

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Burgundy Basin
March 21, 2007

Members Present:

Executive Committee – Joe Sposato, Dave Green, Rick Amundson, Jim Zumbo, Joe Backer, Kathy Smith, Kim Henshaw, Sandy Cutter, Kathy Hoyt, Rod Verkey, Jim Simmons, Mike Simon, Jackie Meyer, Ed Stores

Athletic Council – Allegany County – Doreen Martin, Doug Wyant: City Catholic/Rochester League – David Boundy, Cornelius Zwierlien, Kathy Boughton, Davis Sphieler: Finger Lakes – Gil Jackson, Don Raw, George Tortolon: Genesee Region - Dennis Leyden, Tom Dooling: Livingston County – Dave Dinolfo, Brian Moran, Craig Veley: Monroe County – Jack Milner, Chris Bourne, Dave Dimbleby: Private-Parochial – Chris Ells, Rob Johnson, Joe Marchand: Steuben County – Dennis O’Brien, Mike Wright, Kert Decker, Ann Hosmer: Wayne County – Bill Rotenberg, Scott Sugar

Sport Coordinators – Lance Bush, Kevin Rosko, Track and Field; Dick Cerone, Football; Mike Simon, Boys Lacrosse; Dennis O’Brien, Bernie Gardner, Skiing; Dave Hennessey, Indoor Track

Past Presidents – Ted Bondi, Kathy Smith, Paul Fauth, Rick Amundson, Ed Stores

Guests – Nina Van Erk, Executive Director of NYSPHSAA

Operation Offense – Chris Ells, Rick Amundson, Ed Stores

Sportsmanship – David Boundy

Action Items:

The Executive recommended and the Athletic Council approved the following action items: The **minutes** of the February 27, 2007 meeting. **Combined teams applications** for Bishop Kearney and East Irondequoit in ice hockey for 2007-2008.

Dues Discussion:

A report was distributed to the membership detailing facts about the Section V budget, sport revenue and expenses and the current status of our financial condition. A recommendation from the Finance Committee in January calling for dues in the amount of \$600 per district plus \$10 per varsity sport per school was discussed. There were concerns regarding the timeliness of the request for dues. There was discussion regarding whether or not dues should be permanent. Questions about increases in potential revenues and reductions in expenses were also discussed. A motion was made and seconded to access dues for the 2007-2008 in accordance with the recommendation from the finance committee. Motion passed. Dues invoices will go to member schools on May 1, 2007 and are to be payable by November 1, 2007.

NYSPHSAA Report

Nina Van Erk Executive Director of NYSPHSAA, spoke to the Council concerning several topics. Among these were rule changes regarding uniforms and gear. During the Executive Committee session she offered guidance regarding legal issues and direction for the future of the State organization.

Operation Offense

Chris Ells reported that the March 20 Operation Offense Chemical Health workshop was attended by over 100 participants representing 72 districts. It was the largest attendance for a workshop in recent history. It was also the last opportunity for 2006-2007 to meet the mandate.

Nominations Committee:

Nominations for the position of Girls Vice-President and HS Principal Rep. were received by the Council. Sandy Cutter was the only nomination for Girls VP and therefore was awarded the position. There were two nominations for HS Principal Rep. The names of Mike Simon (Geneva) and Bill Rotenberg (North Rose-Wolcott) will go out on referendum.

Constitution Revisions

Dave Green has done a review of the Constitution denoting changes that have occurred recently. He presented a draft that will put into referendum form and will be disseminated to the members along with the nomination of officers.

Scholar-Athlete Champions

The report of all Section V schools designated as scholar-athlete teams for the winter season has been received by the Section. Congratulations to Harley Allendale Columbia for being named as State Champions in girls bowling and to McQuaid Jesuit for being named State Champions in wrestling.

Modified Football Proposal

A proposal to change the modified football rules to in two wide receivers was presented. This will go back to the Modified Committee for discussion.

Classification Committee

Sandy Cutter, chair of the Classification Committee, asked for administrators who might be willing to look at the way we break down into classifications as well as other issues related to classifications. She reported that we are at the end of a two year pilot and need to make decisions about the direction we are going.

Legal fees

There was discussion on whether or not schools should be charged back for legal fees when an unsuccessful action is brought against the Section. Nina gave information regarding how the State Association deals with this issue. We shall continue to study this issue.

Hearing

A transfer rule hearing was held to determine if a student from a member school should be granted a waiver. The issue dealt with a series of AP courses versus college level courses as a reason to grant a waiver. The executive Committee ruled that in this case there was an appreciable difference and the waiver was granted.

Sport Coordinator Reports

Skiing – Bernie Gardner and Dennis O’Brien – Results from Sectional and State tournaments were discussed. The Section did very well in all aspects of Nordic and Alpine. Tentative classifications were distributed. No Action items were requested.

Wrestling – Chris Bourne – a survey is out to all schools requesting information on whether or not schools will support multiple entry in the form of two additional wrestlers in Sectional play. Chris will share the results of the survey before making a formal request to expand the tournament.

Indoor Track – Dave Hennessey – No action items were requested. The post season report listed boys and girls class winners as well as Federation place winners.

Track and Field – Lance Bush, Kevin Rosko and Dan Graf- A proposal to split 32 teams in division one into three classes was discussed. After much discussion, the split did not follow Section guidelines for dividing classes and the proposal was not approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM