

Section VI

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

March 25, 2009

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.4 **Approved:** The purchase of 10 copies per school of the book "The Student-Athlete's Guide to the Criminal Justice System".
- 4.5 **Approved:** Senior All-Star contest.
- 4.6 **Approved:** Outside Agency contest.
- 5.5 **Support** Given to the Buffalo League's request to the State Association for approval of the 10th football game, the Harvard Cup Championship.
- 7.1 **Support:** Given for the reconsideration of the reduction in the number of contests.
- 7.2 **Defeated:** Re-instituting the use of lines people for girls volleyball.
- 9.5 Nominations are listed for open Section VI positions.*
- 9.10 **Approved:** Use of Canisius College for Boys Lacrosse.
Approved: The Sports Season Calendar for 2009-10
Approved: August 20 as the start date for boys and girls soccer for the NO and ECIC leagues.
Defeated: Boys soccer request to allow implementation of the State Sportsmanship Policy.
- 10.3.4 **Approved:** The re-numbered version of the Section VI By-Laws.

*Please forward nominations to the Section VI office:
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NYSPHSAA, Section VI
Athletic Council Meeting March 25, 2009
Roll Call (* indicates attendance)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President * Mike Wendt
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 Boys Rep * Don Scholla
 Girls Rep * Cindy Bullis
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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Awards * Jim Trampert
 Chem. Awareness * Doug Ames
 Corporate Sponsor * Timm Slade
 Ext. Eligibility Jerry Baldelli
 Finance * Loren Ratajczak
 Media Leo Kaminsky
 Modified (Boys) * Adam Stoltman
 Modified (Girls) * Katie McGowan
 NYSAAA * Brett Banker
 Policy Handbook * Mark Ward
 Programs TBA
 Safety Tim Marong
 Sect./Intersectional * Robert Dinse
 Sportsmanship * Doug Ames
 Transfer Chairman * Ron Black
 Veterans * Jim Trampert

SPORTCHAIRS

Football * Chuck Funke
 Boys Volleyball Walt Stefani
 Girls Volleyball Debby Schrufer
 Sue Pernick

GUESTS

Todd Nelson * NYSPHSAA

LEAGUE

REPRESENTATIVE

ALTERNATE

BUFFALO

Superintendents Rep/AD * David Thomas Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson
 Girls Rep * Andrea Norton, City Honors TBA
 Boys Rep Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson TBA

CATTARAUGUS

Superintendents Rep TBA
 Girls Rep * Paul Ksionzyk, Olean TBA
 Boys Rep * Rick DeKay, West Valley Mike DeBarbieri, Portville

CHAUTAUGUA

Superintendents Rep * Stephen Vanstrom, Frewsburg Pete Morgante, Pine Valley
 Girls Rep * Donna Kubera, Dunkirk TBA
 Boys Rep * Mel Swanson, Sherman TBA

E.C.I.C.

Superintendents Rep * Ron DeCarli, Frontier Kim Mueller, Depew
 Girls Rep * Nancy Riccio, Amherst Timm Slade, West Seneca
 Boys Rep * Jim Graczyk, Pioneer Dan McGrath, Depew

NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE

Superintendents Rep * Vincent Vecchiarella, N.Tonawanda Bob Christmann, Grand Island
 Girls Rep * Mark DiFilippo, Niagara Wheatfield Scott Townsend, Lew-Port
 Boys Rep * Patrick Burke, Lockport Brett Banker, Ken-Ton

NIAGARA ORLEANS

Superintendents Rep * Paul Bona, RoyHart Steve Burley, Newfane
 Girls Rep * Ken Stoldt, Akron TBA
 Boys Rep * Bill Stedman, Barker TBA

SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATION (by BOCES)

Erie 1 BOCES Mark Mondanaro, Ken-Ton TBA
 Erie 2 BOCES * John O'Connor, Forestville TBA
 ON BOCES Roger Klatt, Barker Steve Burley, Newfane
 CA BOCES * Mark Ward, Ellicottville TBA

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Reports are posted on the Section VI website with the minutes.

Items highlighted in yellow are reminders to the responsible parties.

