

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 20, 2010

Present: M.Wendt, D.Munro, J.Dunnigan, C.Bullis, D.Scholla, R.Black,
L.Ratajczak, T.Cowan, C.Amo, J.Montesanti-BOCES Rep
Excused: J.Rabey, D.Ames
Guests: Liz Carlson, Hodgson Russ
Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA

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 9:40 am by President Mike Wendt. mwendt@wilson.wnyric.org
- 2.0 Introductions: President Wendt introduced and welcomed Todd Nelson, Assistant Director- NYSPHSAA and Liz Carlson, The Section VI attorney
 - 2.1 Attorney Report: Ms. Carlson has reviewed the Section VI policy and procedure for Non-Public school application for Section VI membership as well as the information regarding past applications. Her office also investigates the circumstances of subsequent arrests of sports officials and makes recommendations for action based on the potential risk of harm to athletes by allowing the official to continue working. She will work with T.Slade and C.Szczesny to evaluate the current procedure. Ms. Carlson offered to attend future meetings to review any items of concern.
 - 2.2 NYSPHSAA Report: See item 7.0
- 3.0 The minutes of the December 16, 2009 meeting were approved.
- 4.0 Executive Director's Report – T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
 - 4.1 Transition within the Section VI office: The process is proceeding smoothly. Bob Dinse's last day as Executive Secretary was Dec. 22. Tom Cowan will remain on as Officials Coordinator for several weeks to resolve issues with contract negotiations. Loren Ratajczak will continue as Treasurer to close the fall season finances and get winter started. The position of account clerk will be addressed as the transition of the three positions nears completion.
 - 4.2 Financial Report – see item 6.1
 - 4.3 Officials Coordination
 - a) Officials Contract Negotiations: WNYSO now disapproves of the tentative agreement that was reached in December. WNYSO has been given an opportunity to meet with T.Cowan and T.Slade to resolve the concerns prior to January 29.
 - b) Central Management/Assigning of Officials: Assigner contracts have been signed with L.Moore for girls lacrosse and T.Sutton for boys lacrosse. L.Michael resigned as football assigner. This position will be posted after the contract with the WNYSO is completed. Schools with these sports are assessed an additional sport fee to cover assigner costs.
 - 4.4 Lackawanna Boys Soccer Sportsmanship: Action item for the Athletic Council is approval of the recommendation from T.Cowan and the Sportsmanship Committee to drop the last year of probation for the Lackawanna Soccer Program contingent upon retaining the 09-10 coaching staff.
 - 4.5 Action items for the Athletic Council include:
 - a) Approve the CCAA league's scheduling of Boys Volleyball between winter and spring sports (start date 2/25; end date 3/19). The schools involved will be playing four sport seasons.
 - b) Approve the Sports Season Calendar for 2010-11.
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Misc%20Reports/SeasonDates1011.pdf>
 - 4.6 Nominations: Spring Sportchair terms expire in June 2010. Current chairs have been solicited for their interest in another term. Leagues/committees should forward nominations to the Section office.
 - 4.7 Buffalo Football: The Federation has included 9 city schools in the alignment as requested. East HS, Class A by BEDS #'s, will play in the B division to accommodate their level of play and to balance the alignment. East will not be able to participate in post-season play. T.Slade was directed to get a statement in writing from D.Thomas, Buffalo Athletic Director, indicating that they are in agreement with the placement of East High School in the alignment and non-participation in post-season play. Approval of the alignment is an action item for the Athletic Council meeting.

