

**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
WITH ICE HOCKEY REPRESENTATIVES**

August 26, 2009

Erie 1 BOCES Building B Room B2a

***** NOTE ALL SECTION VI MEETINGS ARE RECORDED*****

ATTENDANCE

Executive Committee:

M.Wendt, D.Munro, J.Dunnigan, J.Rabey, C.Bullis, D.Scholla, R.Black,
R.Dinse, L.Ratajczak, T.Cowan, C.Amo, D.Ames

Athletic Council: Kevin MacDonald, Superintendents Rep NO

Finance Committee: Steve Vanstrom, Superintendent Frewsburg

BOCES: J.Montesanti

Guests from member schools of the Ice Hockey Federation:

Clarence-Greg Kaszubski

Frontier-Timothy Marong

Hamburg-Charles D. Amo

Kenmore- Brett Banker

Niagara Wheatfield-Mark DiFilippo

Orchard Park-Joan Thomas, Jim Higgins

Sweet Home-Chris DeMarco

West Seneca-Timm Slade

Williamsville-James Rusin

BACKGROUND:

Walter Eaton, Assistant Director NYSPHSAA, notified Section VI in 2005 that the Section is ultimately responsible for the financial operations of all sports. Based on New York State Education Audit findings by the New York State Comptrollers Office, there are clear financial expectations for managing revenues and expenses related to public school activities. In this case the activity (Ice Hockey) falls under the jurisdiction of Section VI. The Executive Committee and the Athletic Council have addressed the financial operations issue regarding Ice Hockey on numerous occasions with representatives from the Ice Hockey Committee. To date, the financial operations related to Ice Hockey are not under the management and control of Section VI. If Ice Hockey is to remain a Section sport and a NYSPHSAA participant, then the Section must oversee and be fully integrated into the financial operations related to Ice Hockey as a NYSPHSAA participant.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 8/11/09:

The following recommendation is currently an agenda item for approval at the Athletic Council meeting on 9/16/09: "Since 2005, Section VI has been advised by NYSPHSAA as well as Section auditors, that the Section needs to control business matters for all sports under its jurisdiction. M.DiFilippo, Ice Hockey Chairman and Federation President, was asked by the Executive Committee in March 2009 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. **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). If the Federation should comply with the request of Section 6, the Section 6 Ice Hockey program will be the responsibility of the Section 6 Ice Hockey Sportchair. Any outstanding fund balance held by the Federation will be incorporated into the Section budget as income for the Ice Hockey program. Ice Hockey member dues for 2009-10 will be collected by the Section."

1.0 Call to order M.Wendt

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2.0 Discussion:

The Ice Hockey Federation must comply with Section VI policies and procedures as well as the NYS Comptroller's expectations on the use of public funds. The history of attempts at resolution by Section VI were presented. It was noted that for compliance in 2009-10, Federation funds need to flow through Section VI, a NYS recognized institution for handling public monies (i.e.: Federation income (dues) will be collected by Section VI and Federation expenses paid by Section VI) The concerns of the members of the Ice Hockey Federation were discussed. It was noted that as per the Executive Committee minutes 3/25/09: *Running the Ice Hockey program will remain the responsibility of the Section Sportchair who, under Section VI guidelines rules and regulations, serves as the President of the Federation.* It was agreed that because of the complexity of the Ice Hockey Program that an in-depth review of the operations of the Federation with regards to Section VI policies and procedures is needed.

3.0 Resolution:

President Wendt established a **Task Force** with the following members:

Chair Jeff Rabey	Jim Rusin
Treasurer Loren Ratajczak	Howard Smith
Parliamentarian Ron Black	Jim Higgins
Future Executive Director Timm Slade	Joan Thomas
Ice Hockey Chair Mark DiFilippo	Jim Dunnigan
Ice Hockey Treasurer Nancy Riccio	Chuck Amo

The purpose of the Task Force is to examine the structure of the Ice Hockey Federation and its By-Laws and develop a timeline for merging the operations of the Federation with Section VI 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 by the 2010-2011 school year"

The timeline for the Task Force is as follows:

- Sept. 9 The first meeting of the Task Force at Erie 1 BOCES room B2b at noon
Mark DiFilippo, Section VI Ice Hockey Chairman and Federation President, agreed to bring to this meeting the data that was requested in the June 23 letter from the Section:
 1. Itemized budgets from the last 3 years detailing all expenses and revenues*
 2. Names, addresses and contact information for all Federation member schools
 3. Names, addresses and contact information for all venues used previously and anticipated for use 2009-10.
 4. The Federation timetable for 2009-10 including the dates for invoicing member schools and the payment plan for venues, administration, officials, etc.
- *For clarification "all expenses and revenues" includes financial records for pre-season, regular season and post season.
- Sept. 16 An initial report due at the Athletic Council meeting
- Sept. 24 Ice Hockey Federation meeting at noon at the Blackthorn, Seneca St.
Steve Vanstrom will attend to clarify Section concerns.
- Oct. 14 An update due at the Executive Committee meeting
- Nov. 1 A final report will be distributed to the Athletic Council for review at league meetings.
- Nov. 18 Action on the final report will be an agenda item at the Athletic Council meeting.