

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

## November 14, 2007

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

Excused: M.Ward

Guests: Nina Van Erk-Executive Director NYSPHSAA, John Montesanti-BOCES Coordinator of Finance and Legislation, Pat Anderson-Section 6 Asst. Soccer Chairperson

Action taken since the October 17, 2007 meeting: Approved by email vote 10/31/07:

- Senior All-Star Contest: Boys Soccer at Medina HS on 11/10/07 cosponsors Medina Central, No League and the Genesee Region
- Waiver of the minimum 6-meet requirement for participation in cross country sectionals due to medical reasons for: Maggie Russell (Lockport), Katie Niblock (Sweet Home) and Lee Gugino (Starpoint).

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

2.0 Minutes:

2.1 **Motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2007** CARRIED

**Dunnigan/Wendt**

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

3.1 Transactions 10/13/07-11/9/07 were reviewed.

3.2 Finance Committee Report

- Minutes from Oct. 18, 2007 meeting are posted on the website:

<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/nov%20reports/Finance07-10.pdf>

- The 2008-09 Budget is not complete. In order for it to be an action item in January, a recommendation will be made at the Athletic Council meeting that the final Proposed Budget will be emailed to all Athletic Council members by December 5 for review at league meetings. No dues increase is anticipated. All superintendents will be asked to review the budget.

4.0 Executive Secretary's Report - R.Dinse

4.1 Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools:

- The minutes from the Oct. 16 and Nov. 7 meetings are posted on the website. An instructional session on NYSPHSAA rules and regulations was conducted for four charter schools. Draft 4 of Guidelines for Placement of Charter Schools, including the process for pursuing membership in the Section, was developed.

<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/oct%20reports/ADHoc%20charter%20schools%2007-10.pdf>

<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/nov%20reports/ADHoc%20charter%20schools%2007-11.pdf>

- NYSPHSAA approved membership for Oracle and Tapestry Charter schools.
- An application for NYSPHSAA membership was received from Maritime Charter School. This will be an action item at the Athletic Council meeting this afternoon.
- A seminar is being planned for all 16 charter schools in WNY. Nina Van Erk will present a workshop on rules, regulations and eligibility standards.
- NYSPHSAA is sending a referendum vote to all member schools on Nov.14, 2007 to classify charter schools in the same manner as non-public schools. Section 6 ballots must be returned to Don Scholla, Olean by Dec. 19, 2007.

4.2 Injury Management: Last minute site/time changes for sectionals has been costly to UB Sports Medicine, who is contracted with the Section to provide trainers at neutral sites. This cost may be passed on to the Section in the future. Sportchairs will be reminded of the importance of contacting UB Sports Medicine and the Section of any site/time changes.

4.3 Transportation:

- Concerns were expressed by the girls tennis chairman regarding the Niagara Scenic driver. The Niagara Scenic CEO responded quickly.
- Greyhound bus drivers are not all 19A active school bus certified as the company initially indicated. They could not supply proof of DOT bus inspection as requested by district transportation directors J.Wideman (Akron) and R.Mowry (Lancaster). To protect school liabilities, the Greyhound busses were cancelled the day before departure for cross country state championships. Ridge Road Express responded to our need by supplying school busses and appropriately certified drivers. The Section is in the process of getting a refund of the \$3,000 deposit that was paid to Greyhound.

4.4 The check for payment of State dues (due at NYSPHSAA in Sept) will be mailed by BOCES on Nov.15. NYSPHSAA is considering not allowing a section to participate in post-season play if dues are not

received prior to the start of post-season. BOCES rep J.Montesanti will work with BOCES to ensure a more timely payment in the future.

