



ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE

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AD MEETING 1/4/2022
10:30 AM Activity Board
11:30 AM Lunch
12:00 PM Meeting
Erie 1 BOCES
Room A3

Opening Remarks:

Rich Gray

-Division Breakouts: No breakout today.

-A few talking points:

- **Cancellation of games due to COVID:** Coach might have a Covid case on their team, but might have other injuries on the team. They wish to cancel the game not because of Covid, but possibly they wish to be at “full strength”. All cancellations should go through AD. ADs should work together regarding cancellation of a game. No cancellation of game due to a few injuries. It may be necessary to deny the decision of a coach. Goal to pay as many games as possible during period of COVID. Cancellation of games inevitable under certain circumstances.

- **Twitter Page:** Following on twitter page. Jason Lehmbeck devised a twitter page. At the end of the page follow ECIC athletics. Possibility of new secretary following through with construction of twitter relative to games, scores, etc.

- **Cheerleading:** Reminder, state championship cheerleading in Rochester. No vaccination, no entry into the building. Need for discussion with parents possibly by email to advise them of this circumstance. Importance of relaying this information to the cheerleading parents.

Athletic Council

Rich Gray

- Next Meeting is Monday 1/10/2022 @ E1B Room B1: Voting to take place on Classifications. Further discussion during meeting.

President's Report:

Rich Gray

Approval of Minutes from 12/6/21

Motion to approve minutes

1st Pat Cauley (Hamburg)

2nd Daryl Besant (Lake Shore)

Motion passed

- **March Secretaries Luncheon Plan:** Discussion relative to scheduling at the end of the year. Discussion regarding not having luncheon and replacing with something different. Opinion, secretaries like to meet once a year. When is a good time to schedule? Sometime in May? End of year? Good to have at end of spring season. Schedule for June meeting. Allow secretary, after lunch, opportunity to have rest of the day off. Schedule secretary luncheon for June meeting, last meeting of year.

- **Schedules: Drafts out 1/3 exception Modified LAX & Track:** Schedules not completed as of yet. Anticipated date, Thursday. Email to follow regarding completion and review of schedules. Return of draft schedules for two (2) weeks. No modified lacrosse. Coordination of dates with Varsity and JV. Modified lacrosse works around Varsity and JV schedule.

- **NYSAAA Membership, CAA Certification:** One school left for signing.

- **Office Timeline, Planning meeting:** Discussion relative to description of secretary position and future of office staff in the future.

- **2022-23 Proposed Budget Handout:** Information regarding provisions of budget. Food requested for meetings. Food included in budget. Luncheon not included in budget figure. ECIC auditors are Lumsden McCormick, LLP. ECIC is a non-profit organization which is tax exempt. IEA position no budget. These fees will be applied to the secretarial position. Based upon figures and budget, fund balance possibly not needed. Cheerleading changes in streaming through Clarence website no revenue received. Need for discussion on future endeavors to increase budget with cheerleading and swim due to streamlining. New idea needed on how to create more income. Need restructure or eliminate of items to create more revenue. How can streaming generate money? Currently have L & M as a sponsor. Consideration of revenue stream from other sponsorships. What do sponsors receive from sponsoring? L & M receives clients through sponsoring. L & M banner hung during championships to promote business. Look into different revenue path. Cannot overlap section sponsorship companies. Increase of revenue by increasing dues. Decrease in population decreases dues which is based upon beds and payment of dues. How do smaller schools impact the budget? Possible slow gradual increase works better with small schools instead of one large increase. Dues is taken from BOCES budget. Dues based on beds numbers and dues are aide able through BOCES. Budget implemented in June. The money that is left over, ECIC receives a check from BOCES which is deposited in the bank account for fund balance. Championships stay as is, revenue will continue to decrease. Increase dues to increase revenue. Increase dues in one lump sum. Letter possibly available to provide to schools for increase in dues. Letter provided to all superintendents when intention to add position for full time executive director. Cheerleading (high revenue), swim (breaks even), track (small amount) all generate income from admissions. Consideration of any other events for a championship to create revenue. Discuss championship for basketball.

