

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES December 17, 2008

Present: M.Wendt, J.Dunnigan, D.Scholla, R.Black, R.Dinse, L.Ratajczak, T.Cowan  
Excused: D.Munro, J.Rabey, C.Bullis, C.Amo, D.Ames, J.Montesanti-BOCES Rep  
R.Black served as proxy for J.Rabey.

Outside Agency Contests approved since the last meeting by email:

- Will North/L&M Financial Boys Ice Hockey Contest, 11/28-29/2008 at the Amherst Pepsi Center, cosponsored by Williamsville North and L&M Financial. Approved November 24, 2008
- Boys & Girls Basketball: WNY Classic Shoot Out, on Dec 11-13 (next week) at the Dunkirk HS, cosponsors Boys & Girls Club of Northern Chautauqua County and Dunkirk City Schools. Approved December 3, 2008

Items highlighted in yellow are reminders to the responsible parties.

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 12:20pm.
- 2.0 **Motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2008 CARRIED** **Dunnigan/Scholla**
- 3.0 Treasurer's Report - L.Ratajczak
  - 3.1 Transactions 11/15/08-12/12/08 were reviewed. It was noted that all officials who worked fall sectionals are now paid.
- 4.0 Executive Secretary's Report - R.Dinse
  - 4.1 Transportation Policy: The Executive Committee was in support of the recommendations of the Transportation Committee (link below) as well as changing the word "expected" to "required" with respect to coaches attendance in recommendation #1.  
[http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Transportation\\_08-12.pdf](http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Transportation_08-12.pdf)
  - 4.2 Indoor Track: A meeting will be held with B.Kiszewski of the Monsignor Martin league in January to discuss the future of that league's participation in Section 6 Indoor Track. Increased participation in the sport is causing Section 6 meets to be lengthy and finish late.
  - 4.3 Softball Pre-season report (link below) was received and will be reviewed by Sectional/ Intersectional Committee at the January 7th meeting. The Softball Committee plans to use the Pepsi Center for all 5 classes of sectional competition.  
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/softballpre.pdf>
  - 4.4 Daryl Johnston of Lew-port was nominated for the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame. A letter of recommendation was forwarded to the selection committee from the Section office.
- 5.0 Communications - R.Dinse
  - 5.1 Notice was received from the Rifle Chairman that West Point will not be available to host the state rifle championship in March.
  - 5.2 An email was received from M.Monin, Buffalo News, regarding inappropriate behavior on the part of a "media" person. The matter was referred to the Section 6 attorney for investigation and direction.
  - 5.3 Pioneer has offered to host the 2009 track sectionals. P.Ksionzyk, Track Chairperson, will prepare a report for Sectional/ Intersectional and Finance Committee review.
  - 5.4 Akron submitted a Sportsmanship Hearing Request to the Section office. This matter was referred back the district administration for resolution.
  - 5.5 The State Softball Committee voted to change the participation numbers from 20 to 23 and the support personnel from 4 to 6 to match baseball (effective 2009). This will be submitted to the CAC for approval in January.
  - 5.6 The State Girls Lacrosse Committee has recommended:
    - a) Helmets NOT be mandated. Documentation was forwarded to T.Marong, Safety Chairman. It was decided by the State Safety Committee on Dec.12 that they will NOT MANDATE HELMETS in girls lacrosse. The committee decided to collect more data pertaining to head injuries and review that data in the fall of 2009.
    - b) To increase the student-athlete roster from 25 to 35 to match boys.

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- 5.7 D.Cassidy, President Chautauqua league, expressed concern regarding BEDS reporting. Currently only schools who host students in shared services situations are requested to submit an addendum so those students can be added to the home school numbers. Schools may have students receiving their education outside the district that are not reported. It was agreed that **all schools will be required to submit a new addendum, reporting those students so that the BEDS numbers may be adjusted before January 30, the state deadline. Schools will be required to submit the new addendum by January 9.**
- 5.8 Tennis: The boys and girls state committees oppose switching the sport seasons.
- 5.9 NYSPHSAA announced that Section VI has 2 state scholar athlete champions: Southwestern Football and West Seneca West Girls Volleyball. NOTE: Southwestern Football is also the State Champion Football Team for Class C- state champs in athletics and academics! *Congratulations Southwestern and West Seneca West*
- 5.10 **Motion to approve the following Outside Agency Contests CARRIED** **Dunnigan/Scholla**
- a) Girls Basketball: Matt Colpoys Memorial Tournament, Dec 29-30 at Kenmore West HS, cosponsors WNYBOWS and Ken-Ton Schools
- b) Boys Basketball: Williamsville Jolly Boys Holiday Tournament, Dec 29-30 at Williamsville South HS, cosponsors Jolly Boys and Williamsville Central
- 6.0 Officials Coordinator's Report – T.Cowan
- 6.1 Officials Contract Negotiations: A survey is being prepared for distribution in January to Athletic Directors and the Athletic Council regarding items for negotiations.
- 6.2 Boys Lacrosse assigning: T.Sutton is the new assigner for boys lacrosse. A Section VI contract has been forwarded to him to sign.
- 6.3 Lackawanna Soccer: The sportsmanship review of the Lackawanna boys varsity soccer team for Year 1 went very well. It was noted that the team received a sportsmanship award for the season. It was agreed **that a congratulatory letter be sent to the district as well as the media. In addition, T.Cowan, Chairperson of the Sportsmanship Review Committee, will present a proposal to the Committee to re-evaluate the review plan for Years 2 and 3.**
- 6.4 Fall Post-Season meeting: (Dec.11) The Southern Tier football assigner noted that Southern Tier schools often play with fewer than the required number of players (16) This was referred to the CCAA league for review at their meeting Dec. 19.
- 7.0 Old Business:
- 7.1 Section VI Constitution: The post card ballot was emailed to Superintendents, Principals, AD's and Athletic Council members on Nov. 24. As of Dec 16, 41 ballots were received. The deadline for submitting the ballot is **Dec.24.**
- 7.2 Ad Hoc Committee on the By-laws and Policy Handbook Committee: C.Bullis [bullisc@lew-port.com](mailto:bullisc@lew-port.com)  
The final "Proposed By-Laws" with the recommended changes incorporated, has been prepared. After the committee has proofed the document, **it will be emailed to Athletic Council members and leagues for review at the January meetings.**
- 7.3 Ad Hoc Committee on Section Office Review: No report. C.Amo [camo@hamburgscools.org](mailto:camo@hamburgscools.org)
- 7.4 Ad Hoc Committee Job Description of the Executive Director: A meeting was held Dec. 8. A draft job description with cost impact will be ready for presentation at the January meeting.
- 7.5 Telephone conferencing as a cost-saving alternative to distance learning for meetings: **J.Montesanti will report prior to the Sectional/Intersectional meeting currently scheduled for distance learning on January 7.**
- 7.6 Programs: The following will be addressed at the conclusion of the winter season when financial data for the programs is available for review:
- **The current format of the football, basketball and wrestling programs should be reviewed.**
  - **The Program Chairperson position must be revisited if the current program format is continued.**
- 8.0 Sportsmanship Coordinator's Report - D. Ames No Report
- 9.0 New Business No Report
- 10.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia M. Szczesny, Recording Secretary

