

Executive Committee/Athletic Council Minutes September 21, 2005

Members Present: Executive Committee: Rick Amundson, Jackie Meyer, Joe Sposato, Rod Verkey, Dave Green, Joe Backer, Kathy Smith, Mike Simon, Sandy Cutter. Athletic Council: Neil Zwierlein, David Boundy, Dick Cerone, Chris Ells, Dennis Leyden, Tom Dooling, Dave Dinolfo, Rick Bley, Bob Moore, Gil Jackson, Bill Rotenberg, Scott Sugar, Dennis Fries, Susan Gray, Jack Milner, Dave Hanks, Kyle Faulkner, Mike O’Buhanich, Droegen Martin, Anne Hosmer and Ed Stores

Special guests Past Presidents Paul Fauth, Ted Bondi, Pete Schreiber, John Carbaugh and Lloyd Mott, Assistant Executive Director of NYSPHSAA were also present.

President Rick Amundson opened the meeting with appropriate introductions before recognizing Lloyd Mott who gave a report concerning initiatives from the State office. He spoke of several coaches clinics that were occurring around the State. He and Kathy Smith, NYSPHSAA Executive Committee member from Section V, also addressed the purchase of the new building being purchased in Albany to house the State offices. There were questions concerning financing but Lloyd indicated that there should be no assessments at the section level. He also indicated that BEDS data would be forthcoming in the local schools and that new requirements were being imposed to more correctly identify certain students.

Dennis Fries spoke to both the Executive Committee and the Athletic Council regarding the status of the web page initiative. He indicated that our new look could be activated as early as the end of September (staffing changes at Logical Solutions have created a slight delay). He is working with sport coordinators to upgrade where necessary individual web sites and gave credit to Paul Wilson (boy’s lacrosse) for his efforts in this area. Dennis spoke to his vision that corporate sponsorship could be a valuable financial asset to the section. He also spoke to opportunities available to the Section involving Time Warner. He invited as much participation as possible in an AAA workshop on concussion testing to be held at Victor HS on October 13, 2005.

Rick Amundson spoke to the Council and gave a finance committee report. He is looking to expand the committee to include superintendents and past presidents in a comprehensive study of section V finances.

Dr. Susan Gray reported to the Council that the Monroe County CSO’s were undertaking a project to fingerprint all officials in Section V. The proposal includes language calling for an agreement that in return all officials in succeeding years will get fingerprinted on their own initiative. It is hoped that the effort can begin as soon as possible. Section V has offered to assist in whatever way possible including discussions with officials about the agreement.

Ed Stores spoke to the Council about the Non-Public School Classification Committee. The committee, chaired by Joe Sposato, is developing criteria for making judgments as to whether or not non-public schools should undergo classification changes imposed by the section. There are more meetings scheduled as this is a work in progress.

The following action items were approved at the Council meeting:

1. A Friends and Neighbor application was approved for All Saints Catholic Academy
2. Recommendations of the Finance Committee to raise shield prices from \$6.00 to \$8.00; adopt a budget in the amount of \$194,237.80 (an increase of 3.4%); and the expansion of the Finance Committee were recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Athletic Council.

An action item to approve/deny a request from HAC to field two varsity teams was tabled.

Team of One applications for Midlakes in girls and boys swimming (with Geneva) and Penn Yan in girls swimming (with Marcus Whitman) were approved.

Several discussion items were shared with the Athletic Council. The issue of multiple mergers at the modified level was clarified at the State meeting. A merger can only occur between two schools in the same sport.

Jackie Meyer gave a treasurers report that included a line by line accounting of Section expenses. The only new initiative in the budget was a line item creating a salary for the position of webmaster. Other lines were adjusted to reflect actual spending.

There were several sport coordinator reports discussed at the Executive Committee meeting. Rick Steiner, boys tennis, gave input on the tennis committee concerns regarding HAC's request for two varsity teams. Mark Michele, girls lacrosse agreed to stay on as coordinator unless another had an interest in doing the job. He would then act as a resource for that person. Josh Norcross is interested in setting up a team sectional tournament. He will present a proposal to the Executive Committee. Mike Simon reported that in spite of controversy over last year's sectional tournament it went well. He has enough teams to hold a sectional event so there should be no problem this year. Mike Wright gave his post season report. The issue regarding home teams picking up the expenses of the first two rounds was a success and he felt that it should continue.

Under sectional concerns, two leagues indicated they were having serious discussions about trying to reduce travel expenses due to rising fuel costs. Others anticipate the same kind of discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.