

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

## September 21, 2011

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

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

Action taken since the June 15, 2011 meeting:

The application for Friends and Neighbor status for Christian Central Academy was approved 7/28/11.

1.0/2.0 Call to order/Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 9:40 by President Rabey  
[jrabey@depew.wnyric.org](mailto:jrabey@depew.wnyric.org)

3.0 ***Motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on June 15, 2011 CARRIED***  
***Dunnigan/Bullis***

4.0 Executive Director's Report T.Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)

4.1 Officials Coordination - Central Management/Assigning of Officials:

- a) Payment of boys and girls lacrosse officials at neutral sites using RefPay through Arbitersports was successful. This will be piloted for boys and girls soccer at neutral sites.
- b) ArbiterSports is building a scheduling program (ArbiterGame) to work in conjunction with the current assigning program. Anticipated release date is May 2012. This will be investigated as a possible alternative for schools that use separate scheduling programs such as LeagueMinder or ScheduleStar.

4.2 Awards: Five companies were solicited and four submitted bids. Patches will be ordered from Plaques and Such and the plaques from Tony Martin's. We currently order over 50 additional plaques and 300 additional patches at a total cost of \$3,000 less than previous years. The bid process has been very successful.

4.3 Travel: Seven companies were solicited and three submitted bids. D&F Travel was selected for cross country (the only bid for this sport). Bedore Tours was selected for bowling and indoor and outdoor track.

4.4 Injury Management: Two RFP's were received. Catholic Health/Athleticare was selected with a bid \$10,000 less than last year. They will contact the competing schools and provide trainers only if school trainers will not be present. Physicians doing skin checks will remain at wrestling tournaments until competition begins.

4.5 Appointments: Appointments to the following Sportchair positions will be made at the Athletic Council meeting. Current nominations are listed:

- a) Baseball: Jim Conley Nominated by the Baseball Committee
- b) Girls Basketball: Chris Durr Nominated by the Girls Basketball Committee
- c) Cheerleading: Michele Ziegler Nominated by the Sectional Intersectional Committee

4.6 Results of the survey regarding reductions to programs at member schools have been sent to athletic directors and are posted on the website → [Survey Results](#).

5.0 Communications - T.Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)

5.1-5.4 Combining Schools, Senior All-Star, Outside Agency and Friend & Neighbor applications are action items for the Athletic Council.

5.5 Ripley will NOT combine with Westfield for Cross Country as approved in May since there are no participants from Westfield. As a result Ripley will be in class D instead of C for Cross Country.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Finance Committee [September Report/Minutes](#) L.Ratajczak [lratajczak@e1b.org](mailto:lratajczak@e1b.org)

The Treasurer's Report and Transactions 6/10/11-9/16/11 were reviewed. The annual audit is nearing completion. [Spring Financial Reports](#) are posted. It was noted that corporate sponsorship agreements, if approved by the Athletic Council, will bring in significant income. (See Old Business)

6.2 Sectional/Intersectional [September Report/Minutes](#) T.Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)

ACTIONS ITEMS for the AC include:

- a) Bowling: Approve the use of the new [Qualifying format for sectionals](#). This format will be beneficial for athletes and was well received by the Sectional/Intersectional committee.

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Sectional Intersectional Report- Action Items for the AC continued:

- b) Approve the use of Ralph Wilson Stadium for the Class DD Championship game on a one-year trial basis if there is no cost to the Section. T.Slade indicated that R.Brandon, Bills CEO, agreed that the Bills organization will work on cost savings for Section VI, hopefully eliminating the rental fee (approx \$18,000). The officials fees will be paid for by the DD schools. Cost to Section VI will be for awards (approx. \$350) which will be covered by gate receipts for the game. It was noted that objections were mostly philosophical because this could set a precedence for other sports.
- c) Approve Michele Ziegler as Section VI Sportchair for Cheerleading and plan a Section VI Championship in the winter season. A championship for 2012 may be too soon.
- d) Approve the [Boys Ice Hockey Federation bylaws](#).
- e) Approve the [Sports Seasons Calendar 2012-13](#). It was noted that the Athletic Council approved *starting football and soccer on the same date for all leagues and starting all other fall sports one week later* at the meeting September 2010 (item 6.2.1c). Leagues can choose to start at a later date.

6.6 State Executive Committee/ Central Committee

- c) Boys Rep D. Scholla [dscholla@olean.wnyric.org](mailto:dscholla@olean.wnyric.org)  
Girls Rep C. Bullis [cbullis@ntschoools.org](mailto:cbullis@ntschoools.org)  
Report → [State Executive Committee Meeting Aug 3-4, 2011](#)

An item for discussion at the Athletic Council meeting is the proposed change to the transfer rule. Dr. Black, Transfer Chairman, explained that the proposed change affects the selectively classified athlete's right to choose a high school when the athlete enters 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. Tracking these students would be difficult especially in districts with multiple high schools. Direction is needed for an upcoming vote at the October State Executive Meeting.

7.0 Old Business

- 7.1 Corporate Sponsorships for Championships: There are three companies ready to sign corporate sponsor contracts with Section VI. Approval will be requested at the Athletic Council meeting:
  - a) Spalding will provide basketballs for use at all Section VI boys and girls championship games at neutral sites and \$7,000. The Section would display Spalding signs. J.Walker, Boys Basketball Chairman, favors this proposal.
  - b) Select Soccer will provide the soccer balls for use at all Section VI boys and girls championships at neutral sites and \$3,500. The soccer balls were tested and the Sportchairs are in favor. Section VI would get a percentage of sales if products are purchased by member schools.
  - c) Time Warner Cable will pay Section VI \$7,500 per year but wants exclusive rights to cover the "Game of the Week" and does not want live streaming allowed. Concern was expressed that Channel 2 does live streaming which is very important to families of athletes in areas that TWC does not service. It was also noted that a school can turn down being the "Game of the Week" allowing rival games already contracted with ESPN to be broadcast.
- 7.2 Corporate sponsorship for Athletic Council meetings: Three companies, Toth, Laux and Trophys Trophys, have each agreed to sponsor one Athletic Council luncheon for \$250, covering the lunch cost. Each will be given 5 minutes at the beginning of the meeting they are sponsoring to speak about their product(s).
- 7.3 Corporate sponsorship income: Placing sponsorship revenues into the Dedicated Fund for State Competition will be an agenda item for the Finance Committee and hopefully a recommendation to the Athletic Council at the November meeting.

9.0 New Business

- 9.1 Retaining L.Ratajczak as Treasurer instead of hiring an account clerk was approved for 2010-11. This will be requested again for 2011-12.

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

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Szczesny, Executive Assistant/ Recording Secretary

