

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 18, 2012

Items are numbered to correspond to the Athletic Council Minutes

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

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

1.0/2.0 Call to order/Introductions J.Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 by President Rabey

3.0 ***Motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting on December 14, 2011 CARRIED***
Dunnigan/Scholla

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

4.1 Officials Coordination:

- a) Central Management/Assigning of Officials: Payment of boys and girls soccer officials at neutral sites using RefPay through Arbitersports is completed. Payments for regular season boys and girls ice hockey are in process. This method of payment is working well.
- b) Central Payment of Officials through BOCES: A meeting with Erie 1 BOCES on this issue was very positive. This may be an avenue for the future. Schools will be polled through the business administrators. **A meeting is planned with A.Lloyd, AD Buffalo, regarding overdue payments to officials for fall sports.** Piloting RefPay for officials payments will be discussed as well non-payment of Buffalo's Section VI dues.
- c) Arbitergame (New scheduling program in Arbitersports): Phase one will be released by June 2012 in Michigan with an anticipated date for Phase two (mass release) in the fall of 2012. Version 3 is planned for January 2013. Athletic Directors and T.Slade will attend a presentation on the software at the NYSAAA conference in Saratoga in March.

4.2 Section VI Positions: The Section positions of Fall Sportchairs and Principals Rep to the Central Committee are open for nominations. Appointments will be made at the May Athletic Council meeting. It was noted that nominees for the Principals Rep should have Athletic Council experience. Leagues/Committees will be asked to forward nominations to Section VI at tslade@e1b.org or cszczesny@e1b.org. Click for → [Current Nominations](#)

4.3 Section VI Newsletter: Copies are printed for featured athletes, Veterans who have requested one and Superintendents. Athletic Council members will receive an email with the link to the Newsletter.

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS:** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org

5.1 Communications from NYSPHSAA:

- a) Cheerleading: SED will not address the issue of cheerleading as a sport so cheerleading will continue as it has in the past. An East/West NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Invitational may be proposed.
- b) Reduction of contests was approved through 2011-12. Section 6 reps need direction for a vote if a motion to extend for another year comes up at the State Executive Committee meeting Jan. 22.
- c) Uniform waivers will be requested from NYSPHSAA for field hockey, boys and girls soccer.
- d) Concussion Management Reminder: The new Concussion Management Law will go into effect on July 1, 2012. The NYSPHSAA is waiting for the proposed regulations and requirements from the NYS Education Department and the NYS Department of Health. A draft policy and guidelines are on the NYSPHSAA website.

5.2-5.3 Action Items for the Athletic Council will include approvals for Outside Agency Contests and Combining Schools. It was noted that a subcommittee may be needed in the future to review the current policy of combining.

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Fall sports financial reports will be posted when complete. The treasurer suggested that these reports be submitted at the end of the fiscal year to guarantee that all money has been received and all invoices paid. It was noted that the Sectional Intersectional committee needs financial information *to-date* providing an overview to make informed decisions for the following year. Committee recommendations for approval at the Athletic Council meeting include:

- a) The Proposed Section VI Budget for 2012-13

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- b) Funding for the Section VI Football website with the review of potential corporate sponsorship for the future
- 6.2 Sectional/Intersectional [January Report/Minutes](#) T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
Committee recommendations for approval at the Athletic Council meeting include:
- a) Accept the Girls Lacrosse and Softball Pre-season reports. The new girls lacrosse alignment and schedule will benefit all schools and the program. Problems encountered during 2011 softball sectionals were addressed -a new cancellation policy was developed.
- b) Approve the venues selected for girls basketball semis and finals. High schools and NCCC will be used. See the → [Winter Calendar](#)
- c) Accept the fall post-season reports as submitted except Girls Gymnastics (to be reviewed by the committee March 1)
- 6.4 Modified: Items for approval at the Athletic Council meeting include:
- a) Modified Softball: approve the pitching distance at 43 feet. Leagues will have the option to use 40 or 43 feet.
- b) Modified Softball: Approve that innings 1-6 may be completed at 5 runs or 3 outs. The 7th inning shall be played as a normal inning, with 3 outs and no run restrictions for that inning.
- c) Modified Track & Field: Approve increasing the height of the hurdle in the 55m modified boys from 30 inches to 33 inches and using a six(6) pound shot for modified girls rather than 4K
- 6.6 State Executive Committee/ Central Committee: For discussion at the Athletic Council meeting is the State Safety Committee recommendation of change to 4 nights rest instead of 2 between a scrimmage and a game in football. This may limit scrimmages to pre-season only, a possible detriment to leagues that now conduct scrimmages between games. This may be an action item at the Mat State Executive Committee meeting.
- 9.0 NYSPHSAA Monthly Reports are posted → [Dec Jan](#)
- 11.0 OLD BUSINESS
- 11.1 2012-13 Section VI office/staff planning: Discussions are continuing with BOCES so that the new office position can be properly established as a civil service position.
- 12.0 NEW BUSINESS
- 12.1 2012-13 calendar of meetings: It is recommended that the meeting dates be approved sooner – March instead of May - so that rooms can be reserved at BOCES. Recommended dates:
- Athletic Council (Wed.): Sept.19, **Nov. 21**, Nov. 28, Jan.16, Mar.20, May 15
 - Exec. Comm. (Wed.): Above dates plus Oct.17, Dec.19, Feb. 13, Apr. 17, June 19
 - Sec/Intersect (Thurs. 9am):Sept. 6, Oct. 25, Jan. 3, Feb. 28, Apr. 25
 - Finance (Thurs 12pm): Sept. 6, Oct. 25, Jan. 3, Apr. 25
- Other dates:
- NYSPHSAA Meetings: July 31-Aug. 2 Ft. Wm Henry, Lake George (2), Oct 21-22, 2012, **Jan tba 2013, May tba, 2013**, July 29-31, 2013 Woodcliff, Fairport (5)
 - The NYSAAA Conference is scheduled March 13-15, 2013
 - Erie 1, Erie 2, Catt-Allegany, NO BOCES and Buffalo breaks for 2012-13 are:
Winter: Feb. 18-22 and Spring: April 1-5, 2013
- It was agreed that Nov. 28, the Wed. after Thanksgiving, may cause fewer conflicts than the Wed. before the holiday. **Motion to recommend these meeting dates for approval at the March Athletic Council meeting CARRIED Banker/Dunnigan**
- 13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ ADJOURNMENT **Banker/Dunnigan**

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Szczesny, Executive Assistant/ Recording Secretary

