

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 19, 2007

Present: C.Amo, M.Wendt, J.Dunnigan, D.Scholla, R.Black, T.Cowan, D. Ames, R.Dinse, L.Ratajczak, J.Montesanti
Excused: M.Ward, J.Rabey
Guests: L.Mott, Assistant Executive Director NYSPHSAA

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

2.0 Minutes:

2.1 **Motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2007** CARRIED **Dunnigan/Wendt**

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

3.1 Transactions 7/28/07-9/14/07 were reviewed.

3.2 Finance Committee report:

- A new formula is being considered to reduce the Fund Balance
- Boys Swimming will be held at ECC. This college site, though more costly, is safer than high school sites because of increased deck space.
- The Budget for 08-09 will include the cost for the conversion of the Section 6 website to the new BOCES server and the required website format.
- Girls basketball will now have the same financial procedure as boys basketball.
- Admission for boys and girls basketball finals will be increased from \$5 to \$6.

3.3 MJR: M.Ryan has contacted the Section VI Attorney indicating that his company is close to bankruptcy. He requested that his monthly payments to the Section be reduced from \$500 to \$250. The reduction was approved, with the stipulation that a review be conducted after 6 months.

4.0 Executive Secretary's Report - R.Dinse

4.1 Injury Management Bid: The bid from UB Sports Medicine, the only bidder, was accepted at a cost of \$1,000 less than last year.

4.2 Transportation Bid: The bids from bus companies to transport athletes to state competition for individual sports will be opened and reviewed this week. A report will be given at the next meeting.

4.3 Violations of Selection Classification by Section 6 member schools in Indoor Track 06-07:

- Two schools were placed on probation (Exec Minutes 8/1/07)
- To prevent further violations, the Indoor Track Chairmen have proposed that an individual be hired to review S/C documentation of 7th and 8th graders before each meet. The Chairmen will be asked to outline the logistics of this plan for the next meeting.

5.0 Communications - R.Dinse

5.1 A letter was received from A.Noman, previous Lackawanna soccer coach, regarding comments made by soccer official J.Kramer in a Newsweek article. President Amo responded by indicating that this was not a Section issue since the district did not file a complaint. The Section VI attorney responded in a similar manner to Olia Latif, the NYS Chapter of Islamic Relations, when questioned on this issue.

5.2 Boys Golf: Eden will present an appeal to the Athletic Council this afternoon of the Exec Committee's decision (6/13/07) that their golfer be ineligible for sectional competition during his next competitive season in boys golf.

5.3 Resignation notices were received from:

- Pam Maryjanowski, Girls Sports Central Committee Representative. Current nominations:
Cindy Bullis, Lew-Port: nominated by the NFL
Debby Schrufer, Frontier: nominated by Tim Marong, Frontier Athletic Director
Dawn Bak, Tonawanda AD has expressed interest.
- Dawn Bak, Girls Modified Chairperson. Current nominations:
Charlie Jufer, Wilson AD and Bobbi Lin Meyer, JFK AD have expressed interest.
- Dave Gilson, Boys Golf Chairman. Current nominations:
Kevin Rice, Silver Creek has been recommended by the Boys Golf Committee.

5.4 J.Rusin, Williamsville AD, offered to investigate the concept of sharing busses with Section 5 for state competition. 10 busses could be booked for boys and girls basketball for use by the regional winners from Section 5 or 6. It was recommended that J.Rusin communicate with the basketball chairs before proceeding.

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Communications continued:

