

MINUTES
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
August 16, 2007 12-3pm
Submitted by Loren Ratajczak, Treasurer

Attendance (* indicates present)

Committee: Chairman/Treasurer Loren Ratajczak*, Section reps: Bob Dinse*, Mark Ward

League Reps: Catt: Don Scholla ECIC: Jim Graczyk* Buff: D.Thomas
 Chaut: Dan Cassidy NO: Ken Stoldt NFL: Paul Lyons*

Guests present: Chris Durr, Girls Basketball committee rep

BOCES reps: John Montesanti*, Coordinator of Finance and Legislation

Superintendents: Chautauqua: Steve Vanstrom, Frewsburg, Jane Fosberg, Falconer,
ECIC: Jeff Rabey, Lake Shore

1.0 Section Budget 2006-2007

The 06-07 Budget is officially closed. The planned deficit of \$83,000 was reduced by \$50,000 by imposing serious restraints in all parts of the planned budget including State Championships Travel.

2.0 Fund Balance Review (standard agenda item for each meeting)

The committee is considering:

- a new formula to reduce the fund balance
- starting a fund to supplement the \$1.00 per mile offered by the State for Championship Travel.

3.0 Fall Sports Budgets

Sectional Budget Work Sheets for Fall Season were reviewed. Concerns were expressed about sports which lose money on an annual basis. No simple solution was stated. Presently the thirty-one sports fall under a single umbrella and a total net profit, if any, would be applied to the Fund Balance or withdrawn if there was a loss.

4.0 Venues

- 4.1 Girls Volleyball will return to Daemen College for sectional finals.
- 4.2 Bowling: Thruway Lanes was selected as the venue 07-08 by bid.
- 4.3 Girls Basketball will return to ECC based on a comparison with other venues.
- 4.4 Swim venue was discussed. It was agreed that more deck space is needed.

5.0 Section Budget 2008-09:

- 5.1 The method for adjusting Buffalo dues for 08-09: It was agreed that the Buffalo dues-increase was reduced by 70% for 2007-08 only.
- 5.2 Website costs/ Equipment: Website restructure is necessary in 07-08 due to a change in BOCES equipment. Information was presented on school wires and a transition is planned in the spring to be prepaid. Cost if any would be prorated during this school year.
- 5.3 Centralized Management of Officials- consideration of costs for TheArbiter: Centralized management of officials was paid from SAVE Legislation funds. The system is working well as users become more familiar.

6.0 Sectional Issues:

- 6.1 **Boys & Girls Basketball: Admission will be \$6.00 at the finals this season.** The girls basketball financial procedure will mirror the boys financial procedure for gate revenues and expenses at all games. ie: For Pre-quarter and quarters-finals, schools are expected to charge admission and the section will pay expenses. **Schools that fail to charge admission will be responsible for all expenses.**

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Sectional Issues continued:

- 6.2 Sectional gate crews: The procedure used at Boys Swimming sectionals at Sweet Home HS was very successful. A sectional crew will work Boys Swimming Sectionals in 2008. This procedure may be expanded to other sectional venues.
- 6.3 Section VI Annual Veterans Dinner: Cost saving changes for Sept.2007 include buffet vs sit-down, discontinue the free refreshment and photo, one mailing instead of 2.
- 6.4 Section VI Directory:
- Publication will remain with the BOCES print shop. The cost to print 400 directories is \$1,700 vs \$2,500 at Arkwright Printing.
 - The Section office recommended that a pdf instead of a hard copy be sent to media representatives at a savings of approximately \$7/copy (\$280 – 40 copies). It was approved.
- 6.5 **Reminder: all sports semi finals will charge at the gate. Failure to do so, will mean all expenses and including officials will be paid by the school.**