

# Section VI

## ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

November 14, 2007

### HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.1 The final proposed budget 2008-09 will be emailed to all Athletic Council members the first week of December for review at league meetings and action at the January Athletic Council meeting.
- 4.1 Charter Schools:
- Approved: Maritime Charter School was approved as a member of Section VI.
  - Oracle and Tapestry Charter schools were recently approved by the state as members of NYSPHSAA.
  - NYSPHSAA is sending a referendum to classify charter schools in the same manner as non-public schools.
- 4.6 Approved: Outside Agency and Senior All-Star contests.
- 5.3 Sportchairs presented reports from their state committee meetings.
- 6.0 NYSPHSAA Report:
- The Handbook Committee is exploring the establishment of penalties/fines for rule and eligibility infractions. Forward suggestions to Bonnie Smith, W.Valley.
  - Section input is needed on the issues of governance and sports season placement.
- 8.3 Volleyball lines people: League input is needed for a section-wide policy.
- 9.2 Chemical Awareness and Safety: The two mandatory workshops for Athletic Directors is scheduled for April 28, 2008.
- 9.5 Cindy Bullis was selected as the Girls Rep to the Central Committee.
- 9.10 Seneca HS boys basketball will compete in class B2.

**NYSPHSAA, Section VI**  
**Athletic Council Meeting November 14, 2007**  
**Roll Call (\* indicates attendance)**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President \* Chuck Amo  
 President-Elect \* Mike Wendt  
 Superintendents Rep \* Jeff Rabey  
 Principals Rep \* James Dunnigan  
 Boys Rep \* Don Scholla  
 Girls Rep TBA  
 Exec. Secretary \* Robert A. Dinse  
 Asst. Exec. Secretary \* Cindy Szczesny  
 Treasurer \* Loren Ratajczak

Officials Coordinator \* Tom Cowan

Parliamentarian \* Ron Black  
 Past President Frank Nicotra

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Awards \* Jim Trampert  
 Chem. Awareness \* Doug Ames  
 Ext. Eligibility Jerry Baldelli  
 Finance \* Loren Ratajczak  
 Media \* Leo Kaminsky  
 Modified (Boys) Adam Stoltman  
 Modified (Girls) Katie McGowan  
 Nominations Len Kosobucki  
 NYSAAA \* Brett Banker

Policy Handbook Mark Ward

Safety Tim Marong  
 Sect./Intersectional \* Robert Dinse  
 Sportsmanship \* Doug Ames  
 Transfer Chairman \* Ron Black  
 Veterans \* Jim Trampert

**SPORTCHAIRS**

Janet Battaglia \* G.Lacrosse  
 Leo Kaminsky \* G.Basketball  
 Larry Lash \* Softball  
 Mike DeBarbieri \* Wrestling

**GUESTS**

Mike Broderick \* AD, Maritime Charter  
 John Wideman \* Transportation Director, Akron  
 Robert Mowry \* Transportation Director, Lancaster

**TO BE UPDATED FOR 2007-08**

**LEAGUE**

**REPRESENTATIVE**

**ALTERNATE**

**BUFFALO**

Superintendents Rep/AD	* David Thomas	Andrea Norton, City Honors
Principals Rep	Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson	David Bakes, City Honors
Girls Rep	Andrea Norton, City Honors	Dale Yoder, Buffalo Arts
Boys Rep	David Bakes, Hutch-Tech	Beverly Reczek, South Park
		Aubry Lloyd, Hutch Tech

**CATTARAUGUS**

Superintendents Rep	* Diane Munro, Allegany-Limestone	TBA
Principals Rep	* Bonnie Smith, West Valley	TBA
Girls Rep	* Paul Ksionzyk, Olean	Bill Weigel, Franklinville
Boys Rep	* Rick DeKay, West Valley	Mike DeBarbieri, Portville

**CHAUTAQUA**

Superintendents Rep	* Stephen Vanstrom, Frewsburg	John O'Connor, Forestville
Principals Rep	* Steve Penhollow, Falconer	Todd Crandall, Fredonia
Girls Rep	* Donna Kubera, Dunkirk	Robin Borstoffs, Southwestern
Boys Rep	* Mel Swanson, Sherman	Bill Wiggers, Sherman

**E.C.I.C.**

Superintendents Rep	Frank Nicotra, Lake Shore	Tom Coseo, Clarence
Principals Rep	Michael Baumann, Frontier	Jim Biryła, Holland
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	TBA
Principals Rep	* Jim Spanbauer, Niagara Falls	Mark Laurrie, Niagara Falls
Girls Rep	* Mark DiFilippo, Niagara Wheatfield	Jon Roth, Grand Island
Boys Rep	* Patrick Burke, Lockport	B.Banker, Ken-Ton (for P.Lyons)

**NIAGARA ORLEANS**

Superintendents Rep	* Paul Bona, RoyHart	Robin Zymroz, Akron
Principals Rep	Steve Burley, Newfane	John Hoar, Barker
Girls Rep	* Ken Stoldt, Akron	Jim Conley
Boys Rep	* Bill Stedman, Barker	Charlie Jufer, Wilson

# SECTION VI ATHLETIC COUNCIL MINUTES

November 14, 2007

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER/ Introductions** President Chuck Amo
- 2.0 **MINUTES:** September 19, 2007 R.Dinse *Dunnigan/Stoldt*
- 3.0 **TREASURER/ FINANCE REPORT** L.Ratajczak **Received\*** *Dunnigan/Stoldt*
- 3.1 Finance Committee report:
- Minutes from the Oct. 18, 2007 meeting are posted on the website:  
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/nov%20reports/Finance07-10.pdf>
  - The 2008-09 Budget is not complete. In order for it to be an action item in January, the final Proposed Budget will be emailed to all Athletic Council members the first week of December for review at league meetings. No dues increase is anticipated. All superintendents will be asked to review the budget.
- 4.0 **EXEC. SECRETARY'S REPORT** R Dinse **Received\***
- 4.1 Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools:
- The minutes from the Oct. 16 and Nov. 7 meetings are posted on the website. An instructional session on NYSPHSAA rules and regulations was conducted for four charter schools. Draft 4 of Guidelines for Placement of Charter Schools, including the process for pursuing membership in the Section, was developed.  
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/oct%20reports/ADHoc%20charter%20schools%2007-10.pdf>  
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/nov%20reports/ADHoc%20charter%20schools%2007-11.pdf>
  - NYSPHSAA approved membership for Oracle and Tapestry Charter schools at the October meeting.
  - **Motion to approve membership for Maritime Charter School CARRIED** *DeKay/DiFilippo*
  - A seminar is being planned for all 16 charter schools in WNY. Nina Van Erk will present a workshop on rules, regulations and eligibility standards.
  - NYSPHSAA is sending a referendum vote to all member schools on Nov.14, 2007 to classify charter schools in the same manner as non-public schools. Section 6 ballots must be returned to Don Scholla, Olean by Dec. 19, 2007.
- 4.2 Injury Management: Last minute site/time changes for sectionals has been costly to UB Sports Medicine who is contracted with the Section to provide trainers at neutral sites. This cost may be passed on to the Section in the future. Sportchairs will be reminded of the importance of contacting UB Sports Medicine and the Section of any site/time changes.
- 4.3 Transportation concerns:
- Concerns were expressed by the girls tennis chairman regarding a Niagara Scenic driver. The Niagara Scenic CEO responded quickly.
  - Greyhound bus drivers are not all 19A active school bus certified as the company initially indicated. They could not supply proof of DOT bus inspection as requested by district transportation directors J.Wideman (Akron) and R.Mowry (Lancaster). Since Greyhound could not meet our expectations, the Greyhound busses were cancelled the day before departure for cross country state championships. Ridge Road Express responded to our need by supplying school busses and certified drivers. The Section is in the process of getting a refund of the \$3,000 deposit that was paid to Greyhound.
- 4.4 The check for payment of State dues (due at NYSPHSAA in Sept) will be mailed by BOCES on Nov.15. NYSPHSAA is considering not allowing a section to participate in post-season play if dues are not received prior to the start of post-season. BOCES rep J.Montesanti will work with BOCES to ensure a more timely payment in the future.
- 4.5 Some schools may be allowing 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in a regular season extramural schedule which is against Commissioners Regulations. All are encouraged to review the regulations with their athletic directors.
- 4.6 **Motion to approve the following Outside Agency Contests CARRIED** *Stedman/Slade*
- Girls Basketball: Holiday Shoot-Out, 12/28,29/07 at JCC, cosponsors Cassadaga Valley Central and JCC
  - Girls Basketball: Hae Jude Tip-Off, 11/29,12/1 at Silver Creek HS, cosponsors Silver Creek Central and Hae Jude Signs
  - Girls Basketball: Matt Colpoys Tournament, 12/28-29/07 at Kenmore West HS, cosponsors Ken-Ton Schools and WNYBOWS

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Approved Outside Agency Contests continued

- Boys Basketball: Williamsville Rotary Tournament, 12/27-28/07 at Williamsville South HS, cosponsors Williamsville Central and Williamsville Rotary
- Boys Basketball: Lockport Rotary Boys Tourn., 11/29,30 & 12/1/07 at Lockport HS, cosponsors Lockport City Schools and Lockport Rotary Club
- Boys & Girls Basketball: IAABO #121Holiday Tournament, 12/27&29/07 at St. Bonaventure University, cosponsors Olean HS and IAABO #121
- Boys & Girls Basketball: Bank of Holland Holiday Tournament, 12/26-29/07 at Holland HS, cosponsors Holland Central and Bank of Holland *pending receipt of insurance*
- Boys & Girls Bowling: 28<sup>th</sup> WNY Roy Sumner Invitational, 2/2/08 at Thruway Lanes, cosponsor Orchard Park Central *pending receipt of insurance*
- Girls Basketball: Lockport Kiwanis Girls Tourn., 2/14-16/08 at Lockport HS, cosponsors Lockport City Schools and Lockport Kiwanis Club *pending receipt of insurance*
- Wrestling: Lockport Wrestling Tourn., 1/11-12/08 at Lockport HS, cosponsors Lockport City Schools, Lockport Sunrise Optimist, Lockport Wrestling Boosters *pending receipt of insurance*
- Wrestling: Cross Section Duals on 1/18/08 at UB Alumni Arena, Cosponsors Fredonia Central and UB *pending receipt of insurance*

**Motion to approve the following Senior All-Star Contests CARRIED**

**Dunnigan/Graczyk**

- G Basketball: Cheektowaga Lions SrAllStar, 3/15/08 at Cheektowaga HS; Co-sponsors Cheektowaga Central & Cheektowaga Lions pending receipt of insurance
- B&G Basketball: Chautauqua Co. SrAllStar, 3/19/08 at Cassadaga Valley HS; Co-sponsors Cassadaga Valley & Panama
- B&G Basketball: Cattaraugus Co. SrAllStar, 3/19/08 at Olean HS; Co-sponsors Olean City & IAABO #121

### 5.0 COMMUNICATIONS: R.Dinse

- 5.1 Two nominations were received for Girls Rep to the Central Committee. The resumes and league recommendations were emailed to Athletic Council members. (See nominations item 9.5).
- 5.2 B.Dinse will obtain a written response from the Section attorney regarding Schedule Star's website that offers merchandise for sale.
- 5.3 Sportchair Reports from the State Committee meetings:
  - Ice Hockey-Brett Banker: Ice Hockey is in transition from NCAA to NFHS playing rules. Clarence and Niagara Falls have joined the Federation. The committee is working to formalize the expansion of the Federation with an application for membership.
  - Wrestling-Mike DeBarbieri: The 275# weight class has been changed to 285. The 96# and 285# classes are optional in NY and the minimum weight for 285 is still 215. AD's must submit an admittance form for sectionals listing only BOE approved coaches.
  - Girls Lacrosse-Janet Battaglia: Jersey changes in 2008 include 6" # on the front, 8" # on the back for safety. In 2010 jerseys with a 4" or greater side panel will not be allowed. Helmets have nor been approved to date. Rule changes for 2008 will be addressed at the Feb. coaches meeting. To expand competition, teams are encouraged to schedule contests outside our area.
  - G Basketball-Leo Kaminsky: There will be a new procedure for submitting rosters. Girls regionals will be in Section 5 (boys in 6) The Federation Tournament will be 2 weeks after the state tournament.
  - Softball-Larry Lash: Location for the state tournament is going to a bid process. Bench personnel for post season is set at 20. A proposal will be going to the CAC to include at-large teams at regionals to balance play.
  - Bowling, Rifle, Girls Golf, B.Basketball – No report

