

MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 24, 2010

Present: M.Wendt, D.Munro, J.Rabey, J.Dunnigan, C.Bullis, D.Scholla, L.Ratajczak, T.Cowan
Excused: C.Amo, R.Black

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

1.0/2.0 The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by President Mike Wendt. There were no introductions.

3.0 The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on February 24, 2010 were approved.

4.0 Executive Director's Report – T.Slade tslade@e1b.org

4.1 Sportsmanship:

- a) 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/state competition, the NYSPHSAA Exec. Director will impose the penalty. For approval at the State level: the coach will sit-out the next two regularly scheduled contests
- b) Section VI Soccer Sportsmanship Policy regarding red and yellow cards: The Boys Soccer Committee requested that Section VI use the state policy. T.Slade met with the boys and girls soccer chairs and it was agreed that the more stringent Section VI policy will continue to be used.

4.2 Officials Coordination

- a) Officials Contract Negotiations: T.Cowan will review the Highlights of the Tentative Agreement at the Athletic Council meeting and will ask for approval. The final document incorporating the Highlights is being re-written and will be on the agenda for formal approval at the May AC meeting. It was noted that WNYSO were impressed with the efforts of our full-time Executive Director T.Slade.

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Misc%20Reports/HIGHLIGHTS%20Contract%2010-13.pdf>

- b) Central Management/Assigning of Officials: The Northern Football Assigner position needs to be filled as soon as possible. T.Slade and C.Funke will interview the candidates. An **ACTION ITEM for AC:** Authorize the Exec. Director to appoint Federated Sports Assigner positions.

4.3 Nominations are being accepted for the positions listed below.

- a) Spring Sportchair positions (3-year term to expire 6/30/13). Current nominees are:

Baseball	Bob Kowal	Baseball Asst. ...	Jim Conley
Boys Lacrosse..	John Faller	Girls Lacrosse..	Rick Schmitt
Boys Golf.....	OPEN	Girls Golf	Betsy Ulmer
Boys Track	Paul Ksionzyk	Girls Track.....	Walt McLaughlin
Boys Tennis	Terry McMahon	Softball	Mark Kruzynski & Dan Brooks

- b) Superintendents Rep to the Central Committee (4-year term to expire 8/31/14)

Nominations: Jeff Rabey, Lake Shore

- c) Section VI President Elect Nominations are open.

- d) Sportsmanship/ Chem. Awareness Chairman Nominations are open.

4.4 A discussion item for the AC meeting will be the definitions of "scrimmage" for each sport, an agenda item for approval at the NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting. It was noted that the new Officials Contract specifies payment for officials at scrimmages at the Varsity and JV levels.

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/State%20Reports/State%20Scrimmages.pdf>

4.65 **ACTION ITEMS for AC:** Formal Approval of a waiver of the minimum # contests needed for participation in Basketball Sectionals for an Ellicottville and Cassadaga Valley athletes (approved by ExDir T.Slade).

5.0 Communications - T.Slade tslade@e1b.org

5.1 **ACTION ITEM for AC:** Approval of an early start date (August 19 instead of 23) for CCAA Boys and Girls Soccer in order to compete in a Section 5 tournament on Sept 2.

5.2 Wilson Central announced that due to a computer error they were not recipients of the State Scholar athlete award for football.

6.0 Committee Reports:

6.1 Finance L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org

Report from committee meeting 2/24/10:

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Minutes%20Finance/Finance10-02.pdf>

- a) Transactions 2/20/10-3/19/10 were reviewed. Winter sports payments are almost complete. Several financial reports are outstanding.

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Finance Report continued

- b) Superintendent and Business Manager reps on the Finance committee advised against a dues reduction as the means of reimbursing districts since dues receive BOCES aid. An **ACTION ITEM for AC** will be to issue a check to each district as the district reimbursement for the full-time Exec. Director position instead of a credit towards 2010-11 Section dues (recommended in Jan).
- c) Maintaining current admission prices for sectional contests in 2010-11 will be **ACTION ITEM for AC**: <http://www.section6.e1b.org/11391049112849960/lib/11391049112849960/Admissions%2010-11.pdf>
- d) T.Slade and L.Ratajczak are contacting banks to obtain better interest rates.

6.2 Sectional/Intersectional T.Slade tslade@e1b.org Report from committee meeting 3/4/10:
<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Minutes%20Sectional%20Intersectional/SecIntersec10-3.pdf>

- a) Principal's Rep position: The Section was unable to nominate an individual for the NYSPHSAA 2nd Vice President position since the nominee must be a principals rep for the section. J.Dunnigan, the only Principals Rep in the Section, was not interested in the position. When Mr. Dunnigan retires, his replacement should be a person who currently serves as a Principals Rep. Superintendents and Principals polled were in favor of a return of the Principal's Rep position to the Athletic Council. An **ACTION ITEM for AC** will be to approve the reinstatement of the Principals Representative position from each league on the Athletic Council.
- b) Championship Philosophy issues were addressed at a meeting March 22. Recommendations for the May AC meeting include requiring a minimum of 18 schools in a division for a split, allowing no changes to the seeding after the seeding meeting, denying requests to move up a class and approving a 5-class tournament for wrestling. The minutes are now posted on the website for the May meeting→

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Minutes%20Sectional%20Intersectional/SecIntersec10-3a.pdf>

6.3 Policy- C.Bullis cbullis@lew-port.com

Drafts of the Constitution, Bylaws and Policy Manual and an itemized list of changes included will be posted on the website for review before the May meeting. Approval of these documents will be an action item in May.

6.4 State Executive Committee/ Central Committee

- a) Girls Rep/Boys Rep - (C.Bullis, D.Scholla): Section VI has premier facilities for both Cross Country and Track State Championships but is not included as a potential host because of the move to centralization of State Championships. The Section VI Track committee is encouraged to pursue the issue with the State Track Committee.

Report from the January 21 State Executive Committee Meeting

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/State%20Reports/State%20Mtg%2010-1.pdf>

Report from the State Handbook Committee:

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/State%20Reports/State%20Handbook%2010-02.pdf>

- b) NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committees: Reports will be given at the AC meeting by M. Ziegler on Cheerleading and P.Burke on Championship Philosophy

7.0 Old Business:

- 7.1 Chuck Funke will address the AC on the policies of the Football Federation. S.Vanstrom will report from Far West Council of Superintendents on an alignment for equal caliber competition for D schools.
- 7.2 Cardinal O'Hara's applications for membership in the NFL, NO and ECIC leagues were denied.

8.0 New Business

- 8.1 Contingency Budget Concerns: Athletic programs may be eliminated or reduced due to the current fiscal crisis in NYS. If districts budgets fail, schools may need to combine athletic programs after the Section's May deadline for these requests. The Section VI Philosophy emphasizes that our mission is to *meet the needs of all students*. Athletic Council members, sportchairs, assigners and officials will need to be flexible and understanding. Communication between ADs, their league and the Section regarding programs affected by budget status is critical. These concerns will be discussed with the Athletic Council.

- 8.2 The Central Committee meeting is Aug.3-5 at Holiday Valley. Mark Ward, Ellicottville, will be inaugurated as the NYSPHSAA President. T. Slade will meet with M.Ward later today and contact N. Van Erk regarding plans made to date for the golf outing, activities in the area, gift bags, etc. T.Slade will contact the Chambers of Commerce/ Visitors Bureau in Ellicottville. D.Munro and M.Wendt offered to work on the Summer Meeting Committee. A report will be given at the next Executive Committee meeting in April.

9.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia M. Szczesny, Recording Secretary

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