

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 14, 2011

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

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

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by President Rabey at 12:30 pm. jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
- 2.0 **Motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on November 16, 2011 CARRIED**
Wendt /Dunnigan
- 3.0 Executive Director's Report T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
 - 3.1 Central Management/Assigning of Officials: Boys and Girls soccer officials have been paid for semis and finals (neutral sites) using RefPay. Girls ice hockey in addition to boys ice hockey officials (regular and post-season) will be paid using RefPay this year.
- 4.0 Communications - T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
 - 4.1 **Motion to grant retro-active approval of the following Senior All-Star Contest CARRIED**
Wendt/Bullis:
 - a) Cheektowaga Lions Girls Basketball Senior All-Star Contest, 3/24/12 at Cheektowaga High School, cosponsored by Cheektowaga Central and the Cheektowaga Lions Club (pre-approved by T.Slade 11/28/11)
 - 4.2 **Motion to grant retro-active approval of the following Outside Agency Contests CARRIED**
Scholla/Dunnigan:
 - a) Will North L&M Financial Boys Ice Hockey Tournament, 11/25-26/11 at Northtowns Center, cosponsored by Williamsville Central and L&M Financial (pre-approved by T.Slade 11/21/11)
 - b) Hae Jude Tip-Off Tourney, 12/8,10/11 at Silver Creek HS, cosponsored by Silver Creek Central and Hae Jude Signs (pre-approved by T.Slade 12/8/11)
- 5.0 Committee Reports
 - 5.1 Finance Report L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org
 - a) The transactions dated 11/12/11- 12/9/11 were reviewed. All fall sports financial reports are in. Finances for the fall season are being finalized. It was noted that the current Fund Balance does not reflect expenditures through BOCES.
 - b) The proposed Section VI Budget for 2012-13 was reviewed. This will be an action item at the January Athletic Council meeting.
 - c) Section VI Contract with Sports Officials: Concerns were expressed regarding the cost of officials fees. The current contract with sports officials expires 8/31/13. T.Slade will send a letter to the WNY Sports Officials in April 2012 regarding the start of negotiations for the next contract and team representation. He noted that some sections are reviewing the possibility of a state-wide officials contract. This could be a problem for Section VI since some sections pay mileage to sports officials. T.Slade will collect information regarding fee schedules of other sections.
 - d) Section VI financial procedures have been changed at the recommendation of the auditors. Checks received are logged in by the office clerk. Tickets are used at gates manned by Section selected gate personnel as a cross check. Gate money is counted and signed off by several people. Receipts are given to officials for payments made to the Section for ID cards.
- 6.0 Old Business
 - 6.1 2012 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame: Nominations are due in the association office by December 15th. Potential nominations that may be reviewed in the future include Shane Conlin (Frewsburg), Clare Anderson (Olean), Tom Murphy (NT) and Rick Rawlia (Tonawanda) and Rick Cassata.
 - 6.2 Selective Classification: C.Bullis reported that the changes to the Presidential Fitness test are expected to be approved this spring. It is not known at this time if the test will become sport specific, but no appeal will be allowed. Currently, the test is for boys/girls with an appeal allowed to the school physician if the athlete fails 1 out of 5. The maturity test can be used to override the failure. Additional information may be available at the State Executive meeting in January.
 - 6.3 Transfer: R.Black reported that the proposed changes to the Transfer Rule include elimination of academic advantage as a reason for a waiver and 1 move will be allowed in districts with multiple high schools. A waiver for hardship will be approved for health and safety reasons only.
 - 6.4 Erie 1 Superintendents' Rep position on the Athletic Council: T.Slade has met with D.Ogilvie of Erie 1 BOCES. D.Ziolkowski of Maryvale may take Mark Mondanaro's position.

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Old Business continued:

6.5 Buffalo Public Schools Football: Buffalo schools were unable to field a team for some of their games in the Federation which was costly for the opposing schools who paid personnel or incurred travel expenses for contests not played. The City of Buffalo is reviewing the possibility of combining some schools for football. (see item 7.1)

7.0 New Business

7.1 Football Scheduling/ Combining Schools: Other districts in addition to Buffalo are considering combining schools for football, however the current deadline for approval for fall sports is May. In addition, BEDS numbers will not be approved until the NYSPHSAA meeting on January 24 delaying the development of the football alignment/schedule. It was agreed that:

- a) Schools will be required to submit combining school applications for football by **January 13** so that they may be approved by the Athletic Council on January 18.
- b) A special meeting of the Athletic Council will be called to approve the football alignment (generally approved at the January Athletic Council meeting).

An email will be sent to Superintendents from Mike Wendt regarding the above, stressing the importance of an early decision to combine schools for football.

7.2 Ice Hockey: As per the Constitution item 12.3 *In the sport of Ice Hockey, teams may move up from the small school division to the large school division for the 2010-11 and/or the 2011-12 school years. After the two years, the Ice Hockey exemption will be re-evaluated.* This will be reviewed by the Sectional Intersectional committee after the NYSPHSAA posts the cut-offs numbers for sports in 2012-13.

8.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment

Motion to adjourn CARRIED Dunnigan/Wendt

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Szczesny, Executive Assistant/ Recording Secretary

Cynthia M. Szczesny