

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 16, 2008

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

Excused: M.Ward

Guests: Robert Stulmaker-NYSPHSAA Assistant Director, Terry McMahon-Section VI Boys Tennis Chairperson

BOCES Rep: John Montesanti-BOCES Coordinator of Finance and Legislation

Action taken since the December 12, 2007 meeting: Approved by email 12/20/07:

- Wrestling: NFWOA Tournament at NCCC, 1/4-5/08, cosponsors Frontier Central and Niagara Frontier Wrestling Officials Association
- Boys Basketball: Holiday Invitational at Akron HS, 12/20-21/07, cosponsors Akron Central and Bank of Akron
- Bowling: NFHS Festival of Lights Tournament at AMF Thruway Lanes, 12/27/07, cosponsors Niagara Falls City Schools and AMF Lanes

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 9:30am.

2.0 **Motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2007 CARRIED**

Dunnigan/Scholla

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

3.1 Transactions 12/8/07-1/11/08 were reviewed.

3.2 Finance Committee Report: Minutes from the 12/6/07 meeting are posted on the website:
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/jan%20reports/Finance07-12.pdf>

- The Proposed 2008-09 Budget will be an action item at the Athletic Council meeting.
- It was suggested that we only use venues that follow correct accounting procedures.

4.0 Executive Secretary's Report - R.Dinse

4.1 Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools:

- A seminar on rules and eligibility was conducted for charter school Athletic Directors by N. Van Erk on January 10, 2008 at the distance learning facility.
- Draft 4 of Guidelines for Placement of Charter Schools, including the process for pursuing membership in the Section, was developed in November. This will be an action item in March.
- It was agreed that the current Charter School Committee will be responsible for determining the classification of Charter Schools when classification according to BEDS numbers is not appropriate. The names of the committee members will be forwarded to Nina for the 2/28/08 State meeting.
- It was also agreed that each League's annual review of Charter schools be moved from the May meeting to the March meeting to allow adequate time for fall season scheduling.

4.2 Transportation concerns: A full refund was received from Greyhound bus line.

4.3 The Section VI attorney was consulted regarding Schedule Star's website. Each school can decide if they want Schedule Star advertisement on their school website. If they decide against advertisement, their contract fee with Schedule Star will increase.

4.4 Sectional Intersectional Committee report: Minutes from the 1/4/08 meeting are posted on the website:
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/jan%20reports/SecIntersec08-1.pdf>

The voting structure of sport committees was clarified. Each sport committee consists of a representative from each of the 6 leagues. Each league is allowed one vote. In the case of a tie, the motion is defeated. At large committee members have no voting rights. The following recommendations will be made to the Athletic Council:

- Approve 3-man officiating in girls soccer sectional semi-finals as well as finals.
- Approve the football alignment.
- Approve the pre-season reports except for Girls Swimming (to be reviewed at the February meeting) and Softball Item #4.

5.0 Communications - R.Dinse

5.1 Terry McMahon, Boys Tennis Chairman addressed the committee regarding transportation to state competition, sportsmanship and supervision while at state competition. The recommendation to the Athletic Council will be to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to review transportation and related issues relative to state championship competition in individual sports. Charge: to review our policy in these sports relative to transportation, responsibility of individual schools, sportsmanship and rules/ regulations.

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Communications continued:

- 5.2 Action item for the Athletic Council: In order to protect the confidentiality of students, names of athletes will no longer appear on any Section VI meeting agenda or minutes. Student athletes will only be referred to by an identifying number, team and school district.
 - 5.3 The proposed updates to the Section VI By-Laws and Constitution (emailed 1/4/08) will be discussed at the Athletic Council meeting. Minutes from the Executive Committee meeting to review the updates are posted on the website. J.Rabey will forward the recommended updates to Superintendents for review.
 - 5.4 NYSPHSAA Softball Committee is accepting bids from Sections interested in hosting the state tournament for 3 years: 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- 6.0 Officials Coordinator's Report – T.Cowan
- 6.1 Officials Contract 2007-10 Update: Currently awaiting 3 signatures.
 - 6.2 WNY Football officials' grievance has been resolved.
 - 6.3 2008-09 Central Management & Assigning of Officials: A timeline is being developed and will be sent to all officials and schools along with the specific requirements for all sports to be in compliance with Central Management and Assigning of Officials through TheArbiter.
 - 6.4 The Fall Post season meeting was cancelled due to weather. A meeting will be held with boys and girls soccer chairpersons to resolve some concerns. The Field Hockey committee is discussing the possibility of moving modified competition to the spring to alleviate problems caused by the shortage of officials in fall. This is currently being done in Section 5. R Stulmaker remarked that girls participating in JV in fall cannot practice or play with modified in spring.
- 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 Monday April 28, 2008 at Erie 1 BOCES, W. Seneca. Each AD is requested to bring one female and one male student. As a result, the mandatory Safety Conference will be moved to another date. It was noted that there may be some difficulty for districts to transport 2 student athletes to this program. Use of district mini vans or parents was suggested. D.Ames will need a count of student athletes for t-shirts.
- 8.0 Old Business:
- 8.1 Indoor Track and Selection Classification: L. Ratajczak reported 100% compliance, with 98 8th grade athletes representing 19 of the 33 schools that participate in Indoor Track.
 - 8.2 Centralized Management of Officials:
 - Spring sports: 70 of 83 Boys Lacrosse officials have registered. All baseball/softball officials have been sent instructions for sign-on. Most assigners have been trained in TheArbiter. The Section office is waiting for the girls lacrosse roster to enter the officials.
 - Fall Sports: WNY Football officials are being entered into TheArbiter. The SW football officials organization has not notified their officials of the need for email addresses. This will be addressed at their first meeting in March. Rosters with email addresses are due April 25.
Soccer – For Post Season assignments, an official will not only be required to have officiated 6 varsity games but also a specified number of JV & modified games during the regular season. This will promote mentoring within officials chapters. It has been recommended that modified games not be assigned until two weeks prior to the contests to reduce the number of turn backs.
 - 2008-09: See item 6.3
 - 8.3 Contract for C.Szczesny: Wording is being finalized.
 - 8.4 NYSPHSAA Structure & Policy Review – 4 items will be addressed by state Implementation Committee:
 - Transfer Rule
 - Nonpublic Schools
 - Governance
 - Sport Season Placement
- 9.0 New Business
- 10.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Pauline Turski, Administrative Clerk Section VI