### 6.0 NYSPHSAA REPORT: Nina Van Erk, Executive Director **Report received:**

<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/nov%20reports/State%20Report%2007-11.pdf>

Additional notes:

- The Handbook Committee will be discussing the establishment of specific penalties/fines for rule and eligibility infractions. Please forward suggestions to your Section 6 committee rep Bonnie Smith, West Valley.
- The new state website will be ready Dec.1. An up-to-date pdf version of the state handbook will be available.
- Asst Director Lloyd Mott will retire 9/1/08. Applications for this position will be accepted after 1/1/08.

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NYSPHSAA Report continued

- Nike has recalled chin-straps that can malfunction and cause concussions. An email will be sent to Section Directors to alert AD's.
- NYSPHSAA Structure and Policy Review: Each Section should discuss proposal changes to governance and policy. Section input will be needed for the next state meeting in early February.

## 7.0 OLD BUSINESS

71 Indoor Track and Selection Classification: The procedure developed by the sportchairs for winter 2007-08 has been emailed to the Athletic Directors and is **posted on the Section 6 website:**  
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/oct%20reports/IndTrk%20SC%20Procedure.pdf>

7.2 Centralized Management of Officials: Winter sports

- Major problems were encountered involving the data exchange between ScheduleStar and TheArbiter for all schools. This created additional workload in the Section office and delayed the assigning process in the North and South over 2 weeks.
- North: Boys and Girls Basketball, Wrestling and Boys swimming were successfully auto-assigned by the Section. Re-assigning of turnbacks by league assigners is in process.
- South: Catt Co. Boys and Girls Basketball will be auto-assigned by IAABO121. Chaut Co boys and girls basketball and S.Tier Wrestling will not use TheArbiter for assigning, but will have their officials registered.

Spring: Work will begin on getting Boys Lacrosse on board. Concerns about the method of assigning baseball and softball need to be addressed.

## 8.0 CENTRAL COMMITTEE/ STATE REPORTS

8.1 Superintendent J. Rabey

The Superintendents' Committee met again on Oct.23. J.Montesanti, who was appointed to review the Section VI Constitution and By-laws, presented his recommendations for change. This information was forwarded to all Superintendents for comments and suggestions. In addition, the Superintendent's Rep from each league was requested to submit a summary of their league costs for assigning sports officials. Another meeting will be scheduled before December to discuss the new input and move forward in the process.

8.2 Principal J. Dunnigan No Report

8.3 Boys/Girls Representative D. Scholla/ TBA (see item 6.0)

- Waiving the use of line judges in volleyball worked well in Chautauqua County. All leagues are asked to report back at the next meeting with their opinion so that a section-wide policy can be established.
- Only public high school wrestlers can be selected for at-large berths.

8.4 NYSAAA B. Banker

- AD's are encouraged to join NYSAAA which includes membership in the national association.
- Scholarships are available. Please forward nominations to B.Banker.
- Leagues are encouraged to submit nominations for the AAA awards to P.Burke.

## 9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Awards J. Trampert No Report

9.2 Chem.Aware/Sportsmanship D. Ames

- Chemical Awareness: The mandatory Year 4 Workshop will be conducted by John Underwood on Mon. Apr. 28, 2008 in the morning. The mandatory Safety conference will be in the afternoon.
- Sportsmanship: Coaches and sportchairs are encouraged to submit nominations for All WNY Good Sports for fall.

