

Athletic Council Meeting March – Agenda Item 6.1

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson: Loren Ratajczak
March 2010

MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING February 24, 2010

Attendance (* indicates present)

Committee: Chairman/Treasurer Loren Ratajczak*
Section reps: Timm Slade*, Mark Ward, Chuck Amo
League Reps: CCAA: Al Gens* ECIC: Jim Graczyk* Buff: Dave Thomas
NO: Ken Stoldt* NFL: Greg Whitman*
Erie 1 BOCES rep: John Montesanti*, Coordinator of Finance and Legislation
Business Official: Deborah Coder*, Lockport City Schools
Superintendents: Chautauqua: Steve Vanstrom*, Frewsburg; Jane Fosberg*, Falconer,
ECIC: Jeff Rabey, Lake Shore

- 1.0 Status of the Fund Balance (agenda item for each meeting):
- 1.1 The Fund Balance is currently in the 40% - 60% range as required.
 - 1.2 Special Use Account- District reimbursement for the full-time Executive Director position: At the January Athletic Council meeting, it was announced that the one-time reimbursements to schools for the full-time Executive Director position will be issued as a credit towards 2010-11 Section dues instead of a check to the district. It was noted that Section dues receive state aid and the reimbursement should not be done in this manner.

RECOMMENDATION:
Issue a check to each district as a Sports Revenue Reimbursement.
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The reimbursement is budgeted in 2009-10. Checks will be cut before June 30, 2010.

- 2.0 Sectional Championships:
- 2.1 A Section Site Management policy is needed (including gate and supervision of athletes). L.Ratajczak and T.Slade will write a policy to identify the procedure for selection of workers.
 - 2.2 Current sectional admission prices were reviewed. No changes were recommended for 2010-11. It was noted that NCCC does not charge rent for the 2-day wrestling tournament. ECC does charge rent but is the only venue with sufficient room for spectators for swimming sectionals in the current format. L.Ratajczak and T.Slade will meet with the venue coordinator at ECC. Fredonia may also be a possible venue for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve maintaining current admission prices for sectional contests in 2010-11
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- 3.0 Standard Finance issues for the February meeting:
- 3.1 Post-season review of fall sports budgets and venues:
Small sports were discussed. The girls gymnastics committee works consistently to have a positive net each year. The boys gymnastics net was askew due to the payment of a large state fee. Girls tennis has not been charging admission though a \$4 admission fee has been approved if the sectional event is "viewable". The Chairman will be contacted regarding the possibility of charging admission at the sites used.
- 4.0 Old Business
- 4.1 Centralized Management of Officials (costs for ArbiterSports): In the 2010-13 contract negotiations, WNYSO has agreed that officials organizations will pay the cost for sub-assigner fees (\$25 per sub-assigner).

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Old Business continued

- 4.2 The transition of the Ice Hockey Federation finances to the Section office has gone well. Financial reports are submitted in a timely fashion. Payments to administrative personnel and the Officials Organization NIHOA are made bi-weekly. NIHOA will pay officials directly at the end of the season as agreed. All bills are paid as they are received. Gate receipts are deposited directly into Section accounts. Deposit slips are mailed in and recorded by the treasurer.
- 4.3 A policy is needed for purchases by Sportchairs and a process for purchase requisition and purchase orders must be established. D.Coder offered to share the procedure used in her district.

5.0 New Business

- 5.1 Review of the annual audit with Paul Dayer, Gaines, Kriner, Elliott was postponed until April 20.
- 5.2 Benefits to District Athletics Account: Approximately \$25,000 is currently available for expenditure in 2009-10 and approximately \$73,000 will be available in the account 2010-2011. Various options for disbursement were discussed. It was agreed that sending athletes to compete in state tournaments is very costly to districts especially during these difficult economic times. Funds could be returned to these districts at an amount based on the state grid. L.Ratajczak will present a report at the April 20 meeting listing the # of teams and individuals that attended state competition from each district and the potential dollar amount that can be distributed to them from the 09-10 account. This will be reviewed as a possible recommendation for approval at the May meeting.

FUTURE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES: Tues. Apr. 20