

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 16, 2009

Present: M.Wendt, D.Munro, J.Dunnigan, J.Rabey, C.Bullis, D.Scholla, R.Black,
R.Dinse, L.Ratajczak, T.Cowan, C.Amo, J.Montesanti-BOCES Rep
Excused: D.Ames
Guests: Timm Slade, Candidate for the Executive Director position

Action taken since the last Executive Committee meeting August 26, 2009:

- The request for Sweet Home to combine with Amherst for girls gymnastics was approved by email 9/16/09

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

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by President Mike Wendt. mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org
- 2.0 The minutes of the August 26, 2009 meetings were approved.
- 3.0 Treasurer's Report - L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org
 - 3.1 The transactions 8/22/09-9/11/09 were reviewed.
 - 3.2 Ice Hockey Task Force Report J.Rabey jrabey@lakeshore.wnyric.org

The Task Force met on 9/9/09. The full report including the disclosure of financial transactions was received by the Section VI office on September 9th. Although the request for this report was made verbally by the Executive Committee last Spring and the request was then followed up in writing by the Section Executive Secretary, the full report was not received until September 9th. Representatives from the Hockey Committee have indicated that the report was sent weeks earlier but the Section had not received the complete report detailing Hockey Committee Financial transactions prior to September 9th. The Task Force recommends a two-year plan for the transition of all financial operations from the Federation to the Section office:

 - 3.2.1 2009-10: The Section office will collect dues from Federation member schools and develop a mechanism for handling gate receipts. Revenues will be placed into a Section 6 Ice Hockey account from which Federation expenses will be paid by the Section. Any balance remaining will be credited to Section 6 member schools against their Federation dues for the following year. A check will be written to private schools. The Federation will notify the Section of any revenues other than gate receipts (fundraisers, etc.). This plan will be presented to Federation member schools at their September 24 meeting.
 - 3.2.2 2010-2011: Jeff Rabey will meet with the new Executive Director Timm Slade for an in-depth review of any issues or concerns and will develop a formal transition plan that will bring the Federation into full compliance with Section VI policies and procedures as well as the NYS Comptroller's expectations for the use of public funds. A final report will be presented at the November Athletic Council meeting

This plan will be presented to the Athletic Council with a recommendation to eliminate the Finance Committee recommendation item 3.3.2 below.
 - 3.3 Finance Report: <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Finance09-8.pdf>

Action items for the Athletic Council this afternoon include the following:

 - 3.3.1 Approve as policy the recommendation of the Finance Subcommittee for use of excess funds in the Fund Balance. (see MINUTES text in blue under item 1.1). If approved, the \$60,000 in the Special Use Fund can be reimbursed to districts for the cost of an Executive Director.
 - 3.3.2 Approve the recommendation that Section VI withdraw from NYSPHSAA Ice Hockey competition unless complete and transparent financial records of the Federation are submitted to the Section office by (a date to be determined by the Athletic Council).
- 4.0 Executive Secretary's Report - R.Dinse mdinse@roadrunner.com

The Sectional/ Intersectional Committee Report was reviewed:
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/SecIntersec09-9.pdf>
The committee recommendations for the AC include:

 - 4.1 Approve the change to the Travel Policy to require one coach per school rather than one coach per district to travel with athletes
 - 4.2 Support continuation of the current Open Tournament for all sports (except football).
 - 4.3 Refer the voting methods used by sport committees to the Policy Committee for review. A Constitution and By-Laws change may be required.

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- 4.4 Approve \$300 for the online entry fee as a standard operating cost for Track sectionals
- 4.5 Conduct an open discussion regarding the elimination of the travel policy with input from the Track Chairman Paul Ksionzyk.

5.0 Communications - R.Dinse

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- 5.1 Letters were received from the Presidents of the Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Leagues indicating that the 2 leagues have merged into one: Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association. A By-Laws change may be required.
- 5.2 MMHSAA indicated that although the MMHSAA adheres to most of the Section VI changes, the change involving the use of lines people is NOT one of them. All Monsignor Martin sites will continue to use lines people for the good of the sport.
- 5.3 NYSPHSAA informed Section 6 regarding Friends & Neighbors status: Holy Family-status expired 8/09. Christian Central (8/09) and N.Chautauqua (10/09) have re-applied and are awaiting approval.
- 5.4 Notice was received from NCAA Women's Volleyball Rule Committee that Rule 9.3 regarding shaking hands with opponents has been suspended.
- 5.5 Tapestry and Oracle expressed concern regarding inability to get sufficient contests. Tapestry would like admittance to a league.
- 5.6 Sweet Home announced that they have a girls golf team with 1 athlete.

6.0 Old Business - Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

- 6.1 Executive Director D.Munro dmunro@alli.wmnyric.org
D. Munro will work with T.Slade to develop a transition plan and timeline for the positions in the section office. All will be notified of Mr. Slade's start date as soon as it is determined.
- 6.2 Policy Handbook C.Bullis bullisc@lew-port.com
The first draft of Policy Booklet was emailed with the agenda. Additional improvements will be made. It was noted that Finance Policies still need to be added. Also, Mark Ward has resigned as Policy Chairperson.
- 6.3 Program Booklets M.Ward mward@eville.wnyric.org
As per a May 2009 AC decision, the solicitation of program ads for the program booklets was eliminated along with the position of Program Chairperson. The football, basketball and wrestling sportchairs will handle their own program booklet for 2009-10. In 2010-11, "big pocket" businesses that make money from the sale of school district products will be targeted. The printer will remain the same at this time.

7.0 Sportsmanship Coordinator's Report - D. Ames No Report dames@newfane.wnyric.org

8.0 Officials Coordinator report – T.Cowan lcowan6@rochester.rr.com

- 8.1 Officials Contract Negotiations: Meeting #6 is scheduled for 9/23/09. The Section team has 2 primary goals: Reduction in the # of working officials and a \$0 increase in year 1. If there is no agreement after 6 meetings, the process can go to Fact Finding.
- 8.2 The elimination of the use of linespeople in regular season girls volleyball for 2009-10 (AC approved Nov. 08) has created a Title IX complaint by the girls volleyball officials. It was noted that there is one NCAA rule book followed for boys and girls.
- 8.3 Lackawanna Sportsmanship Year 2 Report: The coaching staff is unchanged as required. The first of 2 games being monitored by Bob McAllister was conducted without incident.
- 8.4 Central Management/Assigning of Officials:
 - a) Re-ranking of winter officials in the North is underway.
 - b) Assigners for the officials organizations will assign officials to home-contests for the Charter Schools.
 - c) 100% Compliance with SAVE legislation is expected by June 2010: N & S Football and B & G Gymnastics schedules and assignments are now in ArbiterSports. The Indoor track schedule and assignments will be entered in the near future and S.Tier Basketball will be fully compliant in 2010. In spring, baseball and softball assigner for WNY Umpires Association will assign officials for Section VI member schools in the Section VI account of ArbiterSports.

9.0 New Business

10.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia M. Szczesny, Recording Secretary

