

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 21, 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  
Guests: Todd Nelson, Assistant Director NYSPHSAA

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](mailto: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 February 15, 2011 CARRIED**  
**Dunnigan/Scholla**
- 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) ACTION ITEM for the AC will be to approve the timelines for assigning officials → [North](#) and [South](#) Representatives of WNYSO and League assigners have agreed upon the timelines.  
b) ArbiterGame reps were unavailable as anticipated at the NYSAAA conference. The program will be further investigated by T.Slade as a possible alternative to separate scheduling programs such as LeagueMinder or ScheduleStar. Phase one will be released by June 2012 in Michigan with an anticipated date for Phase two (mass release) in the fall and Version 3 planned for January 2013.
- 4.2 Section VI Positions: Appointments will be made to the following positions at the May Athletic Council meeting. Click here for [Current Nominations](#) Leagues and Committees are asked to forward nominations to Section VI at [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org) or [cszczesny@e1b.org](mailto:cszczesny@e1b.org)
- a) Fall Sportchair positions  
b) Section VI Principals Rep to the Central Committee  
c) Winter Sportchair Positions: Girls Ice Hockey Chairperson, Girls Indoor track and Boys Basketball. Current chairs are stepping down.
- 5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS:** T. Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)
- 5.1 From NYSPHSAA: Section VI has 2 State Scholar Teams: Frewsburg Girls Basketball with a team GPA of 97.920 and Hamburg Girls Gymnastics (fall team) with a team GPA of 97.763!
- 5.3-5 ACTION ITEMS for the AC include approval of Senior All-Star and Outside Agency Contests and Combining Schools.
- 6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 6.1 Finance Committee/ Treasurer's Report L.Ratajczak [lratajczak@e1b.org](mailto:lratajczak@e1b.org)
- a) Transactions from 2/11/12 – 3/16/12 were reviewed.  
b) Winter Sports: Payment of invoices is in process. Most gate receipts have been received.  
b) Fall Sports: **Financial Reports will be released when they are complete.** Some items are still outstanding.  
c) Buffalo Schools: Dues have been received. Overdue payment of sports officials has been addressed and is being resolved by the district.
- 6.2 Sectional/Intersectional [March Report/Minutes 3/1/12](#) T.Slade [tslade@e1b.org](mailto:tslade@e1b.org)  
ACTIONS ITEMS for the AC recommended by the committee include:
- a) Accept the Girls Gymnastics Post Season Report  
b) Approve the use of laxpower in Girls Lacrosse  
c) Accept the Fall Pre-Season Reports as noted:
- Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football G.Swim, and G.Tennis as submitted
  - B.Gymnastics excluding the request for 6 officials for sectionals. The contract allows for 4.
  - B.Volleyball excluding Eden as the venue for finals. Crowd size is too large for this site. T.Slade will discuss venues with W.Stefani.
  - G.Volleyball excluding the reinstatement of linespeople in the regular season. The Athletic Council approved elimination of linespeople in regular season May 2011.
  - B.Soccer excluding a change to the start date. Start dates were approved by the Athletic Council Sept. 2011
- 6.3 Safety- [March Report](#) Direction is needed – the following will be AC action items:
- a) [Football](#) - 4 nights rest between football scrimmage and a game: This will eliminate scrimmages between games. The football committee, NFL and NO leagues are not in support. The safety concerns are increased exposure to potential injuries and scrimmage guidelines are not always followed.

- 6.4 Modified- Direction is needed – the following will be AC action items:
- a) Modified - Pilot for a kick-off in modified football: The football committee and Sectional Intersectional Committee are not in support of this change.
  - b) Modified: A Mod/JV program is a 7-8-9 model for schools that have no JV program. It follows the HS grid with a modified start date and allows for flexibility in districts. 7-8-9 teams can compete against 7-8 teams if they use like criteria (age, grade, ability, geography) and determine there will be safe and equitable competition. The program would be allowed with Section and league approval.
  - c) Modified- Baseball pitch count vs. innings pitched: Pitchers are currently allowed a max of 12 innings per week. Should this be changed to a max number of pitches per game?
  - d) Modified - Awards for multi-school events: Leagues have indicated they are in favor of awards for modified athletes.

6.6 State Executive Committee/ Central Committee Reports

- 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)

DIRECTION IS NEEDED on [Items for Section discussion](#) . The items detailed below, may be discussed or voted upon at the May NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting. They will be action items for the AC:

- c-1) Status of State Championships
  - Placing a two-year moratorium on all state championships beginning with the 2013-14 school year. It was noted that this is too great a penalty for athletes with minimal savings. Sections can opt-out of participation in state championships.
  - Curtailing the number of state championships. This could include reducing the # classes or ending competition with regionals.
- c-2) Sites of State Championships
  - Selecting state championship sites based on a Section's desire to host.
  - Developing a new process by which members of the site selection committee are chosen.
  - Considering a change in the transportation reimbursement structure with, perhaps, the sections closest to the championship sites receiving less .and those furthest receiving more.
- c-3) Elimination of Section uniforms in all sports and letting athletes wear their school uniforms at State Championships. It was noted that section uniforms are currently not a cost to Section 6.
- c-4) Suggestions for cost reductions and increased revenue.\*\*
- c-5) Charter Schools - Are the Sections current rules and regulations working? Sections have the authority to re-classify charters/non-public schools.\*\*
- c-6) Camp Rule for High Schools and Athletic Shopping: Allowing only district residents to attend camps may be too restrictive.
- c-7) Academic Hardship Waiver - Should it be eliminated from the Transfer Rule? Transfer for this reason is legitimate especially in districts like Buffalo that have specialized schools.

\*\*For items c4 and c5, Athletic Directors will be asked to email comments to T.Slade.

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

11.1 2012-13 Section VI office/staff planning: With the retirement of C.Szczesny, a position of Senior Account Clerk Typist has been created and will be posted internally in Erie 1 BOCES on April 2. A committee of league reps has been created to review the applications. Interviews are scheduled for 4/19/12. A recommendation of a candidate for hire will be presented at the Erie 1 BOE meeting for approval on 5/9/12 and a start date for the new employee is planned for early June.

11.2 Combining schools: The Policy committee recommends status quo on the requirement that a report on a Combined Program be submitted to the Section after the season. This will be reported at the Athletic Council meeting this afternoon.

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

12.1 ACTION ITEM for the AC is to approve Section VI 2012-13 meeting dates that were recommended at the February Executive Committee meeting..

13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ ADJOURNMENT **Banker/Dunnigan**

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Szczesny, Executive Assistant/ Recording Secretary

*Cynthia M. Szczesny*