

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 1, 2011

Flag Salute

Roll Call / Introduction of Press

The meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at the NJSIAA Administration Building in Robbinsville, New Jersey, was called to order by Mr. James Loper, President, at 11:12 am. The following members were present: Robert Abatemarco, Bill Bruno, Peter Bruno, Lou DeGeorge, Marty Flynn, Joe Galliera, Arthur Griffa, Darren Groh, Abdul Hassan, Thomas Holt, Dr. Matthew Jamison, Monsignor Michael Kelly, Joe Lennon, Tony Mongelluzzo, Rona McNabola, Patrick Murphy, Vincent Przybylinski, Rod Sharpless, Chris Steffner, Bill Vacca, and Barbara Wallace. Also present: Steven Timko, Executive Director; Larry White, Don Danser, Jack DuBois and Kim DeGraw-Cole, Assistant Directors; Dr. Johnson W. Harmon, Project Manager; and Michael J. Herbert, Esq., NJSIAA Counsel. The following sportswriters were in attendance: Steven Falk and David Biggy, *Asbury Park Press*; Mike Moretti, *The Star-Ledger*; Phil Anastasia, *Philadelphia Inquirer*; Mike McGarry, *AC Press*; Greg Schutta, *Record*; . Also present: James Grasso, Executive Director of the Big North Conference, and John Fauta and Bruce Peragallo, incoming Executive Committee members.

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Rona McNabola, seconded by Lou DeGeorge, to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2011 Executive Committee meeting with one (1) correction (and my apologies to Mr. Loper): "The meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Wednesday May 4, 2011 was called to order and presided over by the President, Mr. James Loper". The motion was approved with 2 abstentions.

Out-of-State Competition Sanctions (informational) - A listing of Bordering State Sanctions, National Federation Sanctions, and Approved All-Star Games was given for informational purposes.

Executive Director Update – Steven J. Timko

2011-2012 Executive Committee Meeting Dates – 2nd Reading – The proposed dates for next year's Executive Committee meetings are as follows: September 14, October 11 (Tuesday), November 9, January 11, February 8, April 4 (combined Advisory/Executive Committee meetings), May 9 (combined Advisory/Executive Committee meetings), and June 6. A motion was made by Bill Vacca and seconded by Bill Bruno. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of 2011-2012 Officers – 2nd Reading – A motion was made by Rod Sharpless and seconded by Rona McNabola to approve the following officers for next year's Executive Committee: President - Dr. Matthew Jamison: 1st Vice President - Dave Frazier and 2nd Vice President - Thomas Holt. Motion passed unanimously.

League and Conference Realignment Appeal -

Chris Steffner advised that the League and Conference Subcommittee met on May 4, 2011 to conduct hearings on two appeals: (1) Franklin High School who asked to leave the Skyland Conference to join the Greater Middlesex Conference and (2) DePaul Catholic High School who asked to leave the Big North Conference. On May 13th the League and Conference Subcommittee denied both requests.

(1) Franklin High School did not appeal the decision nor did anyone appear at the Executive Committee Meeting. A motion to adopt the decision of the League and Conference Subcommittee denying the application of Franklin High School to leave the Skyland Conference was made by Rona McNabola and seconded by Bill Bruno. Motion passed unanimously.

(2) The Executive Committee heard an appeal from Joe Lennon, the DePaul Catholic High School Athletic Director. They heard a response from James Grasso, the Executive Director of the Big North Conference. They were advised to consider the letter from Father Donovan dated May 20, 2011. After considerable discussions and debate a motion was made to accept the League and Conference Subcommittee decision by a vote of 16 in favor, 3 opposed and 1 abstention.

It was also noted that the decision of the subcommittee applied to the 2012-2013 athletic schedule and contemplates the possibility of the Big North Conference and DePaul Catholic High School working out some differences.

Classification of Schools – The NJSIAA is still waiting on enrollment numbers which are provided by the Department of Education in order to calculate the General Group Classification. The goal is to send schools their classification by the end of the school year, but this will not be feasible since the NJSIAA does not have the numbers from the State.

2011-2012 Budget - Mr. Timko went over the proposed 2011-2012 budget which was sent out to the committee. Some major items noted by Mr. Timko were: 1 - The budget included all tournaments with no changes in venues except that some of the High School semi-finals sites. 2 – For the second year in a row there will be no increases in salaries for the Directors and no vehicles purchased. 3 – noted the excellent job in lowering expenses which are down \$121,000.00. 4 - noted that the biggest cuts have been internal and that a list of cuts was provided to the Finance Committee. Mr. Timko also noted that with the addition of our Business Administrator, Gary Zarrilli, we will be able to continue to give more accurate financial information.

A motion for a roll call vote to approve the 2011-2012 budget was made by Chris Steffa and seconded by Arthur Griffa. Final Vote: Yes-20, No-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Scholar Athlete Luncheon – Mr. Timko commended Jack DuBois, who had to leave to tend to the boys lacrosse tournament, on the scholar athlete luncheon which had 13,000 people in attendance and \$120,000.00 in scholarships were given out. Mr. Timko said the scholar athlete luncheon was a highlight of an outstanding year and gave a thank-you to Jack DuBois and Helen Goubeaud for all of their time and work, as well as the support from the office staff.

Mr. James Loper also commented that the scholar athlete luncheon was a highlight for him. He shook every kids hand and watched them receive their scholarships. Noting it was great to see our athletes all dressed up and with their parents.
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Proposed Amendments to the Handbook – Proposed changes to the NJSIAA Handbook were given out. They are not bylaw changes, just text and clarification changes.

Drug Free Sports Contract for 2011-2012 – Mr. Timko asked to continue the contract with Drug Free Sports. (Drug Free Sports is the company that administers steroid tests). The financial contributions remain the same - \$50,000.00 from the State and \$50,000.00 from the NJSIAA. A motion was made by Barbara Wallace and seconded by Msgr. Michael Kelly. Motion passed unanimously.

2011-2012 List of Banned Substances- Mr. Timko asked for a motion to accept the list of 2011-2012 banned substances which were approved by the medical advisory committee in May 2011. A motion to accept was made by Chris Steffner and seconded by Bill Bruno. Motion passed unanimously.

Concussion Policy Update – Mr. Timko introduced Larry White to review the Concussion Policy changes approved by the Medical Advisory Committee in May 2011. The NJSIAA Medical Advisory Committee approved to change the NJSIAA Concussion Policy to mirror the state law as it pertains to the development of interscholastic athletic head injury safety training program, required measures to protect student athletes with concussions and the continuing education for athletic trainers. A copy of the complete Concussion Policy wording for the 2011-2012 NJSIAA Constitution and Bylaws was provided to the Executive Committee. The marked difference in the new policy as it reads is that written clearance may take place at game site on game day, if so given by trained physician as stated “receives written clearance from a physician trained in the evaluation and management of concussions to return to competition or practice.” A copy of the standardized RTP form, created by the NJSIAA and which will be available on our website, was also provided to the Executive Committee. A motion to accept the State Concussion Policy as the new NJSIAA Concussion Policy was made by Lou DeGeorge and seconded by Bill Vacca. Motion passed unanimously.

Golf Update – Fortunately the weather held for 5 hours and got all the sectionals in. Thanks to Neshanic Valley Golf Course, site of the Boys State Championship completed on Tuesday, May 24, 2011. Thanks to Bamm Hollow Country Club, site of the Girls State Championship completed on Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

Cooperative Sports Program – A motion to approve all co-op applications submitted to the NJSIAA (listing provided to the Executive Committee) was made by Chris Steffner and seconded by Joe Galliera. Motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Directors Reports

Kim DeGraw-Cole

1. Tennis: The Boys Team Tennis Championships were held at Mercer County Park on May 26, 2011. A list of the State Group Champions and Runners-up were provided. Kim noted how impressed she was with the boys’ behavior and performances.
2. Girls Lacrosse: Group Finals are playing tomorrow June 2 at Ridge and Robbinsville with Hunterdon Central as a back up site for Ridge.

3. Softball: Section finals are this week. Everything is moving along well with 11 sites being utilized.
4. Website update: Had no time to work on it with all of the tournament seedings, preparations, and events, but it will get done.

Program Review - Swimming - The Swim Committee represented by Burt German and Claire Scarpa presented a proposal to the Program Review Committee regarding the 2011-2012 Boys and Girls Team Swimming Tournament. A new "Placement of Top 4 by Power Points" method for the NJSIAA Public Team Tournaments. A copy of the proposal was given to the Executive Committee.

1st Reading for 1 year trial program for Boys and Girls Team Swimming Tournament, to spread the top 4 "Power Point Teams" into different geographic sections. A motion was made by Bill Bruno and seconded by Rona McNabola. Motion passed with 1 opposition (Matt Jamison) and no abstentions.

A second reading will be done in September.

Donald Danser

1. Track: One school was disqualified for using the "E Bomb". We lucked out with weather except for Ridge who had some problems with the triple and long jump.
2. School Manager: We are not getting enough people updating their information. We urge member schools to update the site.

