have the boys' and girls' activity boards, we want a member that is the chair of those boards, that could be a sitting representative as well, also.

- ***Nominations for May Vote ECIC Exec Positions:*** Voting for nominations in May. There is a need for middle school and high school alternate representative which will be added to the May agenda. Springville's principal was interested in the alternate representative position. Matt Brown reached out to Steve Smith and indicated he would be interested as the middle school principal alternate representative. All of the current vacancies should be filled. Review of the sports chairs and liaisons. The reason for the question was due to golf. Nate Leary is no longer the sports chair for golf. Review of the list provided by Mark DiFilippo before vacating the Executive Director position of ECIC. Many of the ad liaisons should be working with the sports chairs as well as sports chairs that are currently not in positions anymore. During the May meet we will conduct nominations for some of these positions. Brian Wild is currently the baseball AD liaison. Do you have any knowledge of who is the sports chair for baseball? It was a prior coach of Depew, he is the section chair and he was representing us in the meetings, Coach Perry.

Spring Sports Chairs

Softball - Kelly Ambrose and Marissa Fallacaro-Dougherty

Boys' Lacrosse – Ed Greenway and Daryl Besant

Girls' Lacrosse – Tim Myslinsky and Joe DeMartino

Boys Tennis – Alex Chambers and Brian Koziol and Brian Hickson as the liaison for the AD

Boys' Track – Dan Syracuse and Matt Adams

Girls' Track - Matt Adams, Mary Doud

Modified Baseball – Jason Pzybysz (chair) and Liaison

Modified Girls' Lacrosse- Dave Hack, Alyssa Trampert

Modified Boys' Lacrosse – Ed Greenway and Pat Cauley

Modified Softball – Bob Klimowicz, Vinny Dell'Oso

Modified Track – Emilio Mancini, Rich Gray

Fall Sports Chairs

Cheerleading –Jill Manka

Boys Cross Country – Mary Dowd, Pete Szymanski, and Walt McLaughlin

Girls Cross Country – Mary Dowd

Field Hockey –

Golf – Dave Hack Liaison

Boys Soccer – Mike Silverstein and Matt Adams

Girls Soccer – JoAnna Fildes and _____, ad liaison

Girls Swimming – Mike O'Connor

Girls Tennis – Paul Biddle, Chris Mucica

Boys Volleyball – Robert Pierce and Dave Hack(removal of Dave Hack)

Girls Volleyball – Deb Schrufer and Joe DeMartino

Modified Football – Don Hauser

Modifed Boys Soccer – Marisa Dauria, AD

Modifed Girls Soccer – Marisa Dauria, AD

Modified B & G volleyball – Roxanne Slade and Brian Hickson

Modified Cross Country – Mike Mitri

Modified Field Hockey – Lisa Lerche

Winter Sports Chairs

Boys Basketball – Mark Kensy

Girls Basketball – Bill Shaw

Boys Bowling – Will Morrissey

Girls Bowling - John Seeley

Indoor Track - Pete Symanski and Emilio Mancini

Rifle – Leif Johnson and Dave Hack

Boys Swimming – Doug Neuman and Jason Lehmbeck

Wrestling – Dennis Bauer and Brian Hickson

Cheerleading – Jill Manka

Modified Boys – Garrett Kensy

Modified Girls Basketball – Ryan Colbert

Modified swimming –

Modified wrestling – Steve DeLucia and Dave Hack

Office Report

Jim Graczyk

- Treasurer's Report Jan/Feb 2021 **ACTION ITEM**
- Update on Fall 2 Schedules
- Update on Spring Schedules
 - Mod Football Schedule: Almost complete. Provide to athletic directors shortly.
- Wrestling Discussion on Home Spectators: Jim, Vinny, and Kiel meet on Friday. Jim working with Dennis Bauer from Amherst regarding schedule. ECIC to schedule tri-meets or quad meets. 3 or 4 teams on Saturday. Wednesday would be dual meet with possible spectators. Dual meets only does

not allow some athletes to wrestle. Best not to have spectators but live stream both mats when athletes wrestling.

