

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 1, 2007

Present: C.Amo, J.Dunnigan, D.Scholla, P.Maryjanowski, R.Dinse, L.Ratajczak,
Excused: M.Ward, M.Wendt, J. Rabey, R. Black, T.Cowan, D. Ames, T. Ruh
Guests: A.Venditti, AD Buffalo Academy of Science Charter School

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 10:40 am.
- 2.0 Minutes:
 - 2.1 **Motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2007 CARRIED** **Dunnigan/Maryjanowski**
- 3.0 Treasurer's Report - L.Ratajczak **Received**
 - 3.1 Transactions 6/9/07-7/27/07 were reviewed.
 - 3.2 MJR: The Stipulation of Settlement with Mr. Ryan and his first payment of \$500 have been received. A minimum monthly payment of \$500 is due prior to the first of each month payable to Hodgson Russ, Section attorney, until the full amount has been paid.
 - 3.3 Unpaid invoices: It was noted that invoices are not being paid in a timely fashion. The Treasurer will remind member school athletic and business offices to pay on time.
- 4.0 Executive Secretary's Report - R.Dinse
 - 4.1 The Injury Management Bids to provide trainers for sectional competition at neutral sites for 2007-08 were opened but the results have not been received.
 - 4.2 Safety requirements are being added to the Transportation Bid to transport athletes to state competition for individual sports in 2007-08. Once completed, bids will be solicited.
 - 4.3 Two schools had Selection Classification violations in 06-07 Indoor Track. It was agreed that:
 - The Indoor Track programs involved will be placed on probation for one year for using ineligible players. The Athletic Director and coaches will be advised that appropriate Selection Classification documentation was not submitted.
 - The Indoor Track Chairs will be asked to present a recommendation in September to prevent re-occurrence of this rule infraction. The Executive Committee will review the recommendation prior to submission to the Athletic Council for approval.
 - Selective Classification will be an agenda item for the mandatory Athletic Director Workshop Sept.20.
- 5.0 Communications
 - 5.1 The Section was informed by L.Mott, NYSPHSAA that a 5th year Iroquois student Mike Perillo participated in athletics. Iroquois was notified that because there was no application/approval of Extended Eligibility for this athlete, he was ineligible for participation in 2006-07. The penalty for use of an ineligible athlete during a contest is the forfeiture of that contest. The Section requested a list of contests in which this athlete participated during the 2006-07 year. This information will be forwarded to the appropriate sportchairs. If any championships are affected, it will be placed on the agenda for action in September. Iroquois will be notified that Extended Eligibility cannot be applied for after the athlete has participated and the list of contests must be received prior to the September meetings.
 - 5.2 The ECIC appeal of the 5/16/07 decision to place Buff. Acad. of Science Charter School in the ECIC league:
 - The NYSPHSAA Appeal Panel cannot rule on the placement until the Charter School is approved as a member at the state August 2007 meeting. However, the Panel noted that there were not sufficient grounds to reverse the decision of the Section.
 - The ECIC informed the Charter school of their inclusion in Boys and Girls Volleyball schedule for fall 2007.

Motion to inform the ECIC league that the Charter school must also be included in the Cross Country schedule for fall 2007 CARRIED **Maryjanowski/Dunnigan**
 - 5.3 A request, signed by AD, Principal, Superintendent and coach, was received from Buffalo AD D.Thomas for City Honors Girls Volleyball to move up from Class C to Class B for the 2007 season. The move was supported unanimously by the Girl Volleyball committee.

Motion to approve City Honors Girls Volleyball team for participation in Class B for the 2007 season including play-offs CARRIED **Dunnigan/Scholla**

The practice of playing up a classification was referred to the Sectional/Intersectional committee for review.

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- 5.4 Boys Golf: Eden has requested a hearing regarding the Exec Committee's decision that an Eden golfer is ineligible for sectional competition during his next competitive season in boys golf. B.Dinse will inform the Eden Superintendent that as per Section policy, the issue must be grieved at the next level which is the Athletic Council. It will be placed on the September 19 agenda.
- 5.5 Anne Smith has resigned as Girls tennis chair effective immediately. The Girls Tennis Committee recommends Dave Coates as her replacement.
Motion to appoint Dave Coates as the Section VI Girls Tennis Chairman for fall 2007 CARRIED Dunnigan/Scholla
- 5.6 A notice of resignation was received with regret from Pam Maryjanowski, Girls Sports Rep, to the Central Committee. Central Committee positions require a thorough understanding of Section polices and procedures. C.Amo will ask the Medina Superintendent for Pam's release from school for the Section meetings. 5.7 A notice of resignation was received from Girls Modified Chairman Dawn Bak. As per the Section VI by-laws, (p.5 item 5.5.1) the chairperson must be female. League presidents will be notified of this vacancy and asked to submit nominations.
- 6.0 Officials Coordinator's Report T.Cowan
- 6.1 Contracts with federated sports assigners: The contract with M.Roberts, Boys Lacrosse Assigner, has been agreed to in principal.
- 6.2 Wording of the final document for the Officials Contract 2007-2010 is being finalized and will be available on-line by September 1, 2007.
- 7.0 Sportsmanship Coordinator's Report
- 7.1 Sportsmanship:
Coaches Sportsmanship Awards 2006-07: In recognition of exemplary sportsmanship, the following coaches will be honored at the Section VI Annual Recognition dinner in August:
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| Buffalo: | Ken Hans - Leonardo da Vinci HS - Track / X-Country |
| Cattaraugus: | Rick DeKay - West Valley HS - Baseball / Basketball / Athletic Director |
| Chautauqua: | Dave Polechetti - Fredonia HS - Basketball / Softball |
| ECIC: | Chris Durr - Williamsville East - Soccer / Basketball |
| NFL: | Joseph Contento - Niagara Falls HS - Baseball / Football |
| Niagara Orleans: | Keith Piccirilli - Albion HS - Wrestling / Football |
| MMHSAA: | Rebecca Kranz - St. Mary HS - Volleyball |
- 8.0 Old Business:
- 8.1 Centralized Management of Officials – TheArbiter
- 8.1.1 Fall sports
- Northern Leagues:
- The following sports were auto-assigned by the Section office for Var and JV levels: Field Hockey, Boys Volleyball, Girls soccer, Boys Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Girls Swimming and Cross Country. The Round Table reviewed assignments on June 19. Recommended changes were made and assignments published by each league assigner on June 20. Re-assignments are in process.
 - Modified sports were auto-assigned by the Section office and published July 20. Mod B.Soccer was published 7/26.
 - Problems: Many complaints were received from G.Volleyball leadership and officials: they received fewer assignments; Assignments were at more distant schools; Officials who did not enter availability correctly were assigned contests they could get to in time; Initial assignments if declined, blocked the official on that date which added to the concerns about a shortage of officials.
- Southern Leagues:
- AD's were notified to review and verify the schedules on-line and contact their assigners.
 - Assignments will begin Aug.1. G. Lesmes has successfully auto-assigned soccer.

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8.1.2 Winter sports: Rosters and rankings are being collected.

8.1.3 BOCES: All Section VI member schools in the Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, ECIC, NO and NFL leagues are now using ScheduleStar. Service Agreements and Cross Contracts for subscriptions were sent to non-participating districts via the annual BOCES participation agreement.

8.2 Policy update: The Ad Hoc Committee of Superintendents met July 18 to begin review of Section VI Structure and Operations. They are working to formalize the system of checks-and-balances in the Section constitution as it relates to finance and improve communication between Section VI and the Superintendents. They have requested Erie 1 BOCES Policy Services to examine other sections in NYSPHSAA and review policy implications.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Section concerns for the summer state meeting: The proposal to change the cut-off numbers for football classifications will be brought up as a Section 6 concern. It would have a negative impact on our Class D programs.

10.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment

Dunnigan/Maryjanowski

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia M. Szczesny, Recording Secretary

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