9.3 Extended Eligibility J. Baldelli No Report

9.4 Media L. Kaminsky

- The Cross Country website [www.section6runs](http://www.section6runs) is in full compliance.
- Some revenue was lost this fall from radio broadcasts.

9.5 Nominations L. Kosobucki

Two nominations were received for the position of Girls Sports Central Committee Representative:

- Cindy Bullis, Lew-Port: nominated by the NFL
- Donna Kubera, Dunkirk: nominated by the Chautauqua League

There were no nominations from the floor. Cindy Bullis was selected by a ballot vote.

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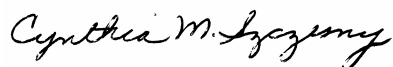
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## Committee Reports continued

- 9.6 Modified – Boys/Girls A. Stoltman/ K. McGowan **Report received:**  
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/nov%20reports/Modified07-11.pdf>
- 9.7 Officials Coordinating T.Cowan
- Officials Contract 2007-10: Signatures from the WNY Sports officials have not been received. T.Cowan will try to finalize the contract as soon as possible.
  - Form X report: 28 have been paid and several are pending.
  - WNY Football officials have filed a level 1 grievance regarding payment for scrimmages. There is no fee schedule in the contract for scrimmages. T.Cowan will follow-up.
  - Assignment of baseball and softball officials on TheArbiter will be addressed in the near future.
- 9.8 Policy Handbook M. Ward No Report
- 9.9 Safety T. Marong No Report
- 9.10 Sectional/Intersectional R.Dinse **Report received:**  
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/nov%20reports/SecIntersec07-10.pdf>
- D.Thomas' request that Seneca HS boys basketball compete in Class B2 as they did last year was approved. The handbook will be updated on the website.
- 9.11 Transfer R.Black **Report emailed**
- 9.12 Transportation R.Dinse See item 4.3
- 9.13 Programs L.Kaminsky (for P.Boggan)
- Programs were delivered to the football semi-final and bowl sites, but they were either not sold at the sites or sold for \$1 instead of \$2.
  - All are encouraged to forward any leads on potential advertisers for the programs to Leo Kaminsky.
  - Corporate sponsorship is being pursued.
- 9.14 Mixed Competition J. Dunnigan No Report
- 10.0 **COMMITTEES (SPECIAL)**
- 10.1 Corporate Sponsor T. Slade No Report
- 10.2 Veterans (Retirees) J. Trampert No Report
- 10.3 AD Hoc Committees:
- 11.3.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete Award G.Kaszubski/ N.Riccio No Report
- 11.3.2 Sportsmanship G.Kaszubski No Report
- 11.3.3 NYSPHSAA Structure and Policy Review G.Kaszubski No Report (see item 6.0)
- 11.3.4 Section VI Operations and Office Review F.Nicotra No Report
- 11.3.5 Charter Schools R.Dinse (See item 4.1)
- 11.0 **FALL SPORTS REPORTS:** No Reports Due Pre-Season (May) Post-Season (Jan)
- 12.0 **WINTER SPORTS REPORTS:** No Reports Due Pre-Season (Sept) Post-Season (May)
- 13.0 **SPRING POST SEASON REPORTS** **All reports are posted on the website.**  
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/nov%20reports/sport%20reports/BasePost.pdf>  
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/nov%20reports/sport%20reports/softballpost.doc>  
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/nov%20reports/sport%20reports/GolfBPost.doc>  
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<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/nov%20reports/sport%20reports/TennisBpost.pdf>  
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/nov%20reports/sport%20reports/TrackPost.doc>
- 14.0 **NEW BUSINESS**  
Track Chairman P.Ksionzyk is seeking corporate sponsorship in an effort to finance track sectionals at UB.
- 15.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ ADJOURNMENT** **Dunnigan/Wendt**

\* Reports are posted on the website along with the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Szczyzny, Recording Secretary