



ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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Minutes - 12/8/2020

Activity Board 12:00 p.m. Webex/teleconference

Athletic Council/Athletic Directors 1:00 p.m. Webex/teleconference

Minutes taken by Sharon Groden

Opening Remarks:

Vinny Dell'Oso

Hello everyone and welcome to the December 8, 2020 ECIC Athletic Director's meeting. Low to moderate risk sports have been moved to a start date of January 4, 2021, with more discussion to follow further along in the meeting. Hope everyone is well at this time. There are some items in Athletic Council to vote on.

Athletic Council:

Motion to enter Athletic Council for the purpose of voting on a few new items

1st Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty-West Seneca

2nd Kiel Ill-Lackawanna

Motion passed

Motion for voting on the following (3) action items

1. Combining of schools applications

West Seneca East/West – Boys Swimming

West Seneca East/West- Boys tennis (spring)

2. Approval of Kiel Illg as current President of the ECIC providing authorization to process all financial documentation for ECIC until an interim or Executive Director is hired.

3. Bowling participation of athletes during Covid-19.

1st Vinny Dell'Oso-Starpoint

2nd Jeff Wheaton-Amherst

Motion Passed

1. Combining of school applications

Fall combining of school forms for the Section are needed for the Athletic Council meeting in January. Received Eden and North Collins combining of schools which will be a voting item for January. Anyone else looking to have combining of schools applications approved, forms need approval by ECIC for the League for any league sports before submitting to the Section. Section has this as an item for the January meeting for fall sports. Combining of schools form is currently on the Section VI website under ECIC league forms and information to be updated in the future.

Motion to vote on combining of schools applications

1st Jason Iwanko-Eden

2nd Rich Gray-Frontier

Motion passed

2. Approval For Kiel Illg to serve as Interim Treasurer of ECIC

Approval for Kiel Illg as current President of ECIC providing authorization to process all financial documentation for ECIC until an interim or Executive Director is hired.

Motion to approve Kiel Illg authorization to process all financial documents for ECIC until an interim or new Executive Director appointment.

1st: Jason Przybysz-Cleveland Hill

2nd Tim Klimczak-Maryvale

Motion passed

Appointment of new Executive Director: Previous Executive Director of ECIC has now taken a new position as Executive Director of Section VI and there is a conflict of interest. The tasks carried out by the Executive Director of ECIC include financial statements, check writing and signing, WINCAP (financial program), etc. Need removal of Mark DiFilippo, prior Executive Director of ECIC. ECIC currently looking for individual to fill current available position of Executive Director of ECIC. ECIC is looking for an interim or permanent Executive Director. An interim Executive Director can only hold the position for thirty (30) days at which time interim is removed. Position will be posted in near future

3. Bowling: This change is only for the current winter season. There has been a discussion and suggestion regarding reducing the number of individuals for contest to cut down on the time spent in the alleys and the number of athletes using the busses to allow social distancing practices.

Joe Bianco, who is a physical education health teacher at Orchard Park, the boys varsity bowling coach, ECIC boys bowling coordinator, and Section VI girls' bowling chairperson who suggests that due to the concerns of Covid and postponing of the bowling season. Discussions were had within the State meetings earlier in the fall to bring suggestions to the leagues as follows:

- Reducing the number of 4 v 4 to 3 v 3. The NFL follows this as their normal league schedule. Following 3 v 3 helps with social distancing at the alley as well as on the busses for traveling purposes. Most teams for boys and girls travel together. Limiting the travel size of the team would help during travel and social distancing. If teams are reduced from 4 to 3, the time for matches would be less. This would decrease the numbers and the time to play the match.

Motion to vote on ECIC boys'/girls' bowling competition to have 9 v 9 bowlers; 3 v 3 for competition based upon the current year and Covid only.

1st Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty-West Seneca

2nd Richard Gray-Frontier

Motion passed

End of Athletic Council meeting

Motion to enter Athletic Director general session

1st Kiel Illg-Lackawanna

2nd Marisa Fallacaro Dougherty-West Seneca

Motion passed

President's Report:

Vinny Dell'Oso

Approval of Minutes from 11/2/20

Motion to approve minutes

1st Jason Przybysz, Cleveland Hill

2nd Pat Cauley, Hamburg

Motion passed

Executive Director's Report:

Vinny Dell'Oso

Winter Schedules Update

Low to moderate risk sports move to January 4, 2021. Section's Executive Committee voted to move every league to January 4, 2021. All ECIC games up to January 4, 2021 are canceled.

January 4, 2021 is still target date for high risk sports. NYSPHSAA has a meeting scheduled regarding update from governor.

Fall II Schedules

Moving forward on completing the schedules for ECIC league.

Spring Schedules

Moving forward on completing the schedules for ECIC league.

Golf Payments

Payment is still due from the following two (2) schools.

Depew

Lancaster

Spectator Credential payments

Payment is still due from many schools for the payment of the spectator pass credentials. If any school needs confirmation if their payment is still due, please contact Vinny by email or text message.

Activity Board:

Tennis coaches' proposal

An ongoing discussion. Tennis coaches would like realignment based more on competition base. Fall went well. Tennis coaches have prepared a preferable alignment which is competition based.

Field Hockey Proposal

Divided in three (3) divisions voted upon by board included in beds documents. The field hockey committee was unaware of this vote and in October discussed changes or realignment. Committee

suggested that the field hockey chairperson present and explain their suggestions for their discussed division alignment. Board will ask chairperson to attend meeting in January to explain and discuss proposal.

Basketball schedules

To allow our athletes an opportunity to play and to show the superintendents, boards of education that we are making every effort to help during this spread of Covid, we suggested playing a league opponent twice in the same week. One week play Monday/Wednesday, next week play Tuesday/Thursday and if there was an opportunity to play a non-league game, maybe play on a Saturday or Sunday. State will advise on state winter championship schedule changes at a later date. There is a chance that high risk sports could be pushed into mid-January. The games could be scheduled similar to soccer (fall) only playing a certain number of league games and possibly 1 or 2 non-league games depending on the decision with regard to sectionals. Modified scheduling will be based upon what the situation will be with regard to Varsity/JV and sectionals. It will be necessary to wait to make sure that state championships are canceled and any decision from the governor or the state. This will put us in a better position to make decisions going forward. Any and all decisions depend upon a start date and whether or not we are able to play any sports or which sports and levels.

Bowling

Suggestion for the current winter schedule to change from a 3 v 3 or 9 v 9 due to the current Covid pandemic

Beds numbers breakdowns

Beds number breakdown spreadsheets for next year with the divisions have been prepared to be provided later this week. Please review these carefully. Please correct any mistakes. If there are any school combinations that are missing or if a sport is not being offered for your school, please advise.

2021-2022 Alignments

Please review fall and winter alignments

Section VI/NYSPHSAA report:

**Marisa Fallacaro, Vinny Dell'Oso,
Dave Hack**

State Meeting Report

No report

Marisa Fallacaro Dougherty

Committee reports

Sectional/Intersectional

No report

Jason Przybysz

Modified

No report

Daryl Besant

Safety

No report

Brian Wild

Chemical Awareness

No report

Brian Wild

Finance

No report

Vinny Dell'Oso

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:

2021-2022 Budget subject to vote at January Athletic Council meeting (January 12, 2021). Budget to be discussed at January Athletic Director's meeting (January 5, 2021).

New Business:

Jamestown for Boys Swim

Is Jamestown returning for the 2021-2022 winter season? Due to Covid, Jamestown will have less athletes participating in swim. Jamestown is seeking to combine with other schools due to the lack of athletes. Jamestown's superintendents and board of education have discussed making large cuts in their financial obligations which will have an impact on Jamestown swim. Jamestown will advise ECIC if they will continue to be a part of the ECIC league or combine with another school, in the near future.

Discussion on NYSPHSAA classification BEDS proposal

Review beds proposal for vote as a league to give direction for January Section VI Athletic Council meeting

Fall 2021 Combining of schools applications: See above Activity Board

*Note Fall 2021 Combining of Schools will need to be sent for approval and voted on at January Athletic Council before going to the Section for non-federated sports.

Good of the Order:

Hope everyone has a blessed holiday coming up. Thanks everyone for participating and enjoy your time with your families over the next couple of weeks.

Next meeting Date:

January 5, 2021 (Athletic Directors)

January 12, 2021 (Athletic Council)