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- 5.0 Communications - T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 5.2 Communications from NYSPHSAA:
- J.Rabey's term of office as Section VI CSO representative to the Central Committee 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.
 - Timm Slade was appointed as the Section VI proxy to the NYSPHSAA Executive and Central Committees (Executive Committee 12/16/09)
 - Section VI has 3 State Scholar Athlete Champion Teams: Wilson Football, Barker Field Hockey and Southwestern Boys Cross Country. Congratulations to all!! See the Newsletter pages 8-9: <http://www.section6.e1b.org/11391049121022493/lib/11391049121022493/10-1.pdf>
- 5.3 Donna Kubera resigned as the Girls Rep for the CCAA League. Paul Ksionzyk will take her place.
- 5.4 Doug Ames has resigned as Sportsmanship Coordinator and Chemical Awareness Chairman due to his new position with the Empire State Games. His resignation is accepted with regret. Chemical Awareness Chairman is an appointed position. Sportsmanship Coordinator is a paid position \$500. The job descriptions will be reviewed and the positions posted in the near future. A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr. Ames.
- 5.6 Cardinal O'Hara has begun the process for membership in Section VI by applying to the leagues for membership. The Executive Director of the Msgr. Martin League also requested a membership application.
- 6.0 Committee Reports:
- 6.1 Finance L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org
- The transactions 12/12/09-1/15/1 were reviewed. Activity is normal. The fall season is almost complete. Revenue was good. Hockey bills are being paid from the Section office including officials and administrative expenses.
 - Action items for the Athletic Council include approval of the Proposed 2010-2011 Budget and approval of the adjusted contract for C.Szczesny.
 - The one-time reimbursements to schools for the full-time Executive Director position will be issued as a credit towards 2010-11 Section dues instead of a check.
 - Corrections to tax documents filed for C.Szczesny are being handled by Paychex. It was confirmed that this has been completed for 2008 and 2007. They are midway through processing 2006 and expect completion in the near future. Copies of the corrected documents will be mailed to the Section office.
- 6.2 Sectional Intersectional-T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
The committee recommends approval of the following by the Athletic Council:
- An additional sectional championship for Girls Lacrosse: There is no cost to the Section. The extra game will be a revenue source for the Section.
 - Updates to the Policy on Travel to State Competition: The updates tighten regulations. http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Misc%20Reports/Travel%20Policy%20Oct.09%20DR_AFT.pdf
 - Sports Season Calendar for 2010-2011.
 - B.Soccer Report (Item 5) requests that the use of the state sportsmanship policy in soccer be revisited. Statistics show that the stricter Section policy has improved sportsmanship and no athletes lost eligibility with its use. The Girls Soccer committee prefers the Section policy. At the Athletic Council meeting, President Wendt will direct T.Slade to work with the soccer chairs on the issue and address approaching the state to consider a stricter policy in the future.
- 6.5 Policy- C.Bullis cbullis@lew-port.com
- An action item for the Athletic Council is to approve a change to the bylaws to allow the Exec. Director to approve waivers for the minimum number of contests needed to compete in Sectionals and applications for Senior All-Star and Outside Agency contests with retroactive approval by the Athletic Council.
 - The Policy Manual Draft is posted on the website for review. Finance policies will be added in the near future.
 - The Constitution and By-Laws need language updates. President Wendt directed the Policy Committee to proceed with language updates to these documents.

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- 7.0 Guest Reports: Todd Nelson, Assistant Director- NYSPHSAA
- a) Sportsmanship: D.Ames was a great advocate for sportsmanship and will be missed. The next NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Committee meeting will be 3/17/10. It is hoped that Section 6 will have someone attend that meeting.
 - b) Input is needed on when an end-of-the-season ejection penalty should be served by the athlete.
 - c) For discussion at the next State Exec meeting (4/1):
 - When coaches do not fulfill the penalty of the Sportsmanship Regulation during the regular season and sectional competition, the Section will impose a penalty on the coach/school. During regional and state championship competition, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director will impose the penalty.
 - Carrying practices over from one sport to another within a season.
 - b) A format change is being considered for coaching clinics from 10 separate sport clinics to 2 coaching symposiums (fall & spring) with break-out sessions for sport specific workshops.
 - c) Please encourage attendance at the free Citizenship Through Athletics course Feb.3 at 10:00am at the NYSPHSAA office. To register contact Todd Nelson 866-598-2816 tnelson@nysphsaa.org
- 8.0 Old Business
None addressed
- 9.0 New Business
- 9.1 Changing Classification for sectional competition: Schools can move up to a higher classification for sectional competition but must remain at that classification through states (Section VI Constitution 13.3). This will be a concern in the sport of Ice Hockey with the new cut-off #'s for 2010-11. A procedure is needed.
- 10.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia M. Szczesny, Recording Secretary