Larry White

1. Baseball: The Public Sectionals are set for Friday, June 3rd. The Public Semi-Finals are set for Tuesday June 7th at the following sites: N1 vs. N2 at Northern Valley Demarest, Ramapo College, William Patterson and Kean University. Central vs. South at Rider University, Monmouth University, Rutgers University and TCNJ. North Non-Public A unconfirmed, in contact with Yogi Bear Stadium and North Non-Public B at Diamond Nation. South Non-Public A at Rowan University and South Non-Public B at Overbrook H.S. Larry spoke with Stockton University but it was not available.
2. Volleyball: The Sectional Semi-Finals are taking place today at the higher seeded team's school. Sectional Finals are on Friday June 3rd. State Semi's next tuesday June 14th at 5:00 and 6:30. Finals are June 9th at 4:00 at South Brunswick.

Jack DuBois

1. Boys Lacrosse: Championship games are postponed until tomorrow because of weather. Same times and locations.
2. Non-Public Football Group Re-Alignment for 2011: A motion to accept the proposed classification change of Non-Public Schools for the 2011 football season was made by Bill Vacca and seconded by Barbara Wallace. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Corporate: Atlantic Health Group in Morristown signed on as a sponsor for an additional three (3) years. They are sponsoring two workshops, one will be held at the Jets training facility. Blue Ribbon signed a one (1) year extension. They sponsor girls softball and Hall of Fame.

Program Review – Ice Hockey Rule Additions – The Ice Hockey Committee presented proposals for two (2) additions to Rule 11 in Ice Hockey: Section 11 Proposal: Adult Supervision shall be required at the scorer's / game Time Keepers Table for the duration of the game. This Adult shall Not be an Athletic Trainer. Section 12 Proposal: A minimum of two (2) On Ice Game Officials must be assigned to all Varsity Interscholastic Games and Scrimmages. 1st Reading of Proposal of Ice Hockey Rule Additions - A motion to accept the ice hockey rule additions was made by Bill Bruno and seconded by Peter Bruno. Motion passed unanimously. A second reading will be done in September.

Business Administrator Report

Finance Report/Approval of Checkbook for May – Mr. Tom Holt advised that the May checkbook was approved by the finance committee and that all checks were approved per policy before they were disbursed. Clarification was made regarding a large check in the amount of \$253,000.00. When our account was moved from Sovereign Bank to First Choice Bank, the transfer of money was done via check. A motion to accept the May checkbook was made by Tom Holt and seconded by Darren Groh. Motion passed unanimously.

Gary Zarrilli – Preliminary preparations have been initiated with JH Cohn to conduct the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 financial audit. The goal is to have a draft copy of the audit report to the Finance Committee for the October 11, 2011 meeting, at the earliest. The MAS 90 software has been updated with the latest version. The next step to start creating financial reports for the Fall, Winter and Spring Seasons.

Report of Counsel – Michael J. Herbert, Esq. – None

Old Business/New Business

Barbara Wallace advised that the National High School Senior Gymnastics Competition was held in May. The New Jersey Girls placed 2nd as a Team. Placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Vault. Placed 2nd in Bars, Beam and FX. Barbara thanked the following girls: Alexis Arena – Passaic Valley, Jamie Hammell – West Milford, Brittany Marcsisin – Hillsborough, Melissa Prisco – Old Bridge, Kaitlyn Reszkowski – Freehold Township, and Christie Wong – Middletown South. Coaches: Kristen Sheridan – President of the Coach's Association, Cindy Wagner – retired Somerville Coach, and Maureen Sutphen – RBC Coach.

Barbara Wallace also mentioned:

1. The State of New Jersey will be represented at the Special Olympic World Games in Athens, Greece.
2. New Jersey has the 2014 Bid for the National Games.

Mr. James Loper noted that Steve Timko was the Athletic Director when Mr. Loper was a coach. He advised the committee that he was able to accomplish Steve Timko's performance evaluation. Key areas he wanted to mention were: Mr. Timko works to protect the finances. He works to grow strong relationships with the other Directors. His ongoing support to govern the body in nation. He shows professionalism on a daily basis. He always has a positive attitude. His attendance at Sporting Venues. Overall his performance was praiseworthy during a difficult time and Mr. Timko exceeded his expectations.

Mr. Loper thanked the committee for electing him President, he truly enjoyed serving his term. He thanked the employees and support staff of the NJSIAA for an outstanding job. He was grateful for the opportunity to attend the wrestling and scholar athlete events and again gave the committee a big thank you for the privilege of serving as President of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Timko thanked our outgoing president Mr. James Loper as well as the following departing Executive Committee members for their year(s) of service: Doug DeMarrais, Michael Cilento, Tom Moriau, Joan Frankenfield, Lou DeGeorge and Frank Gargiulo.

Adjournment: - There being no further business, a motion was made by Rona McNabola, seconded by Dr. James Sarruda, to adjourn the meeting at 12:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Timko
Executive Director

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