- 5.5 Oracle and Tapestry Charter schools have requested information on membership in Section 6. It was agreed that:
- Charter schools interested in membership must be given an application for NYSPHSAA membership.
 - When their application for membership in the state association has been submitted, that charter school will be referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on Charter Schools for placement.
 - The Ad Hoc Committee will meet to review the procedures for league placement.
 - A Superintendent should sit on the Ad Hoc Committee.
 - The Ad Hoc Committee will contact NYSPHSAA so our process can be reviewed.
- 5.6 C.Szczesny is in the final year of her current employment contract with Section 6 and has requested to negotiate for a successor agreement. Contract negotiations will begin with President Amo.
- 6.0 Officials Coordinator's Report – T.Cowan
- 6.1 Officials Contract 2007-10: When all required signatures have been obtained, the document will be posted on the website.
- 6.2 Excessive game changes being made by schools throughout the Section are causing serious assigner concerns. Schools should be aware that, as per the 07-10 Contract, if game changes are made within 7 days of the contest for an invalid reason and the assigned officials cannot be reassigned, they may file a Form X to claim a half-fee. A possible solution to reduce these occurrences and potential additional fees paid by member schools is to require late game changes to be submitted in writing with the Superintendent's signature.
- 6.3 The Soccer Sportsmanship red/yellow card policy was revisited by the Sportsmanship Committee. It was agreed that the current policy will remain the same for 2007.
- 6.4 The contract with Boys Lacrosse assigner has been verbally approved and will be sent for signature.
- 7.0 Sportsmanship Coordinator's Report - D. Ames
- 7.1 Chemical Awareness: The date for the Year 4 Workshop date is still TBA. John Underwood will be contacted for confirmation. T.Marong, Safety Chairman, will work with D.Ames to conduct the annual mandatory safety meeting on the same date. Once the date is confirmed, the location will be established and AD's notified.
- 7.2 Sportsmanship: At the Athletic Council meeting this afternoon, Olean will be congratulated for achieving the state award which was presented to their district at the annual state meeting in August. Section 6 awards will be presented to Frontier, Lew-Port and Medina.
- 8.0 Old Business:
- 8.1 Investigation of an illegal Iroquois 5th-year student participating in football resulted in their football championship being revoked. The school will be notified.
- 8.2 Centralized Management of Officials:
- 8.2.1 Fall sports
- Northern Leagues:
- The following sports were auto-assigned by the Section office for all levels: F.Hockey, B & G Volleyball, B & G soccer, G Swimming and Cross Country. The Round Table reviewed assignments. Recommended changes were made and assignments published by each league assigner. Re-assignments of turnbacks are in process.
 - Problems: The following Complaints were received from G.Volleyball leadership and officials: Officials who did not enter availability correctly were assigned contests they could get to in time; Initial assignments if declined, blocked officials leading to a shortage of officials; Excessive schedule changes by schools are creating major concerns.
- Southern Leagues:
- S.Tier assigners are using TheArbiter successfully
 - Excessive schedule changes by schools are creating major concerns

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Centralized Management of Officials continued

8.2.2 Winter sports: Rosters/rankings for Northern organizations have been entered and are being collected from Southern organizations. Timeline:

| Winter Sports Timeline | Buff, ECIC,NFL, NO, MM | Chaut, Catt |
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| Draft schedules complete | Mon. Sept. 10 | Mon. Sept. 24 |
| Initial schedule complete, including non-league games | Mon. Sept. 24 | Tues. Oct. 9 |
| Begin import of schedules to TheArbiter | Wed. Oct. 3 | Wed. Oct. 17 |
| Begin Assigning Varsity & JV | Tues. Oct. 9 | Tues. Oct. 23 |
| Begin Assigning Modified | TBA | TBA |
| Release assignments to OBR's for review | Mon. Oct. 15 | NA |
| Round Table to review assignments | Thurs. Oct 18 | NA |

Training on TheArbiter will be held for winter assigners Sept.27.

8.2.3 BOCES: Section VI schools in Chaut, Catt, ECIC, NO and NFL leagues are using ScheduleStar. Service Agreements and Cross Contracts for subscriptions were sent to non-participating districts via the annual BOCES participation agreement.

8.3 Policy: Suggested updates to the Section VI Constitution and By-laws have been received from J.Montesanti, BOCES Policy Services. These updates will be reviewed by the Superintendents Committee on Section VI Office Structure and Policy Review. A report will be made to the Executive Committee at the next Executive Committee meeting October 17.

8.4 Ad Hoc Committee on Section VI Office review: The Section VI office is handling an increased workload due to the Central Assigning of Officials, and cost saving changes made by the Finance Committee. A long-term solution to this problem and the corresponding effect on the office job descriptions will be reviewed by committee. The approval of additional hours for the Administrative Clerk position (maximum 7.5 hours per week) was agreed to as a temporary solution.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Transfer Hearing Appeal (Ellicottville): The appeal was denied by the Executive Committee however the hearing brought up concerns regarding language in the state handbook and the timing of the Eligibility Workshop for Athletic Directors. These concerns will be addressed with the Athletic Council.

10.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment

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Respectfully submitted, Cynthia M. Szczesny, Recording Secretary

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