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- 4.5 Some schools may be allowing 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in a regular season extramural schedule which is against Commissioners Regulations. Athletic Directors are encouraged to review the regulations (attached) with their coaches and other school personnel.
- 5.0 Communications - R.Dinse
- 5.1 Two nominations were received for Girls Rep to the Central Committee: Chautauqua - Donna Kubera, Dunkirk and NFL - Cindy Bullis, Lew-Port. The resumes and league recommendations were emailed to Athletic Council members. This is an action item for the Athletic Council meeting this afternoon.
- 5.2 Southern Tier superintendents' concerns regarding Schedule Star's website that offers merchandise for sale were referred to BOCES attorneys. B.Dinse was directed to obtain a written response on this issue from the Section attorney.
- 5.3 Pat Anderson addressed the Executive Committee on the possibility of establishing a Section Sportsmanship policy, similar to that in soccer, for all sports. His concerns were noted.
- 5.4 An invitation was received from Mary Lou Rath to attend a hearing on 11/13/07 to strengthen legislation on an Amateur Sports Development Agency.
- 5.5 A request was received from the Williamsville District to permit a student athlete to be transported to and from state girls swim championship with a parent, and return with 3 additional athletes. Permission was not granted. Section policy does not allow an athlete to travel with anyone other than the parent or the coach.
- 6.0 Officials Coordinator's Report – T.Cowan
- 6.1 Officials Contract 2007-10: Signatures from the WNY Sports Officials reps have not been received. Tom will try to finalize the contract soon.
- 6.2 Form X report: 28 have been paid and several are pending.
- 6.3 WNY Football officials have filed a level 1 grievance regarding payment for scrimmages. There is no fee schedule in the contract for scrimmages. T.Cowan will follow-up.
- 6.4 Assignment of baseball and softball officials on TheArbiter will be addressed in the near future.
- 7.0 Sportsmanship Coordinator's Report - D. Ames
- 7.1 Chemical Awareness: The mandatory Year 4 Workshop will be conducted by John Underwood on Mon. Apr. 28, 2008 in the morning at Erie 1 BOCES, W. Seneca. The mandatory Safety conference will be in the afternoon.
- 7.2 Sportsmanship: Coaches and sportchairs are encouraged to submit nominations for All WNY Good Sports for fall.
- 8.0 Old Business:
- 8.1 Indoor Track and Selection Classification: The procedure developed by the sportchairs for winter 2007-08 has been emailed to the Athletic Directors and is posted on the Section 6 website.
- 8.2 A letter was sent to D.Beetow, Eden Athletic Director, with a response to his questions regarding the denial of the appeal on an Eden golfer.
- 8.3 Centralized Management of Officials: Winter sports
- Major problems were encountered involving the data exchange between ScheduleStar and TheArbiter for all schools. This created additional workload in the Section office and delayed the start of assigning process in the North and South for more than 2 weeks.
  - North: Boys and Girls Basketball, Wrestling and Boys swimming were successfully auto-assigned by the Section. Re-assigning of turnbacks by league assigners is in process.
  - South: Catt Co. Boys and Girls Basketball will be auto-assigned by IAABO121. Chaut Co boys and girls basketball and S.Tier Wrestling will not use TheArbiter for assigning, but will have their officials registered.
- Spring: Work will begin on getting Boys Lacrosse on board. Concerns about the method of assigning baseball and softball need to be addressed.

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Old Business continued

- 8.4 Ad Hoc Committee- Section VI Office review: J.Rabey reported that the Superintendents' Committee met again on Oct. 23. J.Montesanti, who was appointed to review the Section VI Constitution and By-laws, presented his recommendations for change. This information was forwarded to all Superintendents for comments and suggestions. In addition, the Superintendent's Rep from each league was requested to submit a summary of their league costs for assigning sports officials. Another meeting will be scheduled before December to discuss the new input and move the process forward.
- 8.5 Contract for C.Szczesny: C.Amo, J.Rabey and M.Wendt began contract negotiations with Ms. Szczesny on Nov. 14.

9.0 New Business:

- 9.1 Football bowl games and finals at Ralph Wilson were very successful this season.

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia M. Szczesny, Recording Secretary

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