

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 14, 2011

Flag Salute

At this time Monsignor Michael Kelly led the Executive Committee in a prayer in memory of our Association Counsel, Michael J. Herbert, Esquire and for the daughter of our member Abdul Hassan.

Roll Call

The meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at the NJSIAA Administration Building in Robbinsville, New Jersey, was called to order by the President, Dr. Matthew Jamison, at 11:35 am.

The following members were present: Robert Abatemarco, Gregory Bailey, Bill Bruno, Peter Bruno, William DePonte, Tom Dowd, John Fauta, Marty Flynn, Dave Frazier, Dianne Furusawa, Joe Galliera, Richard Giglio, Arthur Griffa, Darren Groh, Jane Hansen, Robert Harmer, Thomas Holt, Dr. Mark Jones, Monsignor Michael Kelly, Joe Lennon, Tony Mongelluzzo, Rona McNabola, Patrick Murphy, Susan Murphy, Bruce Peragallo, Dr. Gene Polles, Vincent Przybylinski, William Quirk, Dr. James Sarruda, Rod Sharpless, Paul Spaventa, Dennis Tobin, Bill Vacca, and Raymond Wiss. Also present: Steven J. Timko, Executive Director; Kim DeGraw-Cole, Larry White, Donald Danser and Jack DuBois, Assistant Directors; Gary Zarrilli, Business Administrator; Dr. Johnson W. Harmon, Project Manager; Steven P. Goodell, Esq., NJSIAA Counsel. The following sportswriters were in attendance: Greg Schutta, *Record*; Tim McClain and Jackie Friedman, *Star-Ledger*, Mike McGarry, *AC Press*; Phil Anastasia, *Philadelphia Inquirer*; and Steve Falk, *Asbury Park Press*.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Bill Bruno, seconded by Tom Holt, to accept the minutes of the June 1, 2011 Executive Committee meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Reorganization Meeting Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Peter Bruno, seconded by Rod Sharpless, to accept the minutes of the June 1, 2011 Reorganization Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Out-of-State Competition

A listing of National Federation Sanctions was distributed for informational purposes. There were no Bordering State Sanctions as of 8/20/10.

Finance Report – Gary Zarrilli, Business Administrator

Approval of Monthly Checks - Tom Holt made a motion to approve the July through September 1st check registers, which were approved by the finance committee as well as our monthly approvals according to policy, seconded by Bill Bruno. Motion carried.

2011-2012 Annual Dues Status – We have received 72% of our annual dues for the 2011-2012 school year. We have 119 schools with outstanding Annual Dues. REMINDER: invoices are being re-mailed.

2010-2011 Audit Report - The 2011 preliminary audit report should be available for the October Finance Committee meeting. All of the field work has been completed and we are awaiting the results from JH Cohen. A meeting will be held between JH Cohen and Steven J. Timko, Gary Zarrilli, and Michele Mendez to review the results of the Audit prior to the Finance Committee Meeting.

Executive Director Update – Steven J. Timko

Gold Passes – A gold pass was given to our new executive committee members.

Long Range Plan – Report – The NJSIAA three-year long range plan was redistributed to include for a review, a status report, as to the progress on the plan and to determine if the NJSIAA is moving to achieve its target goal. The NJSIAA is taking this plan very seriously as a road map for improvement. Steve Timko gave an introduction of Success Communications Group and presented the new logo of the NJSIAA which carries the NJSIAA's new slogan, "Protecting, Promoting, and Providing for our high school student athletes."

Contract from Drug Free Sports – A copy of the signed contract with Drug Free Sports for the 2011-2012 school year was provided.

National Federation Medical Advisory Committee - The National Federation Medical Advisory Committee is an extremely important committee with major input in rules and regulations, and athletes' safety. Steven J. Timko will be serving on the National Federation Medical Advisory Committee for the next four years. Mr. Timko will be representing Sections 1 and 4. Section 1 consists of eight states from New Jersey to Maine. Section 4 consists of four states (Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois).

Steroid Final Report – For the 2010/2011 school year we tested 492 student athletes, representing 86 schools, in various sports including football and wrestling. We fell 8 short because the Tournament of Champions was stopped due to lightning. Four athletes tested positive for steroids which is the highest number in five years since the testing started.

Drug Free Sports is talking about having year round testing and not just testing for the championships but rather implementing a more comprehensive program.

We are looking for additional corporate funding.

Approval of Cooperative Programs - A motion was made by Msgr. Michael Kelly, seconded by Bill Bruno, to approve the following cooperative program agreements: Manasquan HS and Point Pleasant Beach HS in boys bowling and girls bowling; Robbinsville HS and Allentown HS in ice hockey; Audubon HS and Collingwood HS in swimming; Becton HS and Wallington HS in wrestling and girls soccer; Hasbrouck Heights HS and Wood-Ridge HS in boys soccer, girls soccer, boys tennis, girls tennis and wrestling; and Verona HS and Glen Ridge HS in ice hockey. Motion carries with 1 abstention.

According to the NJSIAA Constitution a member school may not enter into an agreement for a Cooperative Sports Program with more than one other school. Newton HS has inadvertently entered into a cooperative program agreement for ice hockey with Lenape Valley HS and boys and girls swimming with Walkkill Valley. Newton HS is aware of our rules and is asking for an exception, for the remainder of this school year only, in order to maintain their cooperative program agreement with both Lenape Valley HS and Walkkill HS. This exception will not create any athletic advantage, the reason for the two different co-ops was due to the school not having programs in both sports requested.

A motion, for Newton HS to maintain cooperative agreements with 2 schools for the remainder of this school year only and then they will comply with our rules, was made by William DePonte and seconded by Peter Bruno. Motion passed unanimously.

Fall Championship Sites – Request to Commissioner – Kim DeGraw-Cole and Gary Zarrilli have had correspