

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 18, 2009

Present: M.Wendt, D.Munro, J.Dunnigan, J.Rabey, C.Bullis, D.Scholla, R.Black,
R.Dinse, L.Ratajczak, T.Cowan, C.Amo, J.Montesanti-BOCES Rep
Excused: D.Ames
Guests: Nina Van Erk, Executive Director NYSPHSAA
Eileen Troy, 2nd Vice President NYSPHSAA

Items approved since the last meeting on October 21, 2009:

- Waiver of the minimum number of contests needed for participation in boys soccer sectionals was approved for a Westfield athlete by email on 10/22/09.
- Waiver of the minimum number of contests needed for participation in boys soccer sectionals was approved for a Maple Grove athlete by email on 10/23/09.
- Waiver of the minimum number of contests needed for participation in cross country sectionals was approved for the following athletes by email on 11/4/09: Molly Emerick-Starpoint, Drew Perilli-Lockport, Morgan Watson-Sherman
- The special request for Olean to combine with Allegany-Limestone for Indoor Track was approved by email on 11/10/09.

Items highlighted in yellow are reminders to the responsible parties. Items highlighted in green are complete.

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Mike Wendt. mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org
- 2.0 The minutes of the October 21, 2009 meetings were approved.
- 3.0 Treasurer's Report - L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org
 - 3.1 The transactions 10/10/09-11/13/09 were reviewed. It was noted that using a section gate crew at neutral sites has been profitable.
 - 3.2 Ice Hockey Task Force: J.Rabey jrabey@lakeshore.wnyric.org
The transition of Federation financial operations to Section VI is proceeding smoothly. Schools were invoiced for their participation fees for 2009-10. Payments are being received.
 - 3.3 Finance Report: Minutes from the Finance Meeting 10/21/09 are posted. There will be 3 action items at the Athletic Council meeting. It was noted that The Draft of the 2010-2011 Budget will presented.
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Minutes%20Finance/Finance09-10.pdf>
 - 3.4 Finance Report Addendum: Minutes from the Finance Meeting 11/9/09 are posted. There is one action item for the Athletic Council to correct procedural errors in C.Szczesny's contract.
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Minutes%20Finance/Finance09-11.pdf>
- 4.0 Executive Secretary's Report - R.Dinse mdinse@roadrunner.com
 - 4.1 H1N1 issue: The State association has posted *Guidelines for Emergency Cancellations and Declared Emergencies* and *H1N1 Facts*. (see links below) Leagues will determine their own practices regarding this issue. Discussion will take place at the Athletic Council meeting regarding sectional contests.
<http://www.nysphsaa.org/FluEmergencyGuidelines.pdf> <http://www.nysphsaa.org/H1N1facts.pdf>
 - 4.2 Football Sectionals: Stadium Management informed the Section that alcohol was consumed in the parking lot at Ralph Wilson Stadium during sectional football play-offs. This will be addressed at the Athletic Council meeting.
 - 4.3 Sportsmanship: The following is a recommendation by the Handbook Committee for action by the State Association in December: *During regular season or sectionals, the Section should impose a penalty on the school/coach if the coach has not served the penalty for violating the sportsmanship standard. During regionals and beyond, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director will impose the penalty.*
 - 4.4 Handbook Committee: To prevent violation of the rule regarding the maximum # of contests per season, each sport committee has been asked to define a scrimmage as it applies to their sport.
- 5.0 Communications - R.Dinse mdinse@roadrunner.com
 - 5.1 NYSPHSAA: Global Concepts Charter School has been approved as a new member effective 11/2/09 pending retroactive approval of the State Executive Committee in December.
 - 5.2 Michele Ziegler, Lancaster, will represent Section VI on the NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Cheerleading Committee which will recommend the State Association's future role in that activity/sport.

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- 6.0 Old Business & Committee Reports:
- 6.1 Policy Handbook C.Bullis bullisc@lew-port.com
Additional items have added to the Policy book. A second draft will be prepared prior to the January meeting. Finance policies still need to be added.
- 6.2 Program Booklets M.Ward No Report mward@eville.wnyric.org
- 6.3 Boys & Girls Reps to the Central Committee need direction on the following items. Discussion will take place at the Athletic Council meeting.
- 6.3.1 NYSPHSAA dues increase for 2010-11: \$30 per school and \$.03 per student
- 6.3.2 Boys Basketball: Use the NFHS replay review rule for all NYSPHSAA Championship semi-finals and finals if it can be done at no additional expense to the Association
- 6.3.3 Reduction in the # contests for 2010-11. J.Rabey reported that Section VI superintendents were surveyed. 1/3 responded. 63% are in favor of the reduction and 37% want the contests reinstated. Comments on the issue from the Basketball Coaches Association are posted → <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Misc%20Reports/09-11%20Reduction%20of%20games.pdf>
- 7.0 Sportsmanship Coordinator's Report - D. Ames No Report dames@newfane.wnyric.org
- 8.0 Officials Coordinator report – T.Cowan lcowan6@rochester.rr.com
- 8.1 Officials Contract Negotiations: The unresolved issue is wages. The Section team is insistent upon a zero increase in year 1. A 7th meeting is being arranged. C. Hope and T.Cowan will rewrite the document to make it more user-friendly and grammatically correct.
- 8.2 Lackawanna Boys Soccer Sportsmanship: The Soccer program was carded only once. The goals for probation have been achieved. A recommendation will be forthcoming that Year 3 of probation be dropped if the coaching staff is maintained.
- 8.3 Fall Sports Summary:
- a) Form X: 28 claims were paid, 13 were returned to the schools.
- b) Sportsmanship: Only 2 incidents involved coaches. This is a significant improvement from last year indicating that the pro-active approach is successful.
- c) Soccer red/yellow cards are down.
- 8.4 Central Management/Assigning of Officials Update: N & S Football and G.Gymnastics were assigned in ArbiterSports. Boys as well as Girls soccer sectionals were done in ArbiterSports by the respective sportchairs. Indoor track and S.Tier Basketball assignments are completed in ArbiterSports. In spring, WNY Umpires Association assigner will assign officials for Section VI member schools in the Section VI account of ArbiterSports. An assigner for girls lacrosse is being sought. A draft contract similar to boys lacrosse is being prepared.
- 9.0 New Business:
- 9.1 Section VI Office: Executive Director Timm Slade will start on Monday November 30. Welcome Mr. Slade! Inquiry was made regarding the status of the budgeted position of account clerk. It was noted that T.Slade will be involved in the decision regarding this position as part of the transition within the office.
- 9.2 Tickets: Some problems were encountered at Ralph Wilson stadium this year. The Bills organization was responsible for ticket sales at the gate this year and used a different process that was more time consuming. This will be addressed for 2010.
- 9.3 Deadlines: Schools need to be reminded that agenda items for Athletic Council meetings, such as requests for Outside Agency and Senior All-Star contest approvals, must be submitted by noon on the Friday before Athletic Council meetings.
- 9.4 Trainers: It was noted that UB Sports Medicine's coverage of sectional contests at neutral sites has increased from 95 trainer hours in 2006 to 160 hours in 2009 at an additional cost of \$2,000.
- 10.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia M. Szczesny, Recording Secretary

