

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

## December 12, 2007

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

Action taken since the November 14, 2007 meeting: Approved by email:

1. 11/19/07: Boys Basketball Tip-off Tournament at Dunkirk HS, 12/6-8/07, cosponsors Dunkirk City Schools and Boys and Girls Club of N. Chautauqua County
2. 11/19/07: Ice Hockey Boys L/M ComDoc Boys Ice Hockey Classic at the Amherst Pepsi Center, 11/23-24/07 cosponsor Williamsville Central
3. 11/19/07: Girls Basketball Alden State Bank Tourney, 11/30 & 12/1 at Alden HS, cosponsors Alden Central and Alden State Bank
4. 11/30/07: Wrestling Fredonia Holiday Classic at Fredonia State, 12/14-15/07, cosponsors Fredonia Central and STWOA

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm.

2.0 Minutes:

2.1 **Motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 2007** CARRIED

**Dunnigan/Wendt**

3.0 Treasurer's Report - L.Ratajczak **Received**

3.1 The transactions from 11/10/07-12/7/07 were reviewed.

3.2 The Finance committee met Dec. 6, 2007 to finalize the Proposed Budget 2008-09 (action item in January). There will be no increase in dues for member schools and no reduction in dues for Buffalo City Schools. It was noted that the reaction from superintendents to the Proposed Budget has been positive. The minutes-> <http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/jan%20reports/Finance07-12.pdf>

4.0 Executive Secretary's Report - R.Dinse

4.1 Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools:

- Membership in NYSPHSAA will be approved for Maritime Charter schools (retroactive to Nov. 27, 2007) at the State Exec meeting on February 1, 2008.
- A seminar on distance learning will be conducted by N. Van Erk on January 10, 2008. All charter schools in WNY will be invited.

4.2 Transportation: A letter was sent to the Vice President of Operations at Greyhound bus line requesting that the deposit be returned. The response was that a full refund of \$2,910.00 will be mailed 12/13/07.

4.3 The Section was informed that Thruway Lanes is conducting the "Festival of Lights" Tournament without a member school as a co-sponsor. B.Dinse will meet with M.Chase at Thruway Lanes to explain that the event must be cosponsored by a school and sanctioned by the Section as an Outside Agency contest.

5.0 Communications - R.Dinse

5.1 Schedule Star's website: B.Dinse has initiated discussion with the Section attorney regarding the legality of linking to the Schedule Star's website even if the link to their sales page is removed.

5.2 Boys Tennis has requested approval to allow districts to transport and house their athletes at state competition. Concern was raised that other individual sports may make the same request. The Tennis chair will be advised to present the rationale for this request at the next Executive Committee meeting.

6.0 Officials Coordinator's Report – T.Cowan

6.1 Officials Contract 2007-10: Additional changes have been finalized. The document awaits signatures from the Sports Officials.

6.2 Assigning with *TheArbiter*: Some sports assigners are not using TheArbiter to assign in 2007-08 or they are not using the Section 6 account in TheArbiter to assign. These assigners will be required to supply a written guarantee that only fingerprinted officials will be assigned. They will be required to assign using the Section 6 account in TheArbiter in 2008-09. e.g.:

- Chaut Co. B&G Basketball, S.Tier Wrestling, Ice Hockey.
- Baseball and softball for ECIC, Buffalo and MM will be assigned by G.Neunder using the WNYUA arbiter account in 2008 and the Section 6 account in 2009.
- Chaut Co., Lockport and Niagara Falls baseball and softball assigners plan to attend TheArbiter training on Dec. 19.

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- 7.0 Sportsmanship Coordinator's Report - D. Ames No report
- 8.0 Old Business:
- 8.1 Indoor Track and Selection Classification: The first weekend of competition with the new procedure in effect was successful. 75 S/C athletes were accounted for and are being monitored. The idea of a central location for testing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders was discussed.
- 8.2 A letter was sent to Pat Anderson, Asst. Girls Soccer Chairman, with a response to his concerns regarding sportsmanship inequities in all sports.
- 8.3 Centralized Management of Officials:
- Winter sports: Re-assigning of turnbacks by northern league assigners and Catt Co. Boys and Girls Basketball is in process. Chaut. Co. boys and girls basketball and S.Tier wrestling are not using TheArbiter for assigning, but their officials are registered.
  - Spring: 31 of 82 Boys Lacrosse officials have registered. The Section office is waiting for the other officials' rosters and will and notify them of this requirement. Concerns about baseball/softball were addressed by T.Cowan (see item 6.2)
- 8.4 Ad Hoc Committee- Section VI review: J.Rabey reported that the Superintendents' Committee will need feedback on the recommended updates to the Constitution and bylaws. A special meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for January 8 at 10:00 am at Erie 1 BOCES to review the proposal in detail.
- 8.5 Contract for C.Szczesny: The next meeting for negotiations will be January 8 after the Special Executive Committee meeting.
- 8.6 Athletic Directors were reminded by email that the deadline for returning ballots for the referendum on Charter Schools is Dec. 18.
- 8.6 Wrestling: The new procedure regarding personnel on the mats is working well.
- 8.7 All were reminded that Input is needed for a vote at the next State Executive Committee meeting in early February on these issues:
- Outdoor Track & Field - To adjust the at large entry to permit one entry for Division I and one entry for Division II when the qualifying standard has been met.
  - Sportsmanship - Requesting approval of a mandatory Sportsmanship Workshop to be coupled with the yearly mandatory Eligibility Workshop.
- 9.0 New Business No Report
- 10.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia M. Szczesny, Recording Secretary

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