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER/ Introductions** M.Wendt mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org
To improve meeting efficiency, M.Wendt requested that Athletic Council members contact individuals responsible for agenda items prior to the meetings for clarification of any issues. Emails are noted in the agenda and subsequent minutes for your convenience. Phone numbers are located on page 2 of the Section VI 2008-09 Directory.
- 2.0 The minutes of the February 11, 2009 meeting were approved.
- 3.0 **TREASURER'S REPORT** L. Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org
- 3.1 The Treasurer's Report was reviewed.
- 3.2 Open tournaments: The Section lost money on boys and girls basketball pre-quarters as well as girls basketball quarter finals. The financial impact on districts for sports with open tournaments is also a concern, although districts still have the option of non-participation. **The concept of the open tournament and the Section championship philosophy (excellence vs. participation) was referred to Finance and Sectional Intersectional Committees for review.**
- 3.3 Field Hockey: The Sportchair expressed concern regarding district charges to host sectional contests in proposals submitted by Medina and Pioneer. Amherst, Orchard Park and Hamburg expressed interest in hosting. **The Sportchair was directed to select the site after all proposals are received and notify the Sectional/Intersectional Committee for approval.**
- 3.4 Attorney M.Taheri has offered to sell to the Section 920 copies of the book "The Student Athlete's Guide to the Criminal Justice System" at a discounted cost of \$6,900. The purchase (10 books per school) could receive BOCES aid. Although not a budgeted expense, funds are available in the current budget.
Motion to purchase the discounted books for member schools at a total cost not to exceed \$6,900
CARRIED Munro/ Ksionzyk
- 4.0 **EX.SECRETARY'S REPORT** R.Dinse mdinse@roadrunner.com
- 4.1 Indoor Track Report: The Indoor Track committee is still trying to resolve safety and supervision concerns created by excessive numbers of athletes at the venues. The committee is considering setting a maximum of 70 varsity athletes (boys and girls) per school using brackets with only 16 schools competing at a time and using the state format with girls competing in the morning and boys in the afternoon. **The Indoor Track Committee will report back with a plan prior to the start of the 2009-10 season.**
- 4.2 Ice Hockey Financial procedures: Section auditors have advised the Section that it needs to control business matters for all sports under its jurisdiction. The Finance Committee will work with the Federation to begin the transition of all finances going through the Section office in 2009-10. **L.Ratajczak, Finance Chairman, will lead this effort and report back to the Executive Committee prior to the start of the 2009-10 year.** Running the Ice Hockey program will remain the responsibility of the Section Sportchair who serves as the President of the Federation.
- 4.3 Section VI Passes: Fraudulent reproduction and misuse of Section passes occurred during various sectional contests. Districts and sportchairs are asked to stress conscientious use of Section passes by recipients and encourage diligence by ticket-takers at the gate.
- 4.4 Safety:
- Fire alarms sounded at a boys basketball semi-final at JCC and an Indoor Track event at Fredonia State. All are reminded, that as per Fire Department regulations, **when a fire alarm sounds, we must direct people to evacuate the site.**
 - The Section Policy on Cheerleading is not being enforced at sectionals. It was noted that there may be confusion because the Section policy is more stringent than league policies. REMINDER: The SITE CHAIRPERSON for the event is responsible for stopping cheerleading squads who are not following the Section safety policy. **This issue will also be referred to the Safety Committee for follow-up.**
 - The Section Concussion Management Team will meet March 26. The physicians from UB Sports Medicine have offered their assistance to Section 6 and will attend.
- 4.5 **Motion to approve the Senior All-Star Contest: Catt. Co. Baseball, 6/11/09 at St. Bonaventure University, Co-sponsor Olean City Schools and Catt Co Baseball Umpires CARRIED Stedman/Riccio**
- 4.6 **Motion to approve the Outside Agency Contests: Baseball Showcase, 5/8,9/09 at Diethrick Park, Jamestown, Co-sponsor Frewsburg Central and Chautauqua County Umpires CARRIED DeKay/Bullis**

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5.0 COMMUNICATIONS: R.Dinse mdinse@roadrunner.com

5.1 Notification was received from the Section VI attorney that MJR has requested that his minimum monthly payment be reduced from \$250 to \$50 due to severe financial business problems. This was accepted. It was noted that the future of program booklets for football, basketball and wrestling is still uncertain. **The Finance Committee was directed to review this issue and report back.**

5.2 Pioneer has indicated interest in hosting sectional/regional soccer (B&G) and field hockey in 2009-10.

5.3 Larry Lash submitted a letter of resignation from his position as Softball Co-Chairman.

5.4 Notice from NYSPHSAA: The 5000m event has not been approved by the NYSPHSAA. School districts are not to contest this event at any track and field meet.

5.5 Sportchair Reports:

5.5.1 Girls Volleyball- Debby Schrufer, Sue Pernick No Report

5.5.2 Boys Volleyball- Walt Stefani No Report

5.5.3 Football-Chuck Funke

- The alignment for 2009 is complete and listed in the pre-season report.
- Please take this reminder back to your leagues: All football teams must have 16 athletes ready to participate before a football contest may begin.
- **Motion to support the Buffalo League's request for approval of a 10th football game, the Harvard Cup Championship game CARRIED Vecchiarella/Thomas**

6.0 NYSPHSAA REPORT: Todd Nelson, Assistant Executive Director NYSPHSAA tnelson@nysphsaa.org

March Report -> http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/State_Report_09-3.pdf

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

7.1 NYSPHSAA Fiscal Concerns Committee: Mark Ward mward@eville.wnyric.org The decisions made by the committee (posted -> http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/State_Report_2-09.pdf) will be revisited after 2 years. Negative reaction to the reduction in the number of contests was expressed. **Motion to support a reconsideration of the decision CARRIED DiFilippo/Thomas**

7.2 The request to allow leagues to choose the use of lines people for girls volleyball was denied by the state association. The use of lines people must be consistent throughout the Section. **Motion to re-institute the use of lines people for girls volleyball was DEFEATED Rabey/DiFilippo**

8.0 CENTRAL COMMITTEE/ STATE REPORTS

8.1 Superintendent J. Rabey No Report [jrabe@lakeshore.wnyric.org](mailto:jrabey@lakeshore.wnyric.org)

8.2 Principal J. Dunnigan No Report james_dunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us

8.3 Boys/Girls Representative D. Scholla dscholla@olean.wnyric.org C. Bullis bullisc@lew-port.com

Report -> http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/State_Mtg_09-1.pdf

8.4 NYSAAA B. Banker brett_banker@kenton.k12.ny.us

Congratulations were extended to the Section VI Award winners for 2009:

David Thomas, Buffalo Athletic Administrator of the Year

Cindy Bullis, Lew-Port Distinguished Service, Non –AD

ADPRO SPORTS Community Service

Fran Kowalewski, Depew Secretary of the Year

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Awards J. Trampert jtramOPspt@aol.com

Sport chairs are asked to contact the section office as soon as possible if an adjustment is needed on the number of plaques/ patches for 09-10. Please include the rationale for any increase. Awards will be distributed through the section office early in September.

9.2 Chem. Aware/Sportsmanship D. Ames dames@newfane.wnyric.org

9.2.1 Chem. Awareness: Mandatory Workshop for AD's Life of an Athlete Year 5 is 5/11/09. **AD's will be asked to notify the Section office by email with the names of those attending the workshop.**

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9.2.2 Sportsmanship:

- NYS Sportsmanship Promotion Award – All districts were notified to submit their sportsmanship assessment on-line. 100% participation is requested. The deadline is April 15.
- Ejection Free Program- NYSPHSAA is looking for a sponsor for a program to recognize schools that have had no athletes ejected from a contest.
- Citizenship Through Athletics- The next course offered will be May 13 in Section 9.
- Appeals for wrongful ejections- The State Association is considering establishing a policy which permits use of a video to *appeal a penalty* where the wrong athlete was ejected. Sections can choose to use it or not use it.
- Multi Disqualifications- Also under consideration is an additional penalty for multiple disqualifications: 1st DQ- sit the next contest; 2nd DQ- sit the next 2 contests; 3rd DQ – removed from competition for the rest of the season.

9.3 Extended Eligibility G. Baldelli No Report balduche@aol.com
9.4 Media L. Kaminsky No Report leokaminsky@roadrunner.com
9.5 Nominations Section VI office cszczesny@e1b.org

Appointments will be made at the May meeting. Nominees:

http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/AC_Nominations.pdf

9.6 Modified A.Stoltman(B) No Report astoltman@alden.wnyric.org
K.McGowan(G) kmcgowan@wilson.wnyric.org
9.7 Officials Coordinating T.Cowan lcowan7@rochester.rr.com

9.7.1 Officials Contract Negotiations: Ken Stoldt, Akron, has been added as an alternate to the Section VI Negotiating Committee. Every league is represented on the committee. The first meeting was held March 25 to develop initial strategies.

9.7.2 Lackawanna Soccer: The response to the recommended changes to the procedure for monitoring the team in Years 2 and 3 was positive however, the current coaches must remain for the 2-year period. **Lackawanna will be notified.**

9.7.3 Central Management/Assigning of Officials Update:

- Football assigning in TheArbiter in 2009: Neither assigner has returned the contract. The return date was March 1. **T.Cowan will follow-up with both assigners.**
- A draft Timeline 2009-10, posted for league/assigner review, will be finalized after northern league assigner meeting Mar 30.

http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/TIMELINE_09-10_N&S.pdf

9.8 Policy Handbook M. Ward No Report mward@eville.wnyric.org
9.9 Safety T. Marong No Report tmarong@frontier.wnyric.org

A committee meeting is scheduled for March 26. Report/minutes will be posted on the website.

