

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES September 17, 2008

Present: M.Wendt, D.Munro, J.Dunnigan, J.Rabey, D.Scholla, C.Bullis, R. Black, C.Amo,
R.Dinse, L.Ratajczak, T.Cowan, D.Ames, J.Montesanti-BOCES Rep
Guests: Joe Altieri-Asst. Director NYSPHSAA, L.Kaminsky-Media Chairperson, J.Walker, J.Conley, M.Swanson,
P.Ksionzyk

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

2.0 ***Motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2008 CARRIED*** **Dunnigan/Bullis**

3.0 Treasurer's Report - L.Ratajczak

3.1 Transactions 6/14/08-9/12/08 were reviewed. We are approximately \$90,000 over our balance from last year at this time. The fund balance is estimated to be in the 50% range. L.Ratajczak was asked to prepare a detailed report on the status of the fund balance and an itemization of our cost for space rental at BOCES for the next meeting.

3.2 The Finance Committee has four recommendations that will be action items for the Athletic Council this afternoon. Refer to the minutes: <http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0809/summer08/Finance08-7.pdf>

3.3 Approval is needed for the reduction of cost of ID cards from \$10 (approved in May) to \$5 which was negotiated by T.Cowan. This will also be an action item for the Athletic Council.

4.0 Executive Secretary's Report - R.Dinse

4.1 D.Schuefer, Girls Volleyball Sportchair, will discuss the use of lines people in Girls Volleyball at the AC meeting. This practice is not consistent throughout the Section.

4.2 ECIC has requested approval of the following for modified football in 2009: Start date 8/24/09, Institute kick-off and kick return, Utilize multiple defenses (i.e. 54) A.Stoltman, Modified Chairperson, will address these issues at the Athletic Council.

4.3 Wrestling:

- Weight certification will be handled by Pilato Sports Consulting.
- Dates for assessor training and weight certification are listed in the Section 6 newsletter.
- Israel Martinez, Wrestling Co-Chair will discuss the draft of the proposal of a State regional Wrestling tournament at the Athletic Council meeting.

4.4 Media/Programs- L.Kaminsky

- A Program Chairperson is still needed to collect photos and rosters for the basketball and wrestling programs. B.Dinse will inform the sports committees that if someone does not step forward for this task the programs will be discontinued.
- C.Bishop, Channel 2, has requested video broadcasting rights of sectional events. He will be referred to L.Kaminsky to sign a media contract. Schools will be encouraged to review public coverage of sports events.

4.5 Indoor Track: The plans for site management, reported in the Finance Committee minutes (see item 3.2), will be reviewed at the AC meeting.

4.6 Office concerns:

- The Section 6 website: BOCES informed the Section in early September of the need for the reformatted website to go live by October 1. Staff training in the software and revisions to the new site are needed. Decisions must be made regarding content of the site, loss of sports history on the current site and who will be responsible for site management. A committee is needed to develop guidelines and Section policy regarding contents of the site and links to external sources. It was agreed that sportchairs should be responsible for their sport's representation on the website. There are currently two options:
 - a) Sportchairs may maintain a webpage(s) on the new section 6 website. They must be trained by BOCES in schoolwires and BOCES regulations regarding web publications.
 - b) They may maintain an independent site. A link to this site from the new section 6 website will be allowed only if the source site is in compliance with BOCES regulations regarding web publications.
- Office workload: The increased workload in the Section 6 office, which began with the Athletic Council approval of the central management and assigning of officials project through TheArbiter in January 17, 2007, still exists and needs to be addressed. This workload is currently compounded by the BOCES website requirements mentioned above.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 10:30 am CARRIED Munro/Rabey

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Executive Session ended at 11:00 am.

- 5.0 Communications - R.Dinse
 - 5.1 Four districts have requested to address the Athletic Council regarding the change to one vote per district instead of one vote per school in the new Constitution: Buffalo, Kenmore, West Seneca and Williamsville.
 - 5.2 Oracle Charter School submitted their acceptance of the Guidelines for Charter Placement.
 - 5.3 Buffalo has notified the Section of 4 new schools: International Prep School at Grover Cleveland, Middle College, Math Science Tech at Seneca and Frederick Law Olmsted. D.Thomas will address the Council.

 - 6.0 Officials Coordinator's Report – T.Cowan
 - 6.1 Lackawanna Boys Soccer Sportsmanship: The committee's reports on the three varsity games held to date have been positive. Lackawanna's roster is expanding.
 - 6.2 The contract with the Southern Tier's football assigner has been signed with the modification that they will not use TheArbiter for assignments in 2008 as required by the section, but they will comply with the Section requirement to have their officials registered. Currently, 10 officials are not registered.
 - 6.3 Officials Contract 2010-2013: The opening meeting will be January 2009. The negotiating team will consist of the same members unless other parties express interest in participation. For contract negotiations, suggestions will be solicited by a survey.
 - 6.4 NYSPHSAA issued a clarification that the use of one official in soccer contests is legal.

 - 7.0 Sportsmanship Coordinator's Report - D. Ames
 - 7.1 The Mandatory Workshop "Life of an Athlete Year 5 – Stakeholder Unity" is scheduled for May 11, 2009 at Erie 1 BOCES. Currently, it is not determined how the program will continue after Year 5. D.Ames will contact NYSPHSAA requesting direction for next year.

 - 8.0 Old Business:
 - 8.1 The new Constitution with the changes agreed upon at the 8/18/08 meeting will be sent to the Athletic Council members along with the Summary of Major Changes to the Constitution prepared by R.Black.
 - 8.2 The Summary of Major Changes to the By-laws will be emailed to the By-Laws Committee.

 - 9.0 New Business
 - 9.1 To improve meeting efficiency, M.Wendt will request Athletic Council members to contact individuals responsible for agenda items prior to the meetings for clarification of any issues.
 - 9.2 B.Dinse was requested to generate a list of the current standing committees and their charges. The Executive Committee will assist with re-organization of these committees to improve efficiency.

 - 10.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment
- Respectfully submitted, Cynthia M. Szczesny, Recording Secretary


