

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**DiPacific's**  
**May 16, 2007**

**Members Present:**

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

**Athletic Council** – Allegany County – Doreen Martin: City Catholic/Rochester League – Cornelius Zwierlien: Finger Lakes – Gil Jackson, Rick Bley, Mike Midey, George Tortolon: Genesee Region – Dick Young, Bill Burns: Livingston County – Mike Salatel: Monroe County – Jack Milner, Dennis Fries, Kim Henshaw: Private-Parochial – Chris Ells, Rob Johnson, Joe Marchand, Ralph Dewey: Steuben County – Dennis O'Brien, Mike Wright: Wayne County – Bill Rotenberg, Scott Sugar, Steve Veeder

**Sport Coordinators** – Mike Wright, Softball; Neil Zwierlein, Football; Mike Simon, Boys Lacrosse; Dennis O'Brien, Skiing; Dennis Fries, Ice Hockey

**Past Presidents** – Ted Bondi, Kathy Smith, Rick Amundson, Dennis Fries, Ed Stores

**Guests** – Bob Stulmaker, Ass't. Executive Director of NYSPHSAA

**Operation Offense** – Chris Ells, Dennis Fries, Rick Amundson, Ed Stores

**Structure and Policy Committee** – Gary Mix

**Action Items:**

The Executive recommended and the Athletic Council approved the following action items: The **minutes** of the April 18, 2007 meeting. **Senior All-Star games** for Wayne County in baseball on June 1, 2007 and for LCAA in baseball and softball on June 5, 2007. Games for baseball between City-Catholic and Private-Parochial as well boys lacrosse were approved pending Certificates of Insurance.

**NYSPHSAA Report**

Bob Stulmaker, Assistant Executive Director of NYSPHSAA, spoke to the Council concerning several topics. Among these were rule changes regarding uniforms and gear. He addressed some of the work of the Structure and Policy Committee recommendations that were approved by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee. Dave Green joined Bob by indicating that the August 28 AAA meeting will be devoted to Nina Van Erk's presentation to all Athletic Administrators on Sport Standards. He emphasized that this workshop is mandatory and failure to attend either this workshop or another in a different section would result in a loss of participation in sectional competition. Schools delinquent in filing the sports participation survey were noted.

**Official Section V soccer ball**

Discussions regarding the adoption of an official Section V soccer ball are on hold. The Boys committee will try out the ball before making a recommendation.

**Operation Offense**

Chris Ells reported that Operation Offense had concluded the activities for this year. All but a few schools met the mandate. He indicated that OO will work next year to get to 100%.

### **Presentation to the Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee heard a presentation from Dave Kelly of Sports Image Inc. promoting his products for schools in Section V. He indicated that this would be an opportunity for marketing income. A question regarding local policies on signage arose. Ed Stores will try to do a survey on this topic.

### **Senior All-Star games**

The importance of leagues communicating with school administrators on hosting games was discussed. The issue of extended liability requiring Certificates of Insurance was emphasized.

### **Meeting dates**

The meeting dates and sites for the Executive Committee and the Athletic Council were adopted. They will be posted to the website.

### **Treasurers Report**

Jackie Meyer and Ed Stores gave a Treasurers report. The condition of our operating budget and bank balances were reviewed. Final fall and winter profit and loss statements were also shared. They will keep an eye on cash flow as we proceed through the spring season.

### **Structure and Policy Committee**

Gary Mix, Superintendent of Pembroke Central School gave a report of the activities of this statewide committee. He and John Pelin of Spencerport CSD have been attending meetings to review how the State Association operates. There were several changes proposed and some have already been adopted. There is a survey that each section will conduct to prioritize remaining issues for the State to look at.

### **State Report**

Jim Zumbo and Kathy Smith reported on the recent State Executive Committee meeting in Syracuse. Issues such as modified rule for football, scrimmages, sport equipment rules and regulations were discussed.

### **Classification Committee**

Sandy Cutter, chair of the Classification Committee, reported that the committee had met and was formulating a plan for the 2008-2009 school year. The existing classification policy will be in place for the 2007-2008 school year.

### **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. Ed Stores has spoken with attorneys Rene James and Maureen Lamb to explore whether or not the NYSPHSAA Constitution already allows for this.

### **Finance Committee Report**

Ted Woods gave a summary of the recommendations from the Finance Committee meeting held on May 7, 2007. Bob Codispoti has done a survey of schools regarding site costs and availability. To be discussed are proposals regarding payment of legal fees and costs by member schools as well as sport losses being shared by schools participating in that sport. It is hoped that leagues will take these items back for discussion. How best to deal with passes was also discussed.

### **Sport Coordinator Reports**

**Wrestling** – Chris Bourne – The results of a survey on whether or not schools will support multiple entry in the form of two additional wrestlers in Sectional play were discussed. The results were overwhelmingly supported by the member schools. The multiple entry system was adopted and will be used in the 2007-2008 sectionals.

**Girls Gymnastics** – Paula Summit and Carol Mancari – Dates and sites were discussed. Special thanks to Jim Zumbo for his assistance in making the State tournament a success. A new procedure for dealing with medical waivers was approved. A shortage of officials is also a problem.

**Ice Hockey** – Scott Morrison and Dennis Fries – A financial report was distributed. A problem over corporate sponsorship for hospitality was resolved. A change in how the state classification system works could be a serious problem for Section V.

**Boys Soccer** – Gary Pollock – Tentative classifications for 2007-2008 were distributed. Officials shortages between boys and girls continues to be a problem. The Section V yellow card policy was reviewed.

**Field Hockey** – Bev Hooper – Tentative classifications were distributed. No action items were proposed.

**Cross Country** – Bob Goodell – Dates and tentative classifications were distributed. The committee is working with Marcus Whitman HS for sectionals. A parking system to help defray costs of the tournament is being worked on. A request to leave on a Thursday (Nov. 8) and to be able to adjust classifications in the first week of September were approved.

**Football** – Neil Zwierlein – Tentative classifications as well as sites and times were discussed. Discussions with Paetec Park continue. A proposal to revise the numbers for classifications for 2008 have been proposed to the State Championship Committee.

The Executive Committee discussed **sport coordinator reports**. Sandy Cutter, Girls sports Vice-President, Rod Verkey, Boys Sports Vice-President and Ed Stores will devise a plan for dealing with reports for the future.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM