

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 21, 2008

Present: C.Amo, M.Wendt, J.Dunnigan, J.Rabey, D.Scholla, C.Bullis, R. Black,
T.Cowan, R.Dinse, L.Ratajczak, D.Ames
Excused: M.Ward
Guests: Joe Altieri- Assistant Executive Director NYSPHSAA, Leo Kaminsky- Media/Girls Basketball
BOCES Rep: John Montesanti-BOCES Coordinator of Finance and Legislation

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

2.0 **Motion to approve the minutes of April 23, 2008 CARRIED**

Dunnigan/Wendt

3.0 Treasurer's Report - L.Ratajczak Received

3.1 Transactions 4/19/08-5/16/08 were reviewed.

3.2 Finance Committee Report: Minutes from meeting 4/24/08 are posted on the website:

<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/may/Finance08-4.pdf>

<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/may/State%20Competition%20Rpt.pdf>

<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/may/Admissions-Venues%2008-09.pdf>

- Action items for the Athletic Council will be Ticket Prices for 08-09 and upgrade to P.Turski's position.
- Ice Hockey: All finances of the Federation will be handled by Section VI. Expenses have been paid by the Section since 1/1/08. Another meeting is scheduled with N.Riccio, Treasurer of the Federation, to finalize the financial arrangements.
- Finance Committee expressed concern regarding use of ECC as the venue for finals because of low numbers of spectators. L.Kaminsky indicated that attendance was affected by spring break in 2008. He will prepare a report based on the previous 3 years at ECC for the next Finance Committee meeting.
- Still to be addressed by the Finance Committee: Development of policies for the sale of products at sectionals and sectional site-management.

4.0 Executive Secretary's Report - R.Dinse

4.1 The Mandatory Athletic Director Workshop conducted by N. Van Erk is scheduled for Sept 4, the 2nd day of school. Districts are requesting a date change. This will be discussed at the Athletic Council meeting.

4.2 Wrestling: A company to replace UB Sports Medicine to handle weight certification is being sought.

4.3 Programs: A chairperson is needed for the basketball programs. Leagues will be asked to submit names of potential candidates to the Section office. Team photos will not be printed in 08-09. Elimination of the wrestling program is being considered. The Wrestling Committee will be asked for their recommendation on this issue at the next Executive Committee meeting.

4.4 Indoor Track: A meeting will be held in June to establish plans for site management. A report will be presented at the September meeting.

4.5 Concerns were discussed regarding a copy machine and furniture purchased by BOCES for Section 6. If the Section wishes to receive aid on the purchases, the BOCES Standards Committee dictates the specifics of the purchase. It was clarified that purchases should not be made by BOCES without a recommendation from the treasurer L.Ratajczak and the Finance Committee and approval of the Athletic Council.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters CARRIED **Wendt/Dunnigan**

4.5 L.Kaminsky – Media/Programs:

- The net from sale of programs for 2007-08 was approximately \$6,000.
- A chairperson is needed for basketball programs. Team photos will not be printed in 08-09.
- Elimination of the wrestling program is being considered. The Wrestling Committee will be asked for their recommendation on this issue at the next Executive Committee meeting on June 18.
- The Boys Swimming Committee has requested permission to sell photos of the athletes at sectional finals. J.Graczyk will be asked to submit the request in writing for approval by the Athletic Council.

5.0 Communications - R.Dinse

5.1 NYSPHSAA offered to present L.Mott's Hazing Awareness and Prevention Program to help guide districts through the process of developing a hazing policy. Districts interested should contact L.Mott at 866-598-2816. It was noted that anyone who has received the NYSPHSAA CTA training is qualified to conduct the workshop. ECIC will conduct this workshop on October 6.

5.2 NYSPHSAA has recently approved the development of a Task Force to study and make recommendations for a competitive adapted athletic program. If anyone is interested in serving on this Task Force contact the Section VI office The first meeting is Wed., June 11, 2008 at 10:00 AM at the NYSPHSAA office in Latham. NYSPHSAA will pay expenses.

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Communications continued:

- 5.3 A letter was received from D.Schwede, President of the NYSACFO, claiming that the Section 6 policy of charging each official \$10 for ID cards is a violation of the contract. It was noted that because the ID card is a condition of employment and the contract is silent on the issue it is not a violation. T.Cowan will respond to the letter.
 - 5.4 NYSPHSAA has requested that Section 6 send a representative to serve on the Sports Season Committee. It was agreed that the previous representative Chris DeMarco, who is interested in serving on this committee again, will represent Section 6. The first meeting is June 18 at the State office.
 - 5.5 Veterans Committee Chairperson J.Trampert has requested approval for the annual Veterans Recognition Dinner at the Columns Restaurant, Sept. 10, 2008. Anticipated cost approximately \$650 - \$21/person minimum 30 people. This will be an action item for the Athletic Council.
 - 5.6 NYSPHSAA announced that Section VI has 2 schools that achieved the State Scholar Athlete Team Award: Southwestern High School's Boys Golf Team and Medina High School's Boys Tennis Team. Congratulations to both schools!
 - 5.7 Notification was received from B.Banker that a Kenmore West athlete was disqualified from participation in sectional boys tennis due to a violation of the district's Code of Conduct.
- 6.0 Officials Coordinator's Report – T.Cowan
- 6.1 Lackawanna Boys Soccer: A committee has been established to monitor the Lackawanna boys soccer program for the 2008 season. They will meet with the AD and new soccer coaches to assist them in developing a sportsmanship program.
 - 6.2 Spring Form X: only 3 were paid. This indicates a major positive result of the use of TheArbiter.
 - 6.3 Contracts with football assigners: Received from the North assigner L.Michael but not from the South assigner A.Feser.
 - 6.4 Meeting with Northern league assigners: Summary is posted
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/may/N%20Assigners%20Work%20Session%20Fall08.pdf>
- 7.0 Sportsmanship Coordinator's Report - D. Ames
- 7.1 Chemical Awareness: Approximately 300 people, AD's and student athletes, attended the mandatory Life of an Athlete Workshop Year 4 – Selecting and Training Student Athlete Leaders on 4/28/08. Year 5 is in development and must be attended by all Athletic Directors. The Niagara Orleans is putting on a workshop in addition to the Year 5 Program. Contact D.Ames for information.
 - 7.2 Sportsmanship: All WNY Good Sports for winter are in the newsletter. Spring sportchairs still need to submit names for spring sports. The Sportsmanship session of the Mandatory AD Workshop on Aug. 25 will be conducted by D.Ames. Contact Doug with recommendations/ideas. Leagues are encouraged to nominate a coach for the Annual Sportsmanship Award:
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/FormsInfo/sptsmsph%20award%20-%20coach.pdf>
 - 7.3 Congratulations to the Section VI New York Good Sports Awards winners: Albion, Lockport, Iroquois, and Forestville. 87% of Section 6 schools submitted the application.
- 8.0 Old Business:
- 8.1 Sending the final draft of the Section VI Constitution to member schools for approval through a post card ballot will be discussed at the Athletic Council meeting.
 - 8.2 Softball Finals will be held at Niagara Falls.
 - 8.3 NYSPHSAA denied the City of Buffalo's request for an 11th game for the Harvard Cup Championship. Buffalo will submit another request to the NYSPHSAA Central Committee in August.
 - 8.4 NYSPHSAA Proposed Penalties: Bonnie Smith will present a report from the State Handbook Committee at the Athletic Council meeting. <http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/may/Handbook%20Committee%20Report.pdf>
 - 8.5 Centralized Management of Officials 2008-09:
 - Fall Sports: Fall officials have been notified to update availability on TheArbiter. Football officials will be notified by the end of May. Importing of fall schedules is proceeding and must be completed by May 30 (N) and June 13 (S). Central assigning in the north begins June 2.
 - Winter: Ice hockey officials are entered.
 - Training in TheArbiter was attended by 8 assigners including ice hockey and boys soccer chairperson. A session will be held mid-June for the S.Tier basketball and wrestling assigners and girls soccer sportchair. Soccer will pilot assigning sectionals in TheArbiter.

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9.0 New Business

9.1 Election of the following Section VI positions at the Athletic Council meeting:

- 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 – No nominations received
- 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
 - Bowling (Girls)- John Seeley, West Seneca East
 - Ice Hockey- Mark DiFilippo, Niagara Wheatfield
 - Indoor Track (Boys) Peter Szymanski
 - Indoor Track (Girls) Emilio Mancino
 - Rifle- Paul Borkowski
 - Swimming (Boys)- James Graczyk, Co-Chairperson- Al Fritzing
 - Wrestling- Mike DeBarbieri, Co-Chairperson-Israel Martinez

9.2 ***Motion to recommend approval of the annual stipend for C.Szczesny for additional work on TheArbiter CARRIED Wendt/Dunnigan***

10.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia M. Szczesny, Recording Secretary

