

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/ATHLETIC COUNCIL
MARCH 23, 2005
PIFFARD, NEW YORK**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Rick Amundson, Joe Sposato, Phill Langton, Kim Henshaw, Mike Simon, Jim Zumbo, Kathy Hoyt, Sandy Cutter, Joe Backer, Ted Woods, Jackie Meyer and Ed Stores

ATHLETIC COUNCIL – Brian Moran, Steve Girolmo (LCAA); Bill Burns, Denny Leyden, Andy Bukenmeyer* (GR); Sam Utter, Jack Milner (MCAA); George Tortolon, Bob Moore,* Gil Jackson* (FLAC); Steve Veeder, Dave Alena, Bill Rotenberg, Lori Delyser (WCAA); Dave Michelson, Bill Cronmiller*, David Boundy (CC/RL); Chris Els (PP) (* denotes proxy)

President Joe Sposato presided over the meeting. He introduced Past Presidents, Paul Fauth, Ted Bondi and Jim Dollard. Sport coordinators Rick Steiner, Boys Tennis and Lynn Tewksbury, Wrestling, were present.

NYSPPHSAA Asst. Ex. Dir. Joe Alteri was present. He spoke to several initiatives occurring at the State level. He also emphasized the opposition to the Morelli legislation and asked that we continue to lobby against it. He reminded everyone that the new numbers for 5 classifications are to be used in 05-06. He clarified the softball face mask waiver. He also reviewed the criteria to be used in the non-public school classification determinations.

The following action items were approved:

Minutes of the February 9 Executive Committee meeting.

A move-up in boys lacrosse to Class B for Geneva City and HF-L

A move-up in football to Class A for Aquinas Institute

A senior all-star game for Genesee region in baseball on June 3, 2005

A combined teams application for Greece Olympia and Arcadia in JV and Mod. Boys lacrosse and varsity girls gymnastics for 2005-2006

A combined teams application for Eastridge and Penfield in girls gymnastics in 2005-2006

A combined teams application for Greece Odyssey and Athena in boys lacrosse, boys and girls track and field, boys and girls swimming, JV and modified girls lacrosse, girls gymnastics, wrestling and girls volleyball

A survey by NYSPPHSAA to provide runner-up plaques at regional tournaments was discussed. Section V does not support the idea.

After several lengthy discussions regarding boys and girls lacrosse sectionals were held plans were finalized. Brackets will be shown in each respective handbook. A motion was adopted that stipulates a team must participate all the way through a sectional tournament in order to proceed to the state tournament.

The Section V State Executive Committee members (Jim Zumbo and Kathy Smith) will support modified proposals at the next state meeting to increase flexibility in modified sports for our leagues and to send an ice hockey proposal to the safety committee.

The recently defeated contract proposal with the officials was discussed. Some steps have already been taken to correct original errors in the draft. A meeting with the committee, Rod Verkey and Section officers will be held on April 5 to go over a new draft. Leagues should have had conversations with their respective committee members to discuss issues related to a new contract.

Jackie Meyer gave a presentation to the Executive Committee on Section finances. A great deal of money is still out from the winter sectionals. There are concerns that revenues will be down because school vacations reduced attendance in many of our winter sports.

Ed Stores informed the council of several Teams of One that have been approved. Naples CSD has one boy and one girl in track and field. Northstar Christian has one boy for tennis and one boy for golf. C.G. Finney will have a Team of one in track and Prattsburgh will have the same in track and field. He expressed concern that it had been reported damage to hotels by wrestlers and bowlers had taken place. The state is looking into the matter and will determine who was responsible.

Fairport CSD (boys skiing), Notre Dame of Batavia (girls basketball) and Aquinas (ice hockey) earned state championship honors in the Scholar-Athlete program.

Leagues will be reminded by the council representatives that student vs. adult contests should not be occurring and that if a school decides to play a contest away from their home site, sectional notification is required.

Joe Sposato will chair a committee to deal with non-public school classifications. Ideally, there will be one rep. from each league. Leagues are asked to nominate someone by the May AC meeting. It is anticipated that the respective sport coordinators will also be involved.

Tyler Eichas, Section V CTA chair, reported on the activities of his group. He gave credit to those who have served the schools in our section. The program has grown from 38 participants from 9 schools in 2003 to 116 participants representing 42 schools. Tyler expressed thanks for the support of the section.

Victor Van Vliet, coordinator for girls soccer, was present to discuss 05-06 classifications. A proposal to split AA's and B's was defeated due to not having enough teams in each class as per section policy. As a result of this discussion and anticipated discussions concerning the same issue, President elect Sposato appointed Kim Henshaw and Kathy Hoyt to chair a committee of council members, sport coordinators and the executive director to study our present policy regarding splitting classes. The first meeting is scheduled for April 27 at Perkins restaurant in Rochester. More information will follow.

Josh Norcross, boys golf coordinator, requested approval of a team sectional champion for the 05-06 season. This was approved. He also addressed the concern of students participating at the LPGA with professionals. The student-athletes will apply and decisions about participation will be based on selected criteria. Sandy Cutter handed out a report from Julie Odenbach, girls golf coordinator. She reported that at the present time there are 7 varsity programs in place.

Rick Steiner, boys tennis coordinator, was present to give his report. He informed the Council about the tennis committee and membership. There will be 12 people serving as the committee. The committee is looking at changing the dates for the State qualifier and team sectionals. This is being done to maximize quality time for all teams. Plans are underway for a joint website with girls tennis.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM