

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 23, 2008

Present: C.Amo, J.Dunnigan, J.Rabey, D.Scholla, C.Bullis, R. Black, T.Cowan, R.Dinse, L.Ratajczak,
Excused: M.Wendt, M.Ward, D.Ames
BOCES Rep: John Montesanti-BOCES Coordinator of Finance and Legislation

Approved since the March meeting:

4/10/08 Outside Agency Contest: Lady Jacks Softball Tournament, April 18,19,26, 2008 at Belbas Fields,
Cosponsors are NT School District and the Lady Jacks Softball Boosters. Paperwork is complete.

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm.

2.0 **Motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2008 CARRIED** Rabey/Scholla

3.0 Treasurer's Report - L.Ratajczak Received

3.1 The transactions 3/15/08-4/18/08 were reviewed. It was noted that there was a loss in both boys and girls basketball, pre-quarters through finals. This will be addressed by the Finance committee.

3.2 The Finance Committee will meet 4/24/08.

4.0 Executive Secretary's Report - R.Dinse

4.1 Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools:

- BASCS, Oracle, Tapestry and WNY Maritime were sent the approved Guidelines for Placement and notified of the need to play an independent schedule in 2008-09.
- Tapestry Charter has signed the Guidelines for Placement of Charter Schools and submitted a packet of athletes approved for selective classification.
- B.Dinse offered to meet with BASCS to discuss Section expectations.

4.2 **Motion to approve the following Outside Agency Contests CARRIED** Dunnigan/Bullis

- Baseball: CCAA Showcase, 5/17/08 at Diethrick Park, Jamestown- cosponsors Frewsburg Central and Frewsburg Baseball Boosters
- Track: Paterniti Memorial/ Jamestown Track Classic, 5/17/08 at Strider Field, Jamestown- Cosponsors Jamestown City Schools and Track Boosters

4.3 **Motion to approve the application for Friends and Neighbor Status from New Life Christian School in Olean CARRIED** Dunnigan/Rabey

4.4 The mandatory Athletic Director Workshop conducted by Nina Van Erk is scheduled for Sept 4, 2008 at Erie 1 BOCES.

4.5 As per the Section VI Policy on Fingerprinting of Sports Officials there is currently a track official with a suspended schedule pending a court date. It was noted that since the policy went into effect in 9/1/03 there have been 68 subsequent arrests of sports officials (12 since 1/1/08), 5 officials were permanently removed from officiating and 6 were denied clearance.

5.0 Communications - R.Dinse

5.1 NYSPHSAA selected Gene Masters for induction into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame in the coaching category.

5.2 NYSPHSAA needs Section VI meeting dates for 2008-09 and Proxies for Exec Committee meetings.

2008-09 Proxies: Bob Dinse

Proposed dates for AC approval in May:

Athletic Council: Sept. 17, Nov. 19, Jan. 21, March 25, May 20

Executive Committee: Oct. 15, Dec. 17, Feb. 25, Apr. 22, June 17

Other Dates: **NYSAAA Conference: March 18-21, 2009**

Erie 1, Erie 2, CA Ellicottville and NO BOCES breaks are as follows for 2008-09:
Winter: Feb. 16-20 and spring: April 9-17, 2009

CA Olean: April 6-17, 2009 Buffalo: April 6-17, 2009 (tentative)

5.3 Approval for a Lifetime Pass for Pat Slater will be recommended by the Lifetime Pass Committee (R.Dinse, J.Rabey, J.Dunnigan) at the May AC meeting.

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- 5.4 The Softball Committee notified the Section office that due to a conflict with track sectionals at Jamestown softball sectionals have been moved to Niagara Falls High School. Superintendents are very concerned about rising fuel costs. Consequently, the Executive Committee agreed that the softball committee should make every effort to conduct the C and D finals in the Southern Tier. D.Scholla will contact B.Drake to assist in resolving the problems. This will also be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting on April 24. A final decision will be made after a report from Mr. Scholla and the Finance Committee.
- 6.0 Officials Coordinator's Report – T.Cowan
- 6.1 Lackawanna Boys Soccer: A plan is needed for monitoring the soccer program for the 2008 season. It was agreed that a small committee should be established for this purpose. T.Cowan will review the report from the sportsmanship committee on this issue and report back to the Executive Committee with a recommendation.
- 6.2 The post-season meeting for winter sports is scheduled for April 29.
- 6.3 2008-09 Central Management & Assigning of Officials:
Fall 2008: Officials Rankings from the organizations and the sportchairs have been blended and entered in TheArbiter for boys and girls soccer. Field hockey is being redone.
Football assigning: Contracts with the Football assigners for 2008 are being prepared and will specify that assignments must be in TheArbiter.
- a) North: Varsity, JV, Freshman and Modified assignments will be imported with the schedules into TheArbiter in mid-August by L.Michael. V and JV re-assignments will be done on TheArbiter. Re-assignments of freshman and modified is a concern. They are done by D.Schwede who does not have high-speed internet.
- b) South: The leadership of Southwestern Chapter, NYSACFO, has been informed that their concern about insufficient payment for assigning (\$1.00 per assignment) is too late to address for 2008 and should be resubmitted for consideration for 2009, immediately after the 2008 season. They were also informed that there is no reimbursement for travel to attend TheArbiter training.
- 7.0 Sportsmanship Coordinator's Report - D. Ames
- 7.1 Chemical Awareness: The mandatory "Life of an Athlete Workshop Year 4 – Selecting and Training Student Athlete Leaders" will be conducted on 4/28/08 at Erie 1 BOCES. AD's were asked to register with one female and one male student. It was noted that this created a problem for some districts in which AD's are unable to transport students. Busses are required. *Webinars* were recommended as a future consideration.
- 7.2 Sportsmanship: All WNY Good Sports awards for fall, winter, spring are being collected.
- 8.0 Old Business:
- 8.1 Indoor Track and Selection/Classification: Neutral sites for S/C testing are being used by Section 10. B.Dinse will contact the Executive Director to get information on the success of that program.
- 8.2 Centralized Management of Officials 2008-09
- Fall Sports: WNY Football officials have been entered in TheArbiter- only 3 have no email. 42 of 62 of the SW football officials organization have submitted email addresses.
 - Training in TheArbiter is scheduled for April 29 prior to the post-season meeting 5:30-7:30.
- 8.3 Guy Patterson, President of Patterson Consulting Group, submitted a proposal for obtaining corporate sponsorship for the Section. There was no interest in his proposal.
- 8.4 Proposed updates to the Section VI By-Laws and Constitution: The Superintendents' Committee is meeting April 24. J.Rabey will report back at the May meeting.
- 8.5 Legal claim filed against Section 6: The Ken-Ton attorney has moved to dismiss the claim.

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9.0 New Business

9.1 Nominations are needed for the following Section VI positions:

- a) Section VI President-Elect (2-year term 9/1/08 - 8/31/10) Current nominations:
 - Gil Licata, Principal Starpoint High School
 - Diane Munro, Superintendent Allegany-Limestone
 - Jeff Rabey, Superintendent Lake Shore
- b) Principals Rep to the Central Committee (4-year term 9/1/08 - 8/31/12): Current nominations:
 - Jim Dunnigan
- c) Program Committee Chairperson OPEN
- d) Girls Golf Chairperson (remainder of 3-year term 7/1/08 – 6/30/10)
 - Betsy Ulmer – nominated by the girls Golf Committee
- e) Winter Sportchairs (3-year term 7/1/08 - 6/30/11). Current nominations:
 - Basketball (Boys)- Jim Walker, Assistant- Jon Roth
 - Basketball (Girls)- Leo Kaminsky Assistant- Chris Durr
 - Bowling (Boys)- Dan Kaplan, Cheektowaga was nominated by the ECIC
 - Bowling (Girls)- John Seeley, West Seneca East was nominated by the Bowling Committee
 - Ice Hockey- A Nomination is expected from the Federation
 - Indoor Track (Boys)- Peter Szymanski
 - Indoor Track (Girls)- Emilio Mancino
 - Rifle- Paul Borkowski
 - Swimming (Boys)- James Graczyk, Co-Chairperson- Al Fritzinger
 - Wrestling- Mike DeBarbieri, Co-Chairperson-Israel Martinez

10.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia M. Szczesny, Recording Secretary

