

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 16, 2009

Present: M.Wendt, J.Dunnigan, J.Rabey, C.Bullis, D.Scholla, R.Black,
R.Dinse, L.Ratajczak, T.Cowan, C.Amo
Excused: D.Munro, D.Ames, J.Montesanti-BOCES Rep

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 12:00 pm by President Mike Wendt. mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org
- 2.0 Introductions: President Wendt welcomed Timm Slade, the new Executive Director for Section VI.
- 3.0 The minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting were approved.

- 4.0 Executive Director's Report – T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
 - 4.1 Transition within the Section VI office: Bob Dinse's last day as Executive Secretary will be Dec. 22. He was thanked again for his dedicated work for Section VI and assistance during the transition period. Tom Cowan will remain on as Officials Coordinator for several weeks until contract negotiations with the officials groups are completed. Loren Ratajczak will continue as Treasurer to close the fall season finances and get winter underway. The position of account clerk will be addressed as the transition of the three positions nears completion.
 - 4.2 Financial Report L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org
 - a) The transactions from 11/14/09 to 12/11/09 were reviewed. The only outstanding financial report is boys volleyball at Orchard Park.
 - b) One-time reimbursements for the full-time Executive Director position: It was noted that receiving a check for the reimbursement may negatively impact a district's state aid. Each district could be issued a credit towards their Section dues for 2010-11 as an alternative. T.Slade will discuss the issue with J.Montesanti, BOCES rep and report to J.Rabey. J.Rabey will disseminate the resolution to superintendents.
 - c) Correction to operational issues regarding C.Szczesny's contract: As recommended by our auditors, Paychex has been asked to file corrected W2's and 941x's with the IRS for 2006, 2007 and 2008 as required. L.Ratajczak will verify that this is accomplished before 12/31/09. A Memorandum of Agreement to correct contractual concerns was drawn up and approved by the Section attorney. It will be reviewed by T.Slade and C.Amo. M.Wendt directed L.Ratajczak to review the document with the Finance Committee. All questions are to be directed to M.Wendt. If approved by all parties, M.Wendt will contact the attorney to prepare a resolution for approval at the Athletic Council meeting in January.
 - 4.3 Officials Coordination:
 - a) Officials Contract Negotiations: A tentative agreement was reached with WNYSO at Meeting #7 on 12/14/09. The document may be available for the January meeting. Once approved, T.Cowan and C.Hope will rewrite the document to make it more user-friendly and grammatically correct. Thanks were extended to the Section VI team for their outstanding efforts, especially S.Vanstrom who was instrumental in the team's success.
 - b) Lackawanna Boys Soccer Sportsmanship: As per a request from T.Cowan and the Sportsmanship committee, a recommendation to drop the last year of probation for this program, contingent upon retaining the 09-10 coaching staff, will be placed on the Jan. 20, 2010 Athletic Council Agenda.
 - c) Federated Sports assigners update:
 - The contract with T.Sutton, Boys Lacrosse assigner is completed.
 - Girls Lacrosse will be assigned by L.Moore and/or B.Coe. The contract is in process. T.Slade will meet with P.Lawson of the Girls Lacrosse Officials Association to discuss the concern regarding officials refusing to work if only one official has been assigned.
 - L.Michael has resigned as assigner for the WNY Chapter of Football Officials. The position will not be posted until after the contract with the WNYSO is completed (see item 4.3 (a))
 - 4.4 Section Approvals: T.Slade requested permission to grant Section approval of Outside Agency and Senior all-star contests as the Executive Director, with final approval given at the next Athletic Council meeting. It was noted that this permission should be extended to approve waivers for the minimum # contests needed to complete in sectionals. This permission would require a change in the by-laws under responsibilities of the Executive Director. M.Wendt directed the Policy Committee to develop language necessary for this by-laws change. Approval will be sought at the January meeting.

- 5.0 Communications - T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 5.1 **Motion to approve the following Outside Agency Contests *CARRIED Scholla/Rabey***
- Boys and Girls Basketball: IAABO 121 Holiday Basketball Classic, Dec. 26-27, 2009 at St. Bonaventure University, Co-sponsors Olean City Schools and IAABO 121
 - Wrestling: Jamestown Holiday Classic, Dec. 18-19, 2009 at Jamestown Ice Arena, Co-sponsors Jamestown City Schools and STWOA
 - Boys and Girls Basketball: Emerling Holiday Basketball Classic, Dec. 28-30, 2009 at Springville HS, Co-sponsors Springville Griffith Institute and Emerling Ford
 - Boys Basketball: West Seneca Holiday Tourney, Dec. 28,30, 2009 at West Seneca East HS, Co-sponsors West Seneca Central and Sgroi Financial
- Motion to approve the following Senior All-Star Contests *CARRIED Rabey/Bullis***
- Boys and Girls Basketball: Catt County & IAABO 121 Senior All-Star Contest, Mar. 25, 2010 at Olean High School, Co-sponsors Olean City Schools and IAABO 121
- 5.2 Communications from NYSPHSAA:
- J.Rabey's term of office as the Section VI CSO representative expires 8/31/10. The position will be appointed at the May Athletic Council meeting. Leagues/ committees should forward nominations to T.Slade at tslade@e1b.org Current nominations include: Jeff Rabey
 - A Section VI Proxy is needed: **Motion to approve Timm Slade as the proxy for Section VI at NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committee meetings *CARRIED Rabey/Dunnigan***
- 5.3 Softball: The approved pitching distance at all NYSPHSAA games is 40 ft. The Catholic league changed their pitching distance to 43 ft. As per N.VanErk, when playing schools in the CHSAA, the home school's approved distance will be used. At CHSAA schools-43 ft.; at NYSPHSAA schools 40 ft.
- 5.4 Holland Central: A modified wrestler attended a varsity practice session. The AD sent letters of reprimand to the coaches and copied the Section office. There was discussion regarding imposing a Section penalty for violations of the Commissioner's Regulations. The following protocol was agreed upon: The Executive Director will send a letter to the district in violation, with a cc to the league President, requesting that the Section be notified in writing of the action taken by the district. The Section will take disciplinary action if it is determined that the district's response to the infraction was insufficient. T.Slade noted that he will be pro-active by reminding Athletic Director's of various regulations in his monthly report.
- 5.5 Cardinal O'Hara requested information on membership in Section VI. They were given an application and informed of the Section's policy and procedures for membership. They must be accepted into a league prior to submitting an application for membership (deadline is September 1). The Section attorney will be given a copy of the policy. J.Rabey will inform the superintendents. It was emphasized that the Section must strictly follow our written procedure.
- 5.6 CCAA Boys Volleyball: The start date is 2/25 and the games are completed by 3/19. The schools involved are playing four sport seasons. This is allowed with Section approval. It will be an agenda item for the January meeting.
- 6.0 Committee Reports:
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| 6.1 | Sportsmanship | D. Ames | No Report | dames@newfane.wnyric.org |
| 6.2 | Chemical Awareness | D. Ames | No Report | dames@newfane.wnyric.org |
| 6.3 | Policy Handbook | C. Bullis | | bullisc@lew-port.com |
- C.Szczesny is making the required updates to the document. The updated draft will be reviewed by the Policy Committee at the next meeting on January 7.
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| 6.4 | Program Booklets | M. Ward | No Report | mward@eville.wnyric.org |
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- 7.0 Guest Reports No Report
- 8.0 Old Business No Report
- 9.0 New Business
- 9.1 Season calendar 2010-11: Leagues have been requested to submit requests for variances prior to January 15 so the variances can be noted on the calendar. This will be an action item for the January meeting.

10.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment
Respectfully submitted, Cynthia M. Szczesny, Recording Secretary

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