

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2009

Present: M.Wendt, D.Munro, J.Rabey, J.Dunnigan, C.Bullis, D.Scholla, R.Black, R.Dinse, L.Ratajczak, T.Cowan, D.Ames, J.Montesanti-BOCES Rep
Excused: C.Amo
Guests: Bob Stulmaker-NYSPHSAA Assistant Executive Director, Lou Reuter-Regional Director Empire State Games, Jim Walker- Boys Basketball Chairperson, Leo Kaminsky- Girls Basketball/Media Chairperson

Items highlighted in yellow are reminders to the responsible parties. Items are highlighted in green when completed

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

2.0 **Motion to approve the minutes of December 17, 2009 CARRIED** **Dunnigan/Scholla**

3.0 Treasurer's Report - L.Ratajczak

3.1 Transactions 12/13/08-1/16/09 were reviewed.

3.2 The Proposed Section VI Budget 2009-10 will be an action item this afternoon. It was noted that the full-time Executive Director position is not included in the budget. The recommendation will be to approve the budget today so districts can plan their respective budgets. It was also noted that a proposal was submitted by Jim Walker, Exec. Sect of the NFL with regards to the Section office structure and cost impact of the Executive Director position. **This will be forwarded to the Job Description and Finance committees for consideration.**

4.0 Executive Secretary's Report - R.Dinse

4.1 The recommendations in the minutes from the Transportation Committee will be an action item this afternoon: http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Transportation_08-12.pdf

4.2 Federating Girls Lacrosse will be a discussion item. This was referred to the Sectional/Intersectional Committee for additional review. That committee's recommendations are in the minutes item 2.2: <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/SecIntersec09-1.pdf>

The committee also recommends approval of 50 orange patches for cross country (minutes item 1.1) and a split tournament for softball (minutes item 3.1)

4.3 Indoor Track:

4.3.1 An incident at Fredonia state was handled well by the Section, supervisory staff, coaches and the Kenmore school district.

4.3.2 **A meeting will be held with B.Kiszewski of the Monsignor Martin League on Feb. 4** to discuss the future of that league's participation in Section VI Indoor Track program.

5.0 Communications - R.Dinse

5.1 Sportchairs will be in attendance to discuss issues from the state meeting they attended.

5.2 The recommendations of the NYSPHSAA Fiscal Concerns Committee will be discussed:

http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/State_Report_08-12_Special.pdf

The Sectional Intersectional Committee response is listed below:

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

Mark Ward is the Section 6 rep on that committee mward@eville.wnyric.org

5.3 The NFL nominated Todd Marquardt, Kenmore West, for the position of Boys Soccer Chairperson. Please see the Athletic Council agenda for names of the incumbent fall chairpersons.

5.4 Lou Reuter, Regional Director of the Empire State Games, requested Section VI support for the Empire State Games. NYS funding for the games has been cut 100%. Mr. Reuter would appreciate emails, phone calls and letters to the governor and NYS state legislators requesting restoration of funding. **He will make information available to the Section that can be placed on the Section VI website to assist with this effort.** Leo Kaminsky will assist.

6.0 Officials Coordinator's Report – T.Cowan

6.1 Officials Contract Negotiations: WNYSO has been notified that negotiations will begin soon. A survey will be sent to ADs within a week. The Section Committee is AD-M.Difilippo, Assigner-C.Funke, Principal-A.Stoltman and Superintendent- S.Vanstrom. It was noted that business officials have asked for representation. It was decided that business officials will communicate through the Superintendent rep.

6.2 Lackawanna Soccer: The stipulations for year 2 and 3 are being reviewed by the Sportsmanship Committee.

Officials Coordinator's Report continued

6.3 Central Management/Assigning of Officials: Use of thearbiter to assign football was mandated for 2008. Due to insufficient time, this was not accomplished in the STier. **Contracts will be mailed by March 1 to football assigners to ensure the process is followed in 2009.**

7.0 Old Business:

7.1 Discussion item for this afternoon The Proposed By-Laws:

http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/REVISED_Bylaws3_10-08.pdf

The document has been updated to correspond to the Revised Constitution. Policies have been removed and will be placed into a Policy Handbook. **The committee will create a new Section VI Manual by September 2009** including the Constitution, By-Laws, Policy Book and Forms that will be categorized and indexed.

7.2 The Revised Section VI Constitution was approved by post card ballot 12/24/08. It is posted on the Section VI website: http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139101515241457/lib/1139101515241457/Constitution_12-24-08.pdf

7.3 Centralized Management of Officials 2008-09

- Winter: Sports were successfully assigned by the league assigners in the North. Southern assigners have successfully used TheArbiter to assign basketball and wrestling. New: Ice hockey Federation schedule was entered into the system and officials required to register on-line.
- Spring: Boys lacrosse will be assigned in thearbiter by the NFLOA's new assigner Tom Sutton. Baseball and softball for ECIC, Buffalo and MM will be assigned by G.Neunder using the WNYUA arbiter account in 2009. Communication was sent to all spring sports assigners to clarify the process for 2009.

7.4 The Ad Hoc Committee for Section VI Office Review: **This committee will be encouraged to meet to discuss the issues noted:**

7.4.1 Website: Tom Nemmer, Hamburg, will assist the Section with the task of developing a template, guidelines and rules for sports pages on the new Section 6 website. **A date will be set to train sportchairs and/or designees in Schoolwires software, web technology, BOCES standards and Section 6 policies and ethics.** Lost history is being partially restored by a BOCES intern.

7.4.2 TheArbiter: Assigning in the north is being done by league assigners instead of the Section office. **Long range plans are needed** for sports currently not assigned in TheArbiter, assigning post season schedules and central payment of officials.

7.5 The Ad Hoc Committee for Job Descriptions is currently reviewing Draft 3 of the Executive Director job description, Draft 1 of an organizational chart and Draft 1 of the job description for a financial clerk position.

7.6 Teleconferencing Report: J.Montesanti

The procedure for teleconferencing will be distributed to members of the Exec Committee and Sectional Intersectional Committee for future meetings.

7.7 BEDS reporting: After consulting with Lloyd Mott, Todd Nelson reported that the state association uses only the numbers reported on the high school building report for classification purposes. District students that attend school in other buildings (shared services situations) are not included in the numbers reported for classification. The addendum is only to be used by schools who host students from other districts and who mistakenly included those students in their district building report.

7.8 The form created to request a waiver from minimum # contests for participation in sectionals was reviewed. It was agreed that this form must be submitted with appropriate medical documentation no later than 4:00 pm, 7 calendar days prior to the sectional event.

8.0 Sportsmanship Coordinator's Report - D. Ames

Chemical Awareness: The mandatory workshop for Athletic Directors is scheduled for May 11, 2009. ADs will be asked to register in April.

9.0 New Business

B.Stulmaker will report to the Athletic Council on the recommendations of the CAC. He noted that the purpose for recommending a reduction in the # contests statewide is to remove pressure from the districts and make competition consistent and fair throughout the state. NYSPHSAA is also investigating ways to reduce travel costs.

10.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia M. Szczesny, Recording Secretary