9.10 Sectional/Intersectional R.Dinse mdinse@roadrunner.com

March 4 meeting minutes -> <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/SecIntersec09-3.pdf>

a) **Motion to approve the use of Canisius College for Boys Lacrosse 2009 CARRIED**
Thomas/Kubera

b) **Motion to approve the Sports Season Calendar 09-10 CARRIED** Stedman/Bullis

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/SeasonDates0910.pdf>

Motion to approve August 20 as the start date for soccer for the ECIC and NO leagues CARRIED
Stedman/Bullis The Aug. 24 start date for modified football, approved at the 1/21/09 Athletic Council meeting, will be an action item at the State Executive Committee meeting May 1-2.

c) **Motion to allow implementation of the State Sportsmanship policy in which red and yellow card accumulation starts over for post season play in boys soccer was DEFEATED** Rabey/Munro

9.11 Transfer R.Black Report emailed 3/20/09 hronblack@hotmail.com
9.12 Transportation R.Dinse No Report mdinse@roadrunner.com
9.13 Programs TBA No Report
9.14 Mixed Competition J. Dunnigan No Report james_dunnigan@kenton.k12.ny.us

10.0 COMMITTEES (SPECIAL)

10.1 Corporate Sponsor T. Slade No Report tslade@westseneca.wnyric.org
10.2 Veterans (Retirees) J. Trampert No Report jtramOPspt@aol.com

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10.3 AD Hoc Committees:

- 10.3.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete G.Kaszubski gkaszubski@clar.wnyric.org N.Riccio nriccio@amherst.k12.ny.us
Winter results: 221 nominations = 97 winners, 28 repeat winners, 96 honorable mention:
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911331227/blank/browse.asp?a=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&c=52793>
ADPRO SPORTS, the new cosponsor for this program, will be sent a formal letter of appreciation from the Section.
- 10.3.2 Sportsmanship G.Kaszubski No Report gkaszubski@clar.wnyric.org
- 10.3.3 Charter Schools R.Dinse mdinse@roadrunner.com
The committee will meet in the near future to assess the progress of the charter schools in an independent schedule. The NO league will be asked to submit an assessment of the placement of CSAT in that league.
- 10.3.4 By-Laws C.Bullis bullisc@lew-port.com
Motion to approve the re-numbered version of the CARRIED DiFilippo/Graczyk Removal of Section policies to a separate Policy Handbook required the articles to be re-numbered.
http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/REVISED_Bylaws3_10-08_clean.pdf
- 10.3.5 Section Office Review C.Amo camo@hamburgschools.org
a) Website: Training sportchairs and/or designees in Schoolwires is set for 3/26/09. League pages have been added. All leagues are asked for input regarding a standard format for league pages. Please submit recommendations to the Section office.
b) TheArbiter: An entry timetable has been set for the sports not currently assigning in TheArbiter. T.Cowan will notify the organizations involved. Assigning post season schedules will be done by those Sportchairs who express interest. Central payment of officials will be reviewed as an option through TheArbiter during a presentation by TheArbiter this afternoon.
- 10.3.6 Ex.Director Job Desc. D.Munro dmunro@alli.wmnyric.org
CSEA has agreed that the position can be established with an exempt classification. The Ad Hoc Committee will meet in the near future to develop a plan for posting and hiring when the position is finalized with CSEA.

11.0 FALL SPORTS PRE-SEASON REPORTS:

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/blank/browse.asp?a=383&bmdm=2000&bcob=0&c=52781#>

B.Soccer, G.Soccer, G.Swim, G.Gym, G.Volleyball reports will be reviewed by the Sectional Intersectional at the April 29 meeting and presented to the Athletic Council at the May meeting..

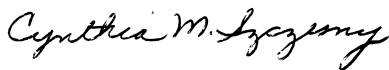
12.0 **WINTER SPORTS:** No Reports Due Pre-Season (May) Post-Season (May)

13.0 **SPRING SPORTS:** No Reports due Pre-Season (Nov) Post-Season (Sept)

14.0 NEW BUSINESS

15.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Szczesny, Assistant Executive Secretary/ Recording Secretary