

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 25, 2009

Present: M.Wendt, D.Munro, J.Rabey, C.Bullis, D.Scholla, R.Black, R.Dinse, L.Ratajczak, T.Cowan, C.Amo, D.Ames, J.Montesanti-BOCES Rep
Excused: J.Dunnigan
Guests: Mark DiFilippo- Ice Hockey Chairperson, Paul Ksionzyk- Track Chairperson, Dan Cassidy- CCAA League Sect/Treasurer, Todd Nelson- Asst Director NYSPHSAA

Approved by email since the last meeting:

- Outside Agency contest: Silver Hoops Boys Basketball, 3/21/09 at Grabiarz School, Cosponsors Buffalo Schools and Butler Mitchell Boys Club (2/19/09)
- Waiver of the minimum # contest for participation in Indoor Track sectionals for a Grand Island athlete. (2/19/09)

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 by President Mike Wendt. mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org
- 2.0 The minutes of the Executive Committee held February 11, 2009 were approved.
- 3.0 Treasurer's Report - L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org
 - 3.1 The transactions dated 2/7/09-3/20/09 were reviewed.
 - 3.2 Open tournaments: The Section lost money on boys and girls basketball pre-quarters as well as girls basketball quarter finals. The financial impact on districts for sports with open tournaments is also a concern, although districts still have the option of non-participation. It was agreed that the concept of the open tournament and the Section championship philosophy (excellence vs. participation), will be revisited by Finance and Sectional Intersectional Committees with input from the Sportchairs.
 - 3.3 Field Hockey: The Sportchair expressed concern regarding district charges to host sectional contests in proposals submitted by Medina and Pioneer. Amherst, Orchard Park and Hamburg expressed interest in hosting. It was agreed that the Sportchair should select the site after all proposals are received and notify the Sectional/Intersectional Committee for approval.
 - 3.4 Attorney M.Taheri has offered to sell to the Section 920 copies of the book "The Student Athlete's Guide to the Criminal Justice System" at a discounted cost of \$6,900. The purchase (10 books per school) could receive BOCES aid. It was agreed that this was a worthwhile investment for the Section. It will be an action item at the Athletic Council meeting.
- 4.0 Executive Secretary's Report - R.Dinse rdinse@roadrunner.com
 - 4.1 Indoor Track Report: The Indoor Track committee is still trying to resolve safety and supervision concerns created by excessive numbers of athletes at the venues. The committee is considering setting a maximum of 70 varsity athletes (boys and girls) per school, using the state format with girls competing in the morning and boys in the afternoon and using brackets with only 16 schools competing at a time. The Indoor Track Committee will report back with a plan prior to the start of the 2009-10 season.
 - 4.2 Ice Hockey- M.DiFilippo:
 - Financial procedures: The Federation has grown to include 22 schools and conducted its first sectional tournament this season. The section office paid administrative expenses for the Federation. Section auditors have advised the Section that it needs to control business matters for all sports under its jurisdiction. M.DiFilippo was asked to submit a plan for the transition of all financial operations from the Federation to the Section office, including collection of Federation dues and payment of Federation expenses. The Finance Committee will work with the Federation to begin this transition in 2009-10. L.Ratajczak, Finance Chairman, was charged with leading this effort and reporting back to the Executive Committee prior to the start of the 2009-10 year. Running the Ice Hockey program will remain the responsibility of the Section Sportchair who serves as the President of the Federation.
 - Pepsi Center ice problem at the NYS quarterfinal: M.DiFilippo was commended for his quick response and resolution of the problem and maintaining a very positive relationship with the ice arenas.
 - 4.3 Section VI Passes: Fraudulent reproduction and misuse of Section passes occurred during various sectional contests. Districts and sportchairs are asked to stress conscientious use of Section passes by recipients and encourage diligence by ticket-takers at the gate.

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4.4 Safety:

- Fire alarms sounded at a boys basketball semi-final at JCC and an Indoor Track event at Fredonia State. All are reminded that as per Fire Department regulations, when a fire alarm sounds, we must direct people to evacuate the site.
- The Section Policy on Cheerleading is not being enforced at sectionals. It was noted that there may be confusion because the Section policy is more stringent than league policies REMINDER: The SITE CHAIRPERSON for the event is responsible for stopping cheerleading squads who are not following the Section safety policy. This issue will also be referred to the Safety Committee for follow-up.
- The Section Concussion Management Team will meet March 26. The physicians from UB Sports Medicine have offered their assistance to Section 6 and will attend.

4.5 Bowling: Eligibility of a Frontier bowler was resolved.

5.0 Communications - R.Dinse

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- 5.1 Notification was received from the Section VI attorney that MJR has requested that his minimum monthly payment be reduced from \$250 to \$50 due to severe financial business problems. This was accepted.
- 5.2 Pioneer has indicated interest in hosting sectional/regional soccer (B&G) and field hockey in 2009-10.
- 5.3 Larry Lash submitted a letter of resignation from his position as Softball Co-Chairman.
- 5.4 Notice from NYSPHSAA: The 5000m event has not been approved by the NYSPHSAA. School districts are not to contest this event at any track and field meet.

6.0 Officials Coordinator's Report – T.Cowan

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- 6.1 Officials Contract Negotiations: Ken Stoldt, Akron, has been added as an alternate to the Section VI Negotiating Committee. Every league is represented on the committee. The first meeting was held March 25.
- 6.2 Lackawanna Soccer: The response to the recommended changes to the procedure for monitoring the team in Years 2 and 3 was positive. **Lackawanna will be notified**, however, the current coaches remain for the 2-year period.
- 6.3 Central Management/Assigning of Officials Update:
 - Football assigning in TheArbiter in 2009: Neither assigner has returned the contract. The return date was Mar. 1. The Southern Tier organization indicated that they will appoint their assigner in 2 weeks. **T.Cowan will follow-up with both assigners.**
 - A draft Timeline 2009-10, on the website for league/assigner review, will be finalized after the northern league assigner meeting March 30.
http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/TIMELINE_09-10_N&S.pdf

7.0 Old Business:

- 7.1 The Ad Hoc Committee for Job Descriptions: dmunro@alli.wnyric.org
CSEA has agreed that the position can be established with an exempt classification. **The Ad Hoc Committee will meet in the near future to develop a plan for posting and hiring when the position is finalized with CSEA.**
- 7.2 The Ad Hoc Committee for Section VI Office Review: camo@hamburgschools.org
 - Website: Training sportchairs and/or designees in Schoolwires is set for 3/26/09. League pages have been added. **Leagues will be asked for input regarding a standard format for league pages.**
 - TheArbiter: An entry timetable has been set for the sports not currently assigning in TheArbiter. **T.Cowan will notify the organizations involved.** Assigning post season schedules will be done by those Sportchairs who express interest. Central payment of officials will be reviewed as an option through TheArbiter during a presentation by TheArbiter this afternoon.

8.0 Sportsmanship Coordinator's Report - D. Ames dames@newfane.wnyric.org

- 8.1 Chemical Awareness: The mandatory Workshop for AD's Life of an Athlete Year 5 is set for 5/11/09. **AD's will be asked to email the Section office with the names of those attending from their district.**

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8.2 Sportsmanship:

- NYS Sportsmanship Promotion Award – All districts were notified to submit their sportsmanship assessment on-line. 100% participation is requested. The deadline is April 15.
- Ejection Free Program- NYSPHSAA is looking for a sponsor for a program to recognize schools that have had no athletes ejected from a contest.
- Citizenship Through Athletics- The next course offered will be May 13 in Section 9.
- Appeals for wrongful ejections- The State Association is considering establishing a policy which permits use of a video to *appeal a penalty* where the wrong athlete was ejected. Sections can choose to use it or not use it.
- Multi Disqualifications- Also under consideration is an additional penalty for multiple disqualifications: 1st DQ- sit the next contest; 2nd DQ- sit the next 2 contests; 3rd DQ – removed from competition for the rest of the season.

9.0 New Business No Report

10.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia M. Szczesny, Recording Secretary


