

Section VI

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

January 16, 2008

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1.0 An Ad Hoc Committee was established to review transportation and related issues relative to state championship competition in individual sports.
- 3.2 **Approved:** The 2008-09 Section VI Budget.
- 4.1 Change League review date for Charter Schools from May to March Meeting
- 4.4 **Approved:** Start dates for the 2008-09 sports season calendar:
Fall – August 18, Winter – November 1, Spring – March 2
- 4.5 **Approved:** Combining Schools requests, Outside Agency and Senior All-Star contests.
- 5.2 **Approved:** A policy to protect student athlete privacy.
- 9.2 Chemical Awareness: The mandatory Life of an Athlete Workshop for Athletic Directors is scheduled for April 28, 2008.
- 9.10.2 **Approved:** 3-man officiating in girls soccer sectional semi-finals as well as finals
- 9.10.3 **Approved:** The football alignment for 2008
- 9.10.4 **Approved:** Pre-season sports reports except for Girls Swimming (to be reviewed at the February meeting) and Softball Item #4.
- 10.3.3 **Approved:** The following items to be forwarded to the State Implementation Committee for discussion Transfer Rule, Nonpublic Schools, Governance, Sport Season Placement

NYSPHSAA, Section VI
Athletic Council Meeting January 16, 2008
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 *Cindy Bullis
 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
 Programs *Pat Boggan
 Safety Tim Marong
 Sect./Intersectional *Robert Dinse
 Sportsmanship *Doug Ames
 Transfer Chairman Ron Black
 Veterans *Jim Trampert

SPORTCHAIRS

*Judy Otto Field Hockey
 *Israel Martinez Wrestling
 *Terry McMahon Boys Tennis
 *Chris Durr Girls Soccer
 *Art Jaspe Boys Soccer
 *Bob Kowal Baseball

GUESTS

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

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- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER/ Introductions** C.Amo
Sportchair reports (also see item 5.1):
- **Boys Tennis:** Terry McMahon Chairperson discuss concerns related to transportation of athletes to state competition.
Motion to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to review transportation and related issues relative to state championship competition in individual sports. Charge: to review our policy in these sports relative to transportation, responsibility of individual schools, sportsmanship and rules/ regulations CARRIED
Wendt/ Dunnigan This committee will consist of one member from the Sectional/Intersectional Committee and a representative from each league (please submit names to the Section office by Feb.1). B.Dinse will be the Chairperson. The committee will report to the Athletic Council at the March meeting.
 - **Wrestling:** Co-Chairperson Israel Martinez explained the rationale for a state regional wrestling tournament in NYS.
- 2.0 **Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2007 meeting CARRIED** **Dunnigan/Wendt**
- 3.0 **TREASURER'S REPORT** L. Ratajczak
- 3.1 Treasurer's Report **Received**
- 3.2 Finance Committee Report: Minutes from the 12/6/07 meeting are posted on the website:
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/jan%20reports/Finance07-12.pdf>
Motion to approve the Proposed 2008-09 Budget CARRIED **Graczyk/Rabey**
- 4.0 **EX.SECRETARY'S REPORT** R.Dinse
- 4.1 Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools:
- A seminar on rules and eligibility was conducted for charter school Athletic Directors by N. Van Erk on January 10, 2008 at the distance learning facility.
 - Draft 4 of Guidelines for Placement of Charter Schools, including the process for pursuing membership in the Section, was developed in November. This will be an action item in March.
 - It was agreed that the current Charter School Committee will be responsible for determining the classification of Charter Schools when classification according to BEDS numbers is not appropriate. The names of the committee members will be forwarded to Nina for the 2/28/08 State meeting.
 - It was also agreed that each League's annual review of Charter schools be moved from the May meeting to the March meeting to allow adequate time for fall season scheduling.
- 4.2 Transportation concerns: A full refund was received from Greyhound bus line.
- 4.3 The Section VI attorney was consulted regarding Schedule Star's website. Each school can decide if they want Schedule Star advertisement on their school website. If they decide against advertisement, their contract fee with Schedule Star will increase.
- 4.4 Section VI Season Dates: The season lengths are: fall 15 weeks, winter 22 weeks, spring 15 weeks.
- It was agreed that there would be no change to the approved dates for 2008 spring sports. The start date remains March 5 and end date remains June 15.
 - **Motion to approve the start dates for the 2008-09 calendar as follows:**
Fall – August 18, Winter – November 1, Spring – March 2 CARRIED **Vecchiarella / Wendt**
- 4.5 **Motion to approve the following requests for Combining Schools and Outside Agency Contests CARRIED** **Baumann/Burley**
Combining Schools for 2007-08:
- Clymer with Sherman for Boys Golf
 - Sherman with Panama for Baseball
 - Ellicottville with Franklinville for Boys & Girls Track
 - Ripley with Westfield for Boys and Girls Track
- Outside Agency Contests:
- Girls Basketball: Mayor's Cup Tournament, 2/1-2/08 at Frontier HS, Cosponsors Frontier Central and the Villages of Blasdell and Hamburg

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Ex. Secretary's Report continued

Motion to approve the following requests for Senior All-Star Contests CARRIED Graczyk/Stedman

- Wrestling: WNYWCA Senior All-Star contest, 2/21/08 at Maryvale HS, Cosponsors Maryvale Central and WNY Wrestling Coaches Association *pending receipt of signatures and insurance*
- B&G Basketball: NO & Genesee Region Senior All-Star contest, 3/14/08 at Albion HS, Cosponsors Albion, NO and Genesee Region Leagues *pending receipt of signatures & insurance*
- Baseball: Catt Co. Senior All-Star contest, 6/12/08 at St Bonaventure University, Cosponsors Olean City Schools and Catt Co. Umpires

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS: R.Dinse

- 5.1 Sportchair Reports from the State Committee meetings: (Also Refer to item 6.0 January State Report)
- Boys Soccer, Art Jaspe: Shin guards are required and must be marked with the NOCSAE stamp. Section 6 is the only section that counts regular season Red/Yellow cards in post season play. Other sections start over again in Sectional and State competition.
 - Girls Soccer, Chris Durr: Red/Yellow card issue- The state rule for suspended play is being reviewed.
 - Baseball, Bob Kowal – Rule changes were reviewed; sectional venue may be changed to Dunn Tire Park pending approval of the Finance Committee; New Era may be a sponsor. The Baseball Committee would like to experiment with a 2-day tournament starting in 2009.
 - Field Hockey, Judy Otto: Protective eye-wear will be required for the 2008 season.
- 5.2 **Motion to approve the following as Section policy CARRIED DeKay/Dunnigan**
In order to protect the confidentiality of students, names of athletes will no longer appear on any Section VI meeting agenda or minutes in matters of disciplinary actions. Student athletes in these circumstances will only be referred to by identification number, team and school district.
- 5.3 The Proposed updates to the Section VI By-Laws and Constitution (emailed 1/4/08) were discussed. The Minutes from the Executive Committee meeting concerning the updates are posted on the website: <http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/jan%20reports/ExecComm08-1%20Constit.pdf>
J.Rabey reported that the updates will be shared with Superintendents January 17. Draft 2 of the documents will be prepared by J.Montesanti and reviewed by the Executive committee at the next meeting on February 13. If any one has questions they should contact John Montesanti at 821-7069
- 5.4 NYSPHSAA Softball Committee is accepting bids from Sections interested in hosting the state tournament for 3 years: 2011,2012 and 2013.

6.0 NYSPHSAA REPORT: Bob Stulmaker, Assistant Director NYSPHSAA

January State report is posted on the website

<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/jan%20reports/State%20News%20Jan%2008.pdf>

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 7.1 Indoor Track and Selection Classification: L. Ratajczak reported 100% compliance, with 98 8th grade athletes representing 19 of the 33 schools that participate in Indoor Track.
- 7.2 Centralized Management of Officials:
- Spring sports: 70 of 83 Boys Lacrosse officials have registered. All baseball/softball officials have been sent instructions for sign-on. Most assigners have been trained in TheArbiter. The Section office is waiting for the girls lacrosse roster to enter the officials.

Spring Sports Timeline	Buff, ECIC,NFL, NO, MM	Chaut, Catt
Draft schedules complete	Tues. Dec. 18	Tues. Jan. 8
Final schedule complete, including non-league games	Tues. Jan. 15	Tues. Feb. 5
Import of schedules to TheArbiter	Tues. Jan. 22	Fri. Feb. 15
Begin Assigning Varsity & JV	Tues. Feb. 12	Late Feb.
Begin Assigning Modified	TBA	TBA
Release assignments to OBR's for review	Fri. Feb. 29	NA
Round Table to review assignments	TBA	NA
Publish and Accept/Decline Dates	TBA	TBA

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Centralized Management of Officials continued

- Fall Sports: WNY Football officials are being entered into TheArbiter. The SW football officials organization has not notified their officials of the need for email addresses. This will be addressed at their first meeting in March. Rosters with email addresses are due April 25. Soccer – For Post Season assignments, an official will not only be required to have officiated 6 varsity games but also a specified number of JV & modified games during the regular season. This will promote mentoring within officials chapters. It has been recommended that modified games not be assigned until two weeks prior to the contests to reduce turn backs.
- 2008-09: See item 9.7.3

8.0 CENTRAL COMMITTEE/ STATE REPORTS

8.1	Superintendent	J. Rabey	No Report
8.2	Principal	J. Dunnigan	No Report
8.3	Boys/Girls Representative	D. Scholla/ C. Bullis	
	D.Scholla was directed to vote yes at the State Meeting on Outdoor Track & Field entries issue.		
8.4	NYSAAA	B. Banker	No Report

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| 9.1 | Awards | J. Trampert | No Report |
| 9.2 | Chem.Aware/Sportsmanship | D. Ames | |
| | The mandatory "Life of an Athlete Workshop Year 4 – Selecting and Training Student Athlete Leaders" will be conducted on Monday April 28, 2008 at Erie 1 BOCES, W. Seneca. Each AD is requested to bring one female and one male student. As a result, the mandatory Safety Conference will be moved to another date. It was noted that there may be some difficulty for districts to transport 2 student athletes to this program. Use of district mini vans or parents was suggested. D.Ames will need a count of student athletes for t-shirts. | | |
| 9.3 | Extended Eligibility | G. Baldelli | No Report |
| 9.4 | Media | L. Kaminsky | No Report |
| 9.5 | Nominations | L. Kosobucki | No Report |
| 9.6 | Modified – Boys/Girls | A. Stoltman/ K. McGowan | Report posted on the website |
| 9.7 | Officials Coordinating | T.Cowan | |
| 9.7.1 | Officials Contract 2007-10 Update: Currently awaiting 3 signatures. | | |
| 9.7.2 | WNY Football officials' grievance has been resolved. | | |
| 9.7.3 | 2008-09 Central Management & Assigning of Officials: A timeline is being developed and will be sent to all officials and schools along with the specific requirements for all sports to be in compliance with Central Management and Assigning of Officials through TheArbiter. | | |
| 9.7.4 | The Fall Post season meeting was cancelled due to weather. A meeting will be held with boys and girls soccer chairpersons to resolve some concerns. The Field Hockey committee is discussing the possibility of moving modified competition to the spring to alleviate problems caused by the shortage of officials in fall. This is currently being done in Section 5. R Stulmaker remarked that girls participating in JV in fall cannot practice or play with modified in spring. | | |
| 9.8 | Policy Handbook | M. Ward | No Report |
| 9.9 | Safety | T. Marong | The Safety Committee will meet today 1/16/08. A new date will be selected for the Mandatory Safety Conference and Concussion Seminar for AD's. NOTE 1/28/08 Report from Safety meeting: The Mandatory Safety Workshop is March 19, 8am-10am. |
| 9.10 | Sectional/Intersectional | R.Dinse | Minutes from the 1/4/08 meeting are on the website:
http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/jan%20reports/SecIntersec08-1.doc |
| 9.10.1 | The voting structure of sport committees was clarified. Each sport committee consists of a representative from each of the 6 leagues. Each league is allowed one vote. In the case of a tie, the motion is defeated. At large committee members have no voting rights. | | |
| 9.10.2 | Motion to approve 3-man officiating in girls soccer sectional semi-finals as well as finals CARRIED Stedman/Burke | | |
| 9.10.3 | Motion to approve the football alignment for 2008 as submitted CARRIED Stoldt/Stedman | | |
| 9.10.4 | Motion to approve the pre-season reports except for Girls Swimming (to be reviewed at the February meeting) and Softball Item #4 CARRIED Burley/Dunnigan | | |

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Committee Reports continued

9.11	Transfer	R.Black	Report emailed
9.12	Transportation	R.Dinse	See 4.2
9.13	Programs	P.Boggan	No Report
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:

10.3.1	All WNY Scholar Athlete Award	G.Kaszubski/ N.Riccio	No Report
10.3.2	Sportsmanship	G.Kaszubski	No Report
10.3.3	NYSPPSAA Structure and Policy Review	G.Kaszubski	

Motion to approve the following items to be forwarded to the State Implementation Committee for discussion CARRIED ***Nicotra/Graczyk***

- Transfer Rule
- Nonpublic Schools
- Governance
- Sport Season Placement

10.3.4	Section VI Operations and Office Review	F.Nicotra	No Report
10.3.5	Charter Schools	R.Dinse	See item 4.1

11.0 **FALL SPORTS POST SEASON REPORTS:** Posted on the website
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/ACjan08.htm>

12.0 **WINTER SPORTS:** No Reports Due

13.0 **SPRING SPORTS PRE SEASON REPORTS:** Posted on the website
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/ACjan08.htm>

14.0 NEW BUSINESS

14.1 ***Motion to table the request for by-laws change to the March meeting CARRIED Ksionzyk/DeKay***
BY-LAWS CHANGE to the dates when sport reports are due page 39 item 7.5.5
Pre-season: Fall-March 1; Winter- May 1; Spring-November 1
Post-season: Fall - January 1; Winter - May 1; Spring - September 1

15.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Turski, Administrative Clerk Section VI