



ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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AD MEETING - 5/4/21
In-Person Meeting
Microsoft Teams
12:00 PM

Opening Remarks:

Vinny Dell'Oso

Welcome:

-Introductions: How is everyone doing with the commencement of spring sports and the fall 2 overlapping with spring sports. There are 3 seasons one on top of the other at the same time. Some schools moving things around. Removing modified games, moving to 7/8/9 or not having a JV team. This to be discussed later in agenda.

-Divisional Meetings - Spring Sports Check-in: Keeping division meetings on agenda. At some point when we are all in-person for the meeting and all back together. Value in having divisional meetings. More in-person directors, there would have been discussion by division.

President's Report:

Vinny Dell'Oso

- Approval of Minutes from 4/13/21
Motion to approve 4/13 meeting
1st Joe DeMartino (Springville)
2nd Nick Suchyna (Williamsville East)
Motion Passed

Executive Director's Report:

Jim Graczyk/Kiel Illg

- **Spring Schedules Update:** Schedules provided. Questions concerning auto-assign by officials. Timeline is Wednesday or Thursday to complete. Process should be completed shortly. Anyone without schedule, please advise.
- **Officials Update:** Modified Lacrosse officials for spring, not enough. Do best to cover all modified lacrosse games. Every other sport should be good for assignment of officials. Concern regarding ECIC track with 5 divisions. Three (3) meets scheduled for Saturday. Two (2) meets scheduled for Friday. Rescheduling of one (1) Saturday would help with officials. The weekend of June 10, 11, 12, the NO, City of Buffalo, NFL all will be scheduling championship meets. Moving one (1) meet would help.
- **ECIC Executive Director/Athletic Director Update:** Posting closed. Interviews scheduled for May 11, 2021. Six (6) candidates to interview. Selected candidate to be approved by

Erie 1 BOCES at the May meeting and hopefully there will be a selected candidate for full time position for June meeting.

- **ECIC Badges Update:** Lanyards received. There were two (2) orders processed. Receipt of lanyards by end of week. Divided by number and distribution method either by office pickup or interoffice mail delivery. Email notification send by Jim Graczyk and school should respond on delivery method.

- **Activity Board Nominations and Vacancies:** Agenda contains nominations for activity board. Vote to take place at May council meeting. One change is an open position for Brian Hickson for activity board. Brian Hickson no longer on activity board. Vinny Dell'Oso, Daryl Besant, Dave Hack, Jason Lehmbeck, discussion already had. Need for one (1) athletic director to replace Brian Hickson for seat on activity board. Respond to Kiel Ilig via email or advise personally if you wish to serve. Nominations will take place for a vote at May 10, 2021 athletic council meeting.

Activity Board:

Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty

- **Meeting Dates next school year:** Some concern regarding scheduling meeting dates on Tuesday. Schedule will revert back to scheduling for Monday meetings. However, if there is a long weekend or a holiday falling on a Monday, the next scheduling date will be a Tuesday. This will be provided for review before the next athletic council meeting on May 10, 2021 for a discussion and vote.

- **Spring Alignments:** Discussion to take place at the main meeting. Jim Graczyk and Sharon Groden will begin completion of spring alignments using the beds numbers for preparation to be reviewed by the activity board and the athletic directors. Vote to take place at June 8, 2021 athletic council meeting to commence scheduling for return in fall.

Jim Graczyk meeting with Executive Directors of all leagues on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 to complete dates for scheduling.

- **Current sports chair and AD liaison:** List updated, sent out with athletic council agenda. Please review updated list for accuracy. Missing any sports chairs please recommend any coaches. Positions must be filled.

Section VI/NYSPHSAA report: *Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty, Vinny Dell'Oso, and Dave Hack*

Discussion regarding four (4) voting items. All voting items are regarding verbiage/semantics for the section handbook. The last one does not pertain to ECIC. It is regarding private schools and the transfer rule and ECIC does not allow this process presently. Other items are for the handbook and advisement is to vote yes. Discussion later in meeting. Direction to follow relative to vote.

- **State Meeting Report** *Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty*
- **Committee Reports:**

Sectional/Intersectional

Jason Przybysz

Met on April 15, 2021. AD mandatory workshop for next year (2021-2022) scheduled for August 18, 2021. Approvals for some independent teams. Reviewing track sectionals at the end of June.

