

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 11, 2011

Flag Salute

Roll Call / Introduction of Press - The meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Tuesday, October 11, 2010, at the NJSIAA Administration Building in Robbinsville, New Jersey, was called to order by the President, Dr. Matthew Jamison, at 11:37 am.

The following members were present: Peter Bruno, John Fauta, Dianne Furusawa, Richard Giglio, Arthur Griffa, Robert Harmer, Dr. Edward Hoffman, Dr. Mark Jones, Joe Lennon, James Loper, Tony Mongelluzzo, Patrick Murphy, Susan Murphy, Dr. Gene Polles, Vincent Przybylinski, Paul Spaventa, Barbara Wallace, and Raymond Wiss. Also present: Steven Timko, Executive Director; Kim DeGraw-Cole, Jack DuBois and Don Danser, Assistant Directors. The following sportswriters were in attendance: Greg Schutta, *Record*; Mike McGarry, *AC Press*; Phil Anastasia, *Philadelphia Inquirer*; and Tim McClain; *The Star Ledger*. Also present: Paul Anzano of Pringle, Quinn, Anzano, P.C., Ray O'Neal of JH Cohn and Michael Chersonson of Success Communications Group.

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Robert Harmer, seconded by Peter Bruno, to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2011 Executive Committee meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Executive Director Update – Steven J. Timko

Financial Report on Annual Audit – Steven Timko introduced Ray O'Neal from JH Cohn. Mr. O'Neal reported and highlighted key items on every page of the NJSIAA Audit Report on Financial Statements Years Ended June 30, 2010 and 2011, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Executive Committee.

A motion to accept the Financial Audit Report was made by James Loper, seconded by Peter Bruno. A Roll call vote was taken. Final Vote: Yes – 18; No - 0; Abstentions-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner of Education Correspondence Update – Meeting with Dept. of Education on Home Schooling and Choice Schools – Mr. Paul Anzano reported that he, Steve Timko, Tom Holt, Steve Goodell and Larry White met with Dr. David Hespe and other representatives of the Commissioner of Education's office. NJSIAA representatives and the Commissioner's staff discussed three main topics: home schooling, choice schools and NJSIAA fall tournament ticket prices.

NJSIAA presented to Dr. Hespe their Suggested New Jersey Homeschooler Guidelines, which Dr. Hespe and his staff will review and respond in a timely manner.

With regards to choice schools, NJSIAA explained that as it is now, a student who transfers to another school without a bona fide change of residency is required to sit 30 days from the beginning of the season or the date of attending the “new” school. The Choice School law as it is now makes our transfer rule null and void for students who opt to go to a Choice School. Dr. Hespe and his staff understood our concern and will review this topic.

Lastly, NJSIAA brought up our 2011 Fall Ticket proposal as well as the impact of the ticket prices on the NJSIAA’s financial stability. Mr. Anzano expressed his and all representatives’ view that the meeting was a very positive exchange of positions and concerns. He has since spoken with Dr. Hespe, Chief of Staff, on two separate occasions. NJSIAA is awaiting a formal response as to the issues discussed. An update will be provided at next month’s meeting.

At this time Mr. Timko introduced Mike Cherenson from Success Communications Group to report a new NJSIAA News Release and partnership with GDL Organization in a joint mission which will be announced next week. Success Communications Group is putting together an information packet on the graduated drivers’ license program. We do not want a devastating loss, like what happened to the Mainland Regional student athletes, to happen again. We hope this proactive approach will allow coaches to make an impact.

Sectional Meetings & NFHS Medical Advisory Meeting – Mr. Timko attended the Sectional Meetings last week in Mystic, Connecticut as well as the NFHS Medical Advisory Meetings in Indianapolis.

Two items in the Medical Advisory were: Concussion Law and Policy, and Heat Acclimatization. Heat being the key, It is the conditioning, not the heat, that is a major factor instrumental to how an athlete will do in his/her season. Jack DuBois has done a lot of work on the Heat Acclimatization Policy with the Coaches Association and with all of the Fall Sports.