Activity Board

Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty

- Fall 2021 Alignments **ACTION ITEM**
 - Fall II- continue with sign in sheets for indoor sports and football is federated so direction from the section will be coming. Section non interested in providing passes.
Volleyball: What is circumstance with non-league games for volleyball. Should these games be scheduled? If a not league game is scheduled, the league game will take precedence.
- Winter 2021-2022 Alignments **ACTION ITEM**
- Approval of ECIC Spring Passes **ACTION ITEM**
 - Spring passes – up for approval for track, girls’ lacrosse, etc.
- Concern of Spring Start Date (R Gray) **ACTION ITEM**
 - Spring start date concerning action item for more discussion.
- Nominations Boys & Girls Activity Board
- Boys Activity Board Members
 - Vinny Dell’Oso 2021-2023
 - Jason Przybysz 2021-2023
 - Brian Hickson 2021-2023
- Girls Activity Board Members
 - Dave Hack 2021-2023
 - Pat Cauley 2021-2023
 - Daryl Besant 2021-2023

Old Business

New Business

Action Items:

1. Action Item - Approval to Accept the Treasurer Report for Jan/Feb 2021

Motion for approval of treasurer report for Jan/Feb

1st Brian Hickson (Cheektowaga)

2nd Jason Przybysz (Cleveland Hill)

Motion passed

2. Action Item - Approval of Fall 2021 Alignments

Motion for approval of fall 2021 alignments

1st Marissa Fallcaro-Dougherty (West Seneca)

2nd Tim Klimtzak (Maryvale)

Approved (24) motion passed

Discussion: Soccer: Sweet Home is varsity only for girls' soccer. No JV past 2 years. If able to add, how would it impact the alignment? Alignment notes Varsity only. Can we add JV. Sweet Home would like to add JV but will not have an idea until sign-up. No division change only scheduling change. Easier to add into a JV schedule than to delete.

Field Hockey: different this year. Brought to table by field hockey chair. It has gone from a 3 division to 2 division.

Girls Tennis: ECIC was not interested in competitive base scheduling. Tennis remains on beds numbers.

3. Action Item - Approval of Winter 2021-2022 Alignments

Motion for approval of winter 2021-2022 alignments

1st Ken Partell (Alden)

2nd Tim Klimtzak (Maryvale)

Discussion: Concern regarding wins/loses in divisions with heavy schools and competitiveness and top teams. Competitiveness rotates.

Approved (28) motion passed

4. Action Item - Approval to delay the start of Spring Sports to May 10, 2021 (date) [R Gray]

Keep at original date decided by Section VI of March 10, 2021, to create less overlap. Moving up a week causes problems.

Discussion: You can push back the start of the season for your school. Number of athletes not volleyball or football. Some schools do not offer volleyball. Problem with having athletes wait 10 more days for a sport with no interest. If your schools would like to start later then it should be the decision of the school. Not moving 10 days but moving forward 7 days.

Motion to start Spring Sports on May 10, 2021

1st Rich Gray (Frontier)

2nd Ken Partell (Alden)

Approved (13) against (16)

5. Action Item – Approval ECIC Spring Passes

Motion for approval of ECIC Spring Passes paid by the school

1st Marissa Fallacaro-Dougherty (West Seneca)

2nd Vinny Dell'Oso (Starpoint)

Motion tabled until April meeting.

Discussion: Timeline for preparation of passes. Rules may change by the time season commences. Concerns relative to finances and waiting for spring rules relative to

masks, covid protocol, etc. Fall II maintain current home spectators. No other information. Maintain current as in basketball in filling out individual spectator sheet. Football is outside and federated. No discussion relative to spectators by section for fall II or spring. Section not interested in production of passes. State allowing 2 spectators for football. Table this action item for another date. Passes at Alden were more issue than helpful. Passes were passed around from person to person or different sport. Signing in was more effective than passes. Looking for cost per past per budgeted.

Section VI/NYSPHSAA

**Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty
Vinny Dell'Oso/Dave Hack**

No report

Question: What NYSPHSAA date is being used for scholar athlete? Is it March 15, 2021, or May 3, 2021? Low risk, swimming, rifle, and bowling is March 15, 2021, and high risk is May 3, 2021. Any schools that pay high risk, March 15, 2021, deadline, and high risk is May 3, 2021. Contact state office for guidance. Someone from state office should have an answer.

Good of the Order:

Motion to adjourn meeting

1st Jeff Wheaton
2nd Chris Koselny

Next Athletic Council Meeting: May 10, 2021