

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 19, 2011

Agenda items are numbered to correspond to the Athletic Council agenda/minutes

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 9:35 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 December 16, 2010 CARRIED***
Dunnigan/Scholla
- 4.0 Executive Director's Report T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 4.1 Officials Coordination
- a) Central Management/Assigning of Officials: Fall Sectional assignments were posted on ArbiterSports and scrimmages have been added. Two payments have been made to Boys Ice Hockey officials using RefPay. Future payments will be made on the 15th of the month pending receipt of financial reports from the Federation treasurer. Payment of officials for sectional contests is being considered for some spring sports. Officials paid through RefPay must first establish RefPay accounts. Erie 2 BOCES has expressed interest in using RefPay.
- 4.2 Action item for the Athletic Council will be approval of the Calendar of [Sports Season Dates for 11-12](#).
- 4.3 Violations of NYSPHSAA rules:
- a) Grover Cleveland: Buffalo reported that 2 ineligible students participated on the 2009 Grover boys soccer team. The district took appropriate action against the coach and has relinquished the titles won. T.Slade retrieved the sectional and regional plaques. It was noted that districts should encourage counselors, athletic offices and coaches to be attentive to new students participating in athletics regarding eligibility.
- 5.0 Communications - T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 5.1-5.3 Action items for AC: Approval of [Proposed 2011 Football Alignment](#), Combining Schools and Senior All-Star contest
- 5.4 NYSPHSAA: Southern Tier Catholic Friend & Neighbor status to expire January 2011
- 5.5 Walsh Academy (9-12) /Southern Tier Catholic (K-12): Walsh was approved for F&N status by NYSPHSAA in September 2010. The Principal submitted a request for a single F&N membership for both schools since they combined physical locations and Boards of Trustees. It has been verified that Walsh Academy is a member of the NYSCHSAA and does not need F&N status. Is F&N status required or is membership in CHSAA as affiliate with Walsh Academy sufficient for athletic competition against Section VI schools? **T.Slade will contact N.VanErk regarding the status of S.Tier Catholic.**
- 5.6 Lackawanna: An ineligible wrestler was reported by the district. They have forfeited the matches that he participated in.
- 6.0 Committee Reports
- 6.1 Finance [January Report/Minutes](#): L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org
- a) The transactions 12/11/10-1/14/11 were reviewed. Fall Sports [Financial Reports](#) are posted except for football which is incomplete. Several reports have not been received from host schools. It was suggested that a sanction be imposed on districts that do not submit financial reports/gate receipts in a timely fashion. The Section office plans to avoid this situation in the future by personally picking up gate receipts at these sites.
- b) Action item for the AC: Approval of the Proposed Budget 2011-12 (presented at the November meeting). The size of the Fund Balance was questioned. The Fund Balance currently includes Boys and Girls Ice Hockey dues that will be expended in the next few months. It will fall below the maximum of 60% before the end of the fiscal year on 6/30/11. This will be explained to the Athletic Council.

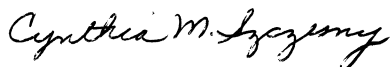
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- 6.2 Sectional/Intersectional [January Report/Minutes](#) T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
- a) Action items for the AC include approval of the Bowling proposal for a new Class breakdown (similar to wrestling) for a more equitable number of schools within each class effective 2011-12, and accepting Fall [Post Season Reports](#) and [Baseball, Softball, Track Pre-season Reports](#).
 - b) Practice at Championship Venues: The Sectional Intersectional committee agreed that practice at the championship site depends on the sport and **should be allowed if there is a shortage of practice sites** (e.g. turf fields). Caution was urged on accessibility. All teams should have equal access to the site for practice if allowed. Adding a statement to the Policy Manual on this issue will be discussed at the Sectional Intersectional meeting on March 3 with a recommendation for approval at the March 23 AC meeting.
 - c) Ejection Appeal: There is concern regarding instances where the officials organization overturned the call of an ejection of an athlete from a contest. T.Slade and C.Bullis Policy Chairperson will meet to develop a draft of a policy and procedure that involves the Section (i.e. Executive Director and/or Sportsmanship Chairperson) in the process of overturning an ejection. The draft will be reviewed at the Sectional Intersectional meeting on March 3 with a recommendation for approval at the March 23 AC meeting.
 - d) NFHS rules vs. NCAA, ASA, etc. rules: The majority of reps at the State Executive Committee meetings are in favor of moving to NFHS rules. Sports committees prefer remaining with NCAA, ASA, etc. rules. Direction on this issue may be needed in the near future.
- 6.6 State Executive Committee/ Central Committee- D.Scholla & and C. Bullis:
Report from [State Exec Meeting Dec. 5-6](#): The Fiscal Concerns Recommendations including the reduction of contests were extended for 2011-12. A move to NFHS rules for all sports is under consideration and will be discussed at the State Executive Committee meeting on 1/25/11.
- 7.0 Special Committee Reports
- 7.3 Evaluation of Executive Director J.Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
A template for evaluation is set. Goals will be added when completed (see item 7.4) A draft of the evaluation tool and **process will be ready for review at the March AC meeting**.
- 7.4 ExDir-Goals/Vision-Section VI: D.Scholla and P.Burke will meet to review potential goals in the near future.
- 8-10.0 Other reports for the Athletic Council include Sport Committees, Guest and Post Season Reports. There was no discussion.
- 11.0 Old Business: Addressed in previous agenda items.
- 12.0 New Business
- 12.1 Soccer Sportsmanship- Red/yellow card policy: G.Kaszubski, who previously chaired the Ad Hoc Committee on Soccer Sportsmanship, will address the Athletic Council on reviewing a change to the less stringent state policy. Concern was expressed on bringing up issues that have been addressed in the past. The Council will be asked if there is interest in pursuing the matter.
 - 12.2 School Budget Prep: There was much discussion on financial concerns within NYS including additional cuts in state aid, a potential wage freeze and a possible 2% tax cap as districts wait for the release of the NYS budget. It was noted that stimulus money will no longer be available in 2011-12 and the current fiscal crisis could worsen. There is potential for loss of athletic programs within districts. President Munro will bring this to the attention of Council members and ask districts to open communication and have creative discussion within their respective leagues and BOE's regarding options and alternatives to save athletic programs. Section VI assistance will be offered.
- 13.0 Good of the Order/ Adjournment

Respectfully submitted



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