The NJSIAA received a letter from the National Athletic Association commending New Jersey for being the only State with a Heat Acclimatization Policy.

Hall of Fame – Class of 2011 - The following people were selected to be inducted in to the NJSIAA/Bollinger Hall of Fame: Walter Burrows – Media Contributor; Lorry Doby – Athlete; Anthony Ferrainolo – Coach; William “Bucky” Hatchett – Athlete; Derek Holloway – Athlete; Joe “Ducky” Medwick – Athlete; Tony Meola – Athlete; Carol Parsons – Administrator; Paul Robeson – Athlete; and Joe Silver – Coach. A motion was made by Dr. Mark Jones, seconded by John Fauta to approve the Bollinger Hall of Fame Class of 2011. All in Favor, No Opposed, No Abstentions. Motion carries.

Ticket Prices – Steve gave a big thank you to Kim DeGraw-Cole and Gary Zarrilli for putting together the Fall Ticket Price Proposal, which we are hoping to hear about soon, and starting on the Winter Ticket Price Proposal.

Approval of Cooperative Program – A motion was made by Robert Harmer, seconded by Paul Spaventa, to approve a two-year cooperative sports agreement between:

- i. Bernards and Somerville in Ice Hockey;
- ii. Freehold Boro (LEA) and Raritan in Ice Hockey; and
- iii. Bogota and Weehawken in Wrestling.

All in Favor, No Opposed, No Abstentions. Motion carries.

Assistant Director Reports

Kim DeGraw-Cole – A copy of Kim's Report was provided to the committee.

The NJSIAA is beginning to plan and design the new website which will take approximately 3 months. The girls singles and doubles tennis tournaments started this past Sunday, it was a beautiful sunny hot day with great performances by our athletes. We are working on the sport awards for our December meeting. Please make sure your school is aware of the Jefferson Award, which was started last year, recognizes students in action giving back to the community. We will be doing nominations for the NFHS Hall of Fame. REMINDER – Tournament Refusal Forms must be sent in if you do not wish to participate in our Team Tournaments.

Donald Danser –

Cross Country – everything is moving along fine.

Reminder – get your Team Tennis Rosters in.

In response to the many Blue Book Printing requests we now have a condensed version with only the Principal and Athletic Director information which can be e-mailed to the schools.

Anyone interested should e-mail a request to ddanser@NJSIAA.org.

Jack DuBois -

Football intent forms are due in tomorrow October 12, 2011

Power Points for Boys and Girls Soccer will go up to and include the first 13 games and then will shut down.

Football Power Points will go up to and include first 8 games and then will shut down.

ShopRite Cup Presentations: five of the six cups have been presented. It is a great occasion.

They all truly embrace the award and make it a special event.

Larry White - A copy of Larry's report was provided to the committee which lists the dates and sites for the Gymnastics and Volleyball Tournaments.

Mr. Timko advised the committee of one correction to Gymnastics – South Sectional Tournament will be at Seneca High School instead of Jackson Liberty.

Finance Report

Approval of September 2011 Checkbook – James Loper made a motion to accept the September check register, which was approved by the finance committee as well as our monthly approvals according to policy, seconded by Joe Lennon. All in Favor, No Opposed, No Abstentions. The motion was approved unanimously.

2011-2012 Annual Dues Status – 90% of the Annual Dues have been collected.

2011-2012 Sport Participation Forms - These are very important. We are encouraging members to get their statistics in to our office.

Report of Counsel – Steven P. Goodell, Esq. – Mr. Goodell is next door in the Eligibility Appeals Committee Meeting which is still in session.

Anything Mr. Goodell had to report will be provided at next month's meeting.

Old Business / New Business – Mr. Arthur Griffa sends his condolences to South Jersey on the Phillies and Vikings.

Adjournment - There being no further business, a motion was made by James Loper, seconded by Paul Anzano to adjourn the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Timko
Executive Director

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