

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 16, 2011

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 Call to order/Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 9:05 by President Munro. There were no guests present. dmunro@alli.wnyric.org
- 3.0 **Motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on January 19, 2011 CARRIED**
Wendt/Scholla
- 4.0 Executive Director's Report T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 4.1 Officials Coordination
- a) Central Management/Assigning of Officials: Winter Sectional assignments will be posted on ArbiterSports. Three payments have been made to boys ice hockey officials using RefPay. Response to this process has been positive. Payment using RefPay is planned for Boys and Girls Lacrosse sectional contests.
- b) Form X and Sportsmanship: 18 Form X's have been submitted for winter sports. Only 3 remain outstanding. There have been 19 athlete and 7 coach ejections.
- 4.2 Policy: There was much discussion on the proposed policy regarding Ejection Appeal. NYSPHSAA has advised against reviewing officials' calls using game videos. It was agreed that an official's call is final. A video may be reviewed if there is a possibility that the wrong athlete was ejected. It was suggested that we work with officials organizations to discuss the development of programs to improve/maintain officiating skills.. This issue will be discussed at the Sectional/Intersectional committee March 3 along with other recommendations for policy updates/additions.
- 4.3 Class D Football Alignment: A meeting was held with the superintendents of the Class D football schools. An alignment with Class D and DD schools was agreed upon and will be an action item for the March Athletic Council meeting. The Class DD division will not qualify for state competition but will have a championship. It was noted that Section VI may need to rethink future scheduling in the Southern Tier due to travel costs.
- 4.4 Transportation: Our contracted bus carrier Rainbow Transportation went out of business. Buses have been secured for winter sports through Covered Wagon Tours and NY Trailways and for spring sports with Coach USA.
- 4.5 Championship venues: T.Slade will meet with the Bills organization to discuss cost reductions for football at Ralph Wilson stadium. Use of All High Stadium for Football regionals was very expensive. A.Lloyd is working with the Section to reduce costs for this facility for girls and boys lacrosse this spring.
- 5.0 Communications - T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 5.1 Walsh Academy (9-12) /Southern Tier Catholic (K-12): Walsh was approved for F&N status by NYSPHSAA in September 2010. NYSPHSAA verified that due to the consolidation of the schools, they will be considered one district and Southern Tier Catholic will be included in the F&N status. When F&N status expires in 2 years only S.Tier Catholic needs to apply since Walsh is a member of the NYSCHSAA.
- 5.2 **Motion to approve Westfield and Cassadaga Valley combining with Chautauqua Lake for Girls Swimming for 2011-12 CARRIED** Dunnigan/Rabey
- 6.0 Committee Reports
- 6.1 Finance: L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org
- a) The Treasurer's Report and transactions 1/15/11-2/11/11 were reviewed.
- b) Fall Sports → [Financial Reports](#) are now posted.
- 6.2 State Executive Committee/ Central Committee- D.Scholla & and C. Bullis:
The State Executive Meeting was held on Jan. 25. Several items were noted:
- a) NFHS vs NCAA/ASA/etc rules: NYSPHSAA has compiled information from the state sport committees documenting the differences between the rules and the rationale for not changing to NFHS. This information will be forwarded to our Section VI committees for review and feedback. This issue will be discussed by Sectional Intersectional committee. It will be addressed at the May 6-7 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

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- b) Direction is needed for a vote at the May NYSPHSAA meeting on athletes wearing section t-shirts at the Cross Country championships and changing the Safety Meeting mandate from annual to every other year. This will be agenda items at the Sectional Intersectional committee meeting.

7.0 Special Committee Reports

- 7.1 Evaluation of Executive Director J.Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
ExDir-Goals/Vision-Section VI D.Scholla dscholla@olean.wnyric.org
D.Scholla and P.Burke will meet with T.Slade to discuss goals. They will work with J.Rabey so that the evaluation and goals recommendations can be presented at the March Athletic Council meeting with action scheduled for the May meeting.

8.0 Old Business

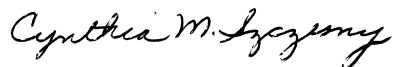
- 8.1 Soccer Sportsmanship- Red/yellow card policy: T.Slade confirmed with the State Association that we have the right to use our own policy in state competition. The soccer chairpersons and G.Kaszubski will be invited to the Sectional Intersectional committee meeting on March 3 to discuss this issue.

9.0 New Business

- 9.1 Wrestling concerns
- a) The Southern Tier Wrestling Officials (STWOA) filed a Form X in disagreement with the selection of an official for the State Qualifier. STWOA has been informed that as per the current Officials Contract page 5 #13: "The assigning of Sectional level officials is the responsibility of each individual sports chair and his/her committee."
- b) Skin issues: An official allowed a wrestler to compete with a note from his personal physician, even though the wrestler was denied competition by the on-site physician after the skin check. The following will be emphasized for next season:
- Only the proper "Permission to Compete with Skin Lesions" form will be accepted not doctors' notes.
 - The on-site physician has the final say in allowing an athlete to compete.
 - The on-site physician will be required to remain at the site until competition begins.
- 9.2 Fiscal concerns: With the current budgetary constraints, districts are questioning the concept of "pay to play" sports as well as fundraising options for sports. T.Slade will forward documentation to the Executive Committee regarding the NYSPHSAA policies on these issues. It was also suggested that T.Slade email superintendents with an offer of assistance from the Section in program planning or funding options.

13.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment *Dunnigan/Bullis*

Respectfully submitted



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