Executive Director's Report:

Jim Graczyk

- **Office Communications--Any Concerns:** None

- **Combining of Schools--Fall '22:**

- Cross Country—Pioneer and Holland
- Golf—WSE/WSW

- Cross Country— WSE/WSW: 7/8
- Field Hockey--WSE/WSW:V/JV/7-8
- Boys Soccer— WSE/WSW:V/JV
- Flag Football— WSE/WSW

Vote to take place on Monday

- **Charter School Placement:** Meeting scheduled for January 5, 2022. Survey provided by Jeff Rabey from Depew, requesting all charter schools to provide facilities where games can take place, enrollment, growth plan, sports currently offered, and what they would like to see as league identity.

Global Concepts-Buffalo

Tapestry-Buffalo #1; ECIC #2

Maritime Charter – Buffalo

CSAT-remain in NFL

Health Sciences – ECIC

Buffalo – Buffalo

Buffalo Academy of Science – Buffalo

- **Basketball Championship:** Selection of a competition committee to discuss the formation of a basketball championship. Money could be raised if a basketball competition formed. Formation of AdHoc committee. Formation of a committee to review possibility of a basketball championship. NFL has a championship over February break. Games can be gained in schedule by not playing a home and away. A financial cost will be attached to decision to hold a baseball championship such as officials, rental of a facility, chaperones, etc. Basketball has more non-league games than other sports. Taking away contest but still guaranteeing the games, good idea if it benefits the league financially.

- **Boys Volleyball--BPS to ECIC 4 teams:** Nothing heard from boys' volleyball and joining the ECIC from BPS or from the ECIC group. Coaches in ECIC discussing inclusion of BPS in ECIC. Not favorable. Executive Directors meeting for State scheduled for Thursday. Issue of losing non-league games to include Buffalo. Addition of Buffalo removes opportunity for league to participate in two (2) more tournaments. If Buffalo located in a division not so much opposition.

- **Completion Dates--Softball 5/16, Baseball 5/20: Softball--**Play can take place on May 16, but game must be completed before 7:00 p.m. Seeding meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m.
Baseball—Completed by 5/20, last day to play.

- **DOH/Masks:** Continual topic of conversation until masks no longer required.

- **ECIC Winter Champs--Wrestling, Swim(dive), Cheer: Wrestling**—January 21, 2022 and January 22, 2022 at Lackawanna Need to locate T-shirt distributor. Pine Ridge suggested. Pine Ridge no longer prepares on site. All-Star in Hamburg, but does not prepare on site. **Boys Swimming**—diving scheduled for January 27, 2022 at Maryvale. Diving previously on 28th. **Cheerleading**—February 5, 2022.

- **5-year rotation Champs SITES:** Good for 3 more years. Rotation schedule to be prepared. Any school for consideration, please advise Jim Graczyk.

- **Wrestling Duals:** Contingency plan in place. Higher seed moves on. If meet cancelled on Thursday, higher seed just moves to Saturday.

- **NFL:** 2 or 3 divers for championship diving competition who would like to be added to ECIC diving date. Diving for NFL alone there will be 2 or 3 divers. During year dive 6, championships dive 11 dives. There are 2 or 3 that can accomplish this.

- **Bowling Championships:** Based upon COVID, chair persons for ECIC recommending not hosting an ECIC championship for 2022 in bowling. Admission charged for bowling championship

- **Classification Vote:** Later in meeting.

- **Virtual Bowling:** Vote and decision to be made if we are allowing, as a league, virtual bowling. Unified Bowling request to participate virtually. If vote in virtual bowling for unified regular bowling would also apply. Section only allowing virtual for unified bowling. NYSPHSAA modified rule regarding 7th and 8th grade students in bowling after season has begun, 7th and 8th grade students can be added during the season provided they bowl nine (9) games over three (3) days and their nine (9) game trial average is equal to or better than the top eight (8) average that was used to begin the season.

- **Modified Track:** Four (4) sites needed. June 1 four (4) sites to host. Clarence, Lancaster possibly and two (2) more sites needed.

