

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 23, 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.

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- 1.0/2.0 Call to order/Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 9:45 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 February 16, 2011 CARRIED Rabey/Dunnigan***
- 4.0 Executive Director's Report T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 4.1 Officials Coordination- Central Management/Assigning of Officials: Winter Sectional assignments were posted on ArbiterSports. Payment of officials assigned in ArbiterSports using RefPay was completed for Boys Ice Hockey. The use of RefPay was beneficial for all involved and the response was positive. The Section is moving forward with **this method of payment for Boys and Girls Lacrosse officials for sectional semis and finals.**
- 4.2 Section VI positions: Nominations are being accepted for the following Section VI positions with **appointments to be made at the May Athletic Council meeting:**
- a) **Boys Sports Rep to the Central Committee** (4-year term 9/1/11 - 8/31/15): Don Scholla's term expires 8/31/11. Current nomination: Incumbent Don Scholla.
 - b) **Winter Sportchairs** (3-year term 7/1/11-6/30/14). **Current nominations**
 - c) **Section VI President/President-Elect:** D.Munro has accepted a Superintendent position at a district in eastern NYS and will resign her position as Section President with a letter of resignation in the near future. J.Rabey will fulfill her term until 6/30/12, vacating the position of President Elect. D. Munro established an Ad Hoc Committee chaired by D.Scholla to review nominations for this position and make a recommendation for appointment at the May 18 meeting. Because the Constitution (p.6) indicates that the offices of president and president-elect are to be on a geographical rotation plan, nominations for this position should be from the North (NFL or NO leagues). If there are no nominations from the North, nominations from the other regions will be considered. Leagues will be requested to:
 - **Submit the name of a representative to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee to D.Scholla by Fri. Mar.25**
 - **Review the requirements for the position in the [Constitution](#) (page 6)**
 - **Submit nominations for this position to D.Scholla by **May 2** so that a list of candidates can be sent to the leagues prior to the May 18 Athletic Council meeting.**
- It was noted that nominations will be accepted from the floor at the May 18 meeting. It will be recommended that an Athletic Council member planning to nominate from the floor bring the nominee to the meeting to present their qualifications for the position.
- 4.3 Wrestling Concerns:
- a) A Notice to file Claim was received regarding illness to a Williamsville athlete after competing in the Section VI Class A wrestling tournament.. The Executive Committee will be notified of any further developments. It was noted that in the future:
 - The physicians will be required to remain at the tournament site until competition begins
 - There are 2 chairpersons but 5 tournament sites. A "designated chairman" should be appointed for each site.
 - b) Assigning concerns raised by the Southern Tier Wrestling Officials Association STWOA were addressed at a recent meeting and the issues were resolved.
- 5.0 Communications - T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 5.1-5.2 Action items for the AC this afternoon include approval of Combining Schools & Outside Agency contests
- 5.3 NYSPHSAA has announced that Clarence High School has been selected as the State Scholar Athlete Champion in Boys Indoor Track.

