

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 22, 2010

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

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 9:35 am by President Munro.

3.0 The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on June 16, 2010 were approved.

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

4.1 Officials Coordination:

a) Officials Contract with WNYSO 2010-2013 is signed and posted on the website.

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/11391049113154913/lib/11391049113154913/Officials%20Contract/Contract1013.pdf>

b) Central Management/Assigning of Officials: Payment of officials assigned in ArbiterSports will be piloted using RefPay for Ice Hockey. Winter 2010-2011 Sectional assignments will be posted on ArbiterSports.

4.2 Awards: Bids were received from three companies. A local company, Trophy's Trophy's, was selected. The bid, which included 31 additional plaques for winners of cross-over contests, reflects a savings of \$4,200 from last year.

4.3 Action items at the Athletic Council will be Approval of Girls Ice Hockey as a federated sport and approval of appointments of Chairpersons: Jim Rusin-Girls Ice Hockey, Ken Stoldt and Adam Stoltman-Football, Fred Thornley-Safety and Doug Beetow-Sportsmanship. There are no candidates for the Chemical Awareness position.

4.4 Girls Tennis: Currently, coaches are not allowed to interact with athletes during sectional competition. Coaches are strongly in favor of being allowed to coach their athletes under specific guidelines and the Girls Tennis Committee is requesting approval.

5.0 Communications - T.Slade tslade@e1b.org

5.1-5.4 Action items at the Athletic Council will be Combining Schools, Friends & Neighbors, Outside Agency contests and Lifetime Passes.

5.5 Changes in programs:

a) Tapestry Boys Soccer, approved to combine with Oracle and Maritime (Class A1 enrollment 774), is only combining with Maritime. The adjusted combined enrollment is 496 placing them in Class B1.

b) Brocton has dropped their Varsity football program. Because of injuries, they have an insufficient number of athletes to safely field a team. Concern was expressed regarding the loss of additional Class D football programs and the disparity of competition within the class.

6.0 Committee Reports:

6.1 Finance Report/Minutes L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Finance10-9.pdf>

6.1.1 The following recommendations of the Finance Committee **September 2010** will be action items for the Athletic Council:

a) Approve a stipend of \$400 for the new position of Girls Ice Hockey Chairperson.

b) Approve the continuation of L.Ratajczak's position as Treasurer, instead of hiring an account clerk at this time, and Chairperson of the Finance Committee. It was noted that BOCES is considering a new business service that Section VI may be able to utilize. It is recommended that Loren's position be kept intact until the transition to the new system is completed.

c) Approve the BOCES Communications Services Proposal for the Section VI website at an annual cost not to exceed \$2,400. The focus is to recognize athletes through RSS feeds to local newspapers and add brackets for all team sports to the website.

6.1.2 The following recommendation was postponed from the **May 2010** Athletic Council meeting to allow for league discussion of the issue: *Return the responsibility for sectional basketball games prior to quarter-finals back to the districts on a one-year trial basis. This is in response to districts' concerns regarding the increase in ticket prices from regular season to post-season.* The Finance Committee revisited this issue and no longer recommends action (see item 6.1.3 a)

6.1.3 Additional recommendations of the Finance Committee **September 2010**:

a) Do not act on financial responsibility for sectional basketball games prior to quarter-finals (item 6.1.2)

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Recommendations of the Finance Committee **September 2010** continued:

- b) Review the draft of an Evaluation and Incentive Program for the Executive Director position for approval at the November Athletic Council meeting: The draft of a performance based evaluation will be presented at the Athletic Council under New Business. Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee will be requested to further review the draft and establish measures for "reached/exceeded" goals.
- c) Refer the wording of Bylaws item 4.1.1 regarding the Finance Chairperson position to the Policy Committee for review.

6.2 Sectional/Intersectional T. Slade tslade@e1b.org

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/Minutes%20Sectional%20Intersectional/SecIntersec10-9.pdf>

6.2.1 The following recommendations of the Sectional Intersectional Committee will be action items for the Athletic Council:

- a) Approve the procedures for qualifying for bowling sectionals
- b) Approve the use of certified officials as linespeople for all levels of sectional boys and girls volleyball contests. (\$17.50 per linesperson)
- c) Approve starting football and soccer on the same date for all leagues and starting all other fall sports one week later.
- d) Accept post-season spring reports as submitted. All are posted on the website:

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/blank/browse.asp?a=383&BMDRN=2000&BCOB=0&c=53076>

6.2.2 Field Hockey: Judy Otto, Sportchair, will present her committee's request to split Class B which has 14 schools. The Athletic Council approved the policy that 18 schools are needed to split a classification, however a Sportchair has the right to address the Council with a request for change if deemed appropriate.

6.3 Report from the State Executive Committee Meeting Aug 3-4, 2010 is posted:

<http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139104911730900/lib/1139104911730900/State%20Reports/State%20Report%2010.8.pdf>

Items for Athletic Council discussion:

- a) Classification of charter schools: Our placement policy (#511) will be shared at the state level: <http://www.section6.e1b.org/1139101515241457/lib/1139101515241457/Policy%20Manual%202010%20May.pdf>
- b) Cheerleading: Current discussions at the state level include the difference between competitive and sideline cheering.
- c) Extending the proposal of game reductions for the 2011-2012 school year: Leagues will need to be prepared to vote on this issue in November to give direction to our Central Committee reps at the December State Executive Committee meeting. Some points for discussion include:
 - The reduction of contests has helped prevent cuts in modified programs
 - Under the current economic crisis in NYS, reduction of state revenues to districts will continue. The 2% tax cap is a serious threat to athletics.
 - The method of reducing costs should be more equitable across all sports. A pro-active alternative to better serve athletes (presented by G.Kaszubski and M.DiFilippo previously) will be distributed to the leagues and Section 5 for review and recommendations. The final proposal will be shared with N. Van Erk at the NYSPHSAA.
 - Leagues will be asked to collect data from districts on savings realized with the current reduction.
- d) 5th year of athletic eligibility for students with disabilities: On 7/27/10, the Board of Regents passed as an emergency amendment, a rule that allows students with disabilities to have a 5th year of eligibility and eliminate the Age 19 rule when meeting certain participation requirements. NYSPHSAA does not support this change. The Board of Regents will be meeting in October where there will be an opportunity to voice opinions. Letters From the Section have been sent to Regent Bennett. A meeting is being planned by T. Slade with Regent Bennett

7.0 Old Business: None discussed

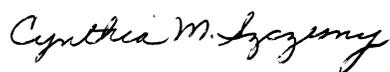
8.0 New Business

8.1 The Evaluation and Incentive program for the Executive Director position was reviewed. (see item 6.1.3b)

8.2 **Motion to recommend approval of the annual stipend of \$1,500 for C.Szczesny for additional work on ArbiterSports 09-10 CARRIED Wendt/Scholla.** This will be an action item for the Athletic Council meeting.

9.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment

Respectfully submitted



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