- **Forfeit or postponed games:** What should happen if due to COVID there was a problem with completing games. Provide emails of attempt to change and reschedule game. Effort to reschedule game. Procedure if unable to reschedule a game due to COVID variable. Hopeful of both teams to provide professional courtesy in rescheduling. What if both teams have (2) games; the first one cannot be played due to COVID, the second one cannot be played due to COVID. Does that second game become eliminated? Section has stated rule for this. Depends upon professionalism of league/Athletic Directors.

Postponed Contests: Page (11) #4 of ECIC Constitution. "If a postponed division contest cannot be rescheduled within the sport season, the team responsible for the postponement shall be declared the loser." This was amended for purposes of COVID. Amended Section provision should be followed by the league and contained in the Constitution. Item to be discussed at the next Athletic Council meeting. If not voted in on Monday, January 10, 2022, no meeting held again until March.

Postponed Contests: Page (11) # 5 of ECIC Constitution. "Postponement of a division contest due to weather conditions specifically which cannot be rescheduled in the sports season, no contest shall be declared.

Weather related no contest. Whoever postpones last and cannot make up game, they lose.

Activity Board:

Marisa Fallacaro-Dougherty

- **Fall alignments:** Completion of fall alignments. Need to complete combining of schools. Complete alignment as soon as possible. Possibly by March 1, 2022. Completion of combining of schools scheduled for January.
- **Golf: Chairperson update:** Still looking for a golf chair person. Article 9, sports chairperson, page 9, section IV a rotation of schools participating in each sport will be created. In the event a chairperson cannot be appointed, the school next on the rotation will assume the responsibility of the chairperson for that season.
- **Cheerleading competitions:** Due to COVID complications, will it be necessary to request a waiver from the state? Some schools cancelling cheer due to COVID. Discuss with cheer coaches as to number of competitions required.

Section VI/NYSPHSAA Report: *M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, V. Dell'Oso, D. Hack*

- **Classifications:** Need direction from league at Monday, January 10, 2022 meeting subject to vote.

- **Committee Reports**

Sectional/Intersectional

No report

Jason Przybysz

Modified

No report

Daryl Besant

Safety

No report

Eric Rupp

Chemical Awareness

No report

Jason Iwankow

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

Brian Hickson/Vinny Dell'Oso

Attended initial meeting with official groups prior to winter break. Individuals providing thoughts. Meeting to take place again as a negotiating group to discuss further. Inquiry from leagues as to what could be included or changed in contract.

1. More modern way of training.
2. Offering of some small incentive for transition of training.
3. Official from Ohio was told that he had to officiate recreational games, not modified. Can this be changed.
4. Recruit officials on an incentive basis.

Standards/By-Laws

Jason Lehmbeck

Met before break and meeting scheduled on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. Discuss potential changes and relay information to Athletic Directors for discussion and approval. Standards, general rules, By-Laws, etc.

Old Business:

- Are we prepared for Section AC vote on January 19th? Classification Proposal

New Business:

- **All ECIC teams--Needed, Procedure, Discussion:** Every sport should have a sports' standards, procedure, and how they are completing sport standards. How are finalists being selected.

Field hockey coach received coach of the year. Where does the communication come from? Possibility of duties for secretary on twitter account. No mention of coach of the year on post season field hockey report. Should chairperson hand in a document with designation of all stars in the end of the season report? Should be part of sports standards. Team sports should all follow the same model. Individual sports should follow the same model. Should be an all-star process for the league. Should be all-star process for section. Does ECIC require an end of the season report from all the chairs. No specific report forms? Possible implementation of one. Include on end of season report. Sports chairperson is not paid for services performed.

- **Combine: WSW/WSE – Golf, Mod. XC, FH (all levels), V Boys Soccer:** Vote to take place on Monday, January 10, 2022.
- **ECIC Revenue: Admission/Streaming**

Motion to adjourn meeting:

1st Daryl Besant (Lake Shore)

2nd Joe DiMartino (Springville)

Good of the Order:

Next Meeting Dates:

*Athletic Directors 2/7/2022 @E1B Room B!
Athletic Council –1/10/2022 @ E1B Room B1*