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6.0 Committee Reports

- 6.1 Finance L.Ratajczak lratajczak@e1b.org
- a) The transactions 2/12/11-3/18/11 were reviewed
 - b) [March Report/Minutes](#) There are no action items. Click here for Football Financial Reports → [Sectionals](#) [Regionals](#) Winter sports financial reports will be posted when completed by the treasurer.
- 6.2 Sectional/Intersectional [March Report/Minutes](#) T.Slade tslade@e1b.org
- The following action items for the AC were discussed:
- a) Approve: Teams that qualify for bowl or play-off games may opt-out of the 9th game if they notify the Sportchair by the end of the 6th week.
 - b) Approve the [Proposed 2011 Football Alignment for Class D](#) with 2 divisions D and DD. Approve the DD division competing in a "League Championship only. It was felt that this championship contest should not be held at Ralph Wilson stadium in conjunction with Sectional competition. The Sportchair will investigate potential use of Ralph Wilson and report back.
 - c) Approve the addition of a statement regarding practice at the championship venue to each sport handbook. Each sport committee should consider adding a phrase such as "Only the host school team may practice at a championship venue more than once during the post-season."
 - d) Eliminate the policy regarding Ejection Appeals.
 - e) **POSTPONED FROM AC MEETING 1/19/11:** Approve adoption of the NYSPHSAA sportsmanship policy for boys and girls soccer in post-season play only. This will make the Section VI policy consistent with that of other sections and equalize the level of play for Section VI athletes with that of other athletes in the state.
 - f) Support the status quo in each sport regarding rules to be followed. (no change to NFHS). Link to document with rationale → [NFHS vs NCAA/ASA/etc rules](#) Our sportchairs support the status quo.
 - g) Support athletes wearing Section t-shirts at the Cross County Championships
 - h) Support changing the Safety Meeting mandate to every other year.
 - i) Maintain flexibility with the deadline for combining schools for fall sports (May 18) due to budgetary concerns within districts. It was recommended that the Section survey member schools at the end of June to assess the effect of state budget cuts on sports programs.
 - j) Accept Fall pre-season reports that were submitted in time for review March 3. It was noted that the Boys Soccer report requests a universal start date of August 22 but Athletic Council approved August 15 as the start date. This exception will be noted at the Athletic Council meeting. [The following reports will be reviewed April 28: B & G Volleyball, Girls Gymnastics and Girls Soccer.](#)
- 6.5 Policy C. Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org
- [Proposed Policy additions](#) to be voted on were discussed
- 6.6 State Committee Reports:
- a) Report from State Exec Meeting Jan. 25- D.Scholla & and C. Bullis
The minutes from the State Executive Committee Meeting on Jan. 25 are posted → [Minutes](#) Due to district budgetary constraints, requests for waivers to NFHS rules requiring uniform changes may be submitted to Nina Van Erk, NYSPHSAA Executive Director nvanerk@nysphsaa.org Waivers will be issued in writing and should be taken to the game site.
 - b) State Ad Hoc Committee Reports to be given at the Athletic Council:
 - Cheerleading – Michele Ziegler will present the report from the State Cheerleading Committee which includes the recommendation for a two strand structure for cheerleading including traditional sideline cheer as an activity and cheerleading as a competitive sport with a state championship. Schools would have the option of either strand. This may be an action item at the State Executive Committee meeting on May 6. If a state championship is established, a Section VI Cheerleading Sportchair and championship would be needed. This could be a potential source of income for the Section
 - Strategic Planning-Cindy Bullis → [Minutes](#)
13 categories are being reviewed at the State level. C.Bullis requests input. Suggestions should be emailed to C.Bullis cbullis@ntschoools.org
- 6.9 Transfer/ Foreign Student R. Black hronblack@hotmail.com
- A change to the Transfer Rule is being considered: A student entering 9th grade in a new district cannot play a JV/varsity sport that he/she has played as a selectively classified student unless the parent moves into that new district. Direction is needed on this proposal. It will be discussed at the Athletic Council meeting this afternoon.

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7.0 Special Committee Reports

- 7.3 Evaluation of Executive Director J.Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
Some revisions must be made to the draft evaluation tool. A final report will be made at the May meeting. The evaluation of the Executive Director for 2010-11 will be a narrative.
- 7.4 ExDir-Goals/Vision-Section VI D.Scholla dscholla@olean.wnyric.org P.Burke pburke@lockport.wnyric.org
The draft goals were reviewed. Some recommendations for change will be made and the goals will be incorporated into the draft evaluation tool (see item 7.3)

8-10.0 Other AC reports: Sport Committees, Guest and Post Season Reports: No discussion

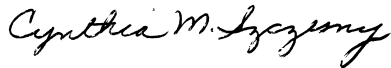
11.0 Old Business

- 11.1 Walsh Academy (9-12) /Southern Tier Catholic (K-8): 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.
- 11.2 "Pay to play" sports concept: Information was emailed as requested to the Executive Committee members 3/10/11.

12.0 New Business: None

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

Respectfully submitted



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