Modified

Daryl Besant

Met last month. Steve McDuffy from Buffalo School District spoke regarding increasing programs modified football, girls' volleyball, soccer a heads up that they will be more involved in these sports. Do they wish to be included in ECIC or just adding teams? Information goal to try to increase numbers and add teams. Swimming, cheer, girls' basketball was also mentioned.

Safety

Brian Wild

Officially new pitch count that baseball coaches should have based upon month, April-May-June. Other sections around the state commenced in April. Section VI starting with May-June calendar for pitch counts for all levels. Forwarded via email. Attended ECIC baseball meeting previous Thursday. Robert Parry (Section VI baseball chair) did a phenomenal job. All rule changes contained in Section VI website. Robert Parry or Section VI website can provide information. Pitch counts new for this year only.

Chemical Awareness

Brian Wild

No report

Finance

Vinny Dell'Oso

Meeting took place. Vinny not present due to illness. Will provide minutes when prepared.

Sportsmanship

No report

Sandy Gauthier**Charter Schools**

No report

Jeff Wheaton**Combining of Schools**

No report

Daryl Besant**Recruitment of Officials**

No report

Brian Hickson**Old Business:**

- **Health Sciences joining ECIC – for discussion:** Received a request from Health Sciences to speak to ECIC concerning joining the ECIC league. “A school desiring membership shall submit a letter of request to the President of the ECIC prior to September 1 properly signed by the superintendent/principal and director of health PE or the director of athletics. Membership shall be considered from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. Membership must be approved by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the members of the athletic council who cast a vote.” $\frac{3}{4}$ of ECIC membership needed for approval of Health Sciences to join ECIC. This will not commence until the following year. A member from Health Science school district will discuss joining ECIC at the athletic council meeting which will require a vote. Questions can be asked of this representative to help with the vote. Note: This new membership, if approved, will not go in affect until the 2022-2023 school year.

Specifics unknown. Division, sectionals, not information regarding placement.

Sports/Levels:

Football	(Federated)Varsity/JV
Volleyball Girls	Varsity
Soccer Boys	Varsity
Competitive Cheer	
Wrestling	Varsity
Basketball Boys	Varsity/JV/Freshman
Basketball Girls	Varsity only
Indoor track Boys/Girls	Federated
Outdoor track Boys/Girls	Varsity

- **ECIC Track and Field Championship Update:**

3 meets (Saturday)

2 meets (Thursday)

Need one meet to move to Friday due to the official issue. City of Buffalo, NO, NFL, ECIC, Monsignor Martin all use same official group.

6/10 division II West Seneca East
6/10 Division V at Alden
6/12 Division III at West Seneca East
6/12 Division IV at Depew
6/12 Division I at Clarence

Need to move to Friday 6/11; Clarence possible can move. Schedule something earlier may help with officials.

New Business:

- **Eden Girls Volleyball Independent for 2021-2022 (Need League Vote):** Vote at Athletic Council meeting.
- **Scholar Athlete ECIC Rep- Ken Partell (Alden):**
- **Spring Sports Fielding of Teams Update:**

JFK no modified track

West Seneca East Softball no JV team request 7,8,9 Team

Eden Baseball and Softball no JV team request 7,8,9: Will Eden 7,8,9 be added into the baseball/softball 7,8,9 schedule? Process completed in past based upon schedules already prepared, a team that dropped a JV when schedules completed if they were looking to go 7,8,9, they would request vs that 7/8 league to make sure it was approved. Lakeshore may not have a JV baseball or softball. Previously just allowed 10th graders on varsity and the 9th graders played on modified.

Eden modified track 8girls/6 boys will give a couple more days to see if numbers increase.

Cheektowaga modified track, numbers low, wait to see if numbers increase.

Depew modified track numbers low, possible tri meets.

Holland modified track numbers low.

Concerns regarding low numbers. Make accommodations to see if track meets can take place regarding combining schools with smaller number to create a tri meets. Schedule already out and redoing schedule would be difficult. Folding or intermural event. Advise by Friday if you are unable to field a team so there is the opportunity to combine meets for schools having low numbers.

Any Others?

- **Combining of Schools Fall 2021 Season:** Voting items at Athletic Council meeting
- West Seneca East & West Seneca West B/G Cross Country (Mod)
- West Seneca East & West Seneca West Field Hockey (Varsity, Junior Varsity, Mod)
- West Seneca East & West Seneca West Golf (Varsity)
- Springville & West Valley Girls Swimming (Varsity)
- Springville & West Valley Girls Volleyball (Varsity, Junior Varsity, Mod)

Winter 2021-2022 Season:

- Alden/Depew Wrestling (Varsity, JV, Mod)
- West Seneca East & West Seneca West Wrestling (Varsity, Mod)
- West Seneca East & West Seneca West Girls Bowling (Varsity)
- West Seneca East & West Seneca West Swimming (Varsity)
- Williamsville North & Williamsville East Wrestling (Varsity)
- Eden and Gowanda Boys Swimming (Varsity)

Activity Board Nominations: (Will be voted on at the May 10, 2021 Athletic Council Meeting)

Boys Activity Board:

Vinny Dell'Oso (Term 2021-2023)

Jason Przybysz (Term 2021-2023)

Brian Hickson (Term 2021-2023) (need replacement). Please email Kyle Ilig with nomination if you are interest. Thanks to Brian Hickson for many years of service on the Activity Board.

Girls Activity Board:

Pat Cauley (Term 2021-2023)

Daryl Besant (Term 2021-2023)

Dave Hack (Term 2021-2023)

Section VI

Voting Items to provide direction to James Graczyk

Handbook Committee- Annually Report Combining of Teams to NYSPHSAA Staff

ACTION ITEM: Direct J. Graczyk, Male Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, to support changing #2, under "Combining of Teams" to "Section approval must be reported annually to the NYSPHSAA Staff."

Motion changing #2 Combining of Teams "Section approval must be reported annually to the NYSPHSAA Staff."

1st Brian Wild (Lancaster)

2nd Jason Lehmbeck (Clarence)

Motion passed

Handbook Committee - Annually Report Senior All-Star Contests to NYSPHSAA Staff

ACTION ITEM: Direct J. Graczyk, Male Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, to support changing letter a, under "Senior All-Star Contest" to "These contests must be approved first by the Section in which the contest is to be held and reported annually to the NYSPHSAA Staff".

Motion changing letter A under Senior All-Star Contest "These contests must be approved first by the Section in which the contest is to be held and reported annually to the NYSPHSAA Staff".

1st Brian Hickson (Cheektowaga)

2nd Dave Hack (Orchard Park)

Motion passed

Modify State Sport Coordinator Selection Process

ACTION ITEM: Direct J. Graczyk, Male Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, to support modifying the selection process for State Sport Coordinator.

Motion to support modifying the selection process for State Sport Coordinator.

1st Matt Adams (Holland)

2nd Carrie Vetter (Iroquois)

Motion passed

Private Schools within Public School District Boundaries

ACTION ITEM: Direct J. Graczyk, Male Representative, and M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, to support eliminating "or a private school within that district's boundaries" from the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule.

Motion to support eliminating "or a private school within that district's boundaries" from the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule

1st Chris Koselny (East Aurora)

2nd Marissa Dauria (Sweet Home)

Motion passed

Good of the Order:

Fall start date: August 23, 2021

Jamestown in or out for swimming. Requested to be out. Please remove Jamestown from swim. Will remain in ECIC for next school year since already on schedule.

Coaches concerned regarding track with squeezing in 3 large meets in a short season.

1 volleyball official for varsity contest. Issue with official unable to handle game alone.

Girls' lacrosse-Will there be sectionals much like the other sports? How is girls' lacrosse going to seed due to the fact that not in the division based upon beds? Not sure as to process.

When will fall schedules be out? Tuesday May 25, 2021 meeting with other leagues to discuss dates for fall schedules to complete a rough draft of dates for fall and winter. Is this a little late to compare dates? Only a week later than last year.

Track Invitationals: Depew's boys coach wishes to attend a boys' invitation in Pembroke, is there any reason why he cannot attend. Are other schools allowing teams to attend invitations or is that not a possibility?

East Aurora not traveling.

Orchard not traveling.

Next Meeting Dates:

Athletic Council – May 10, 2021

Athletic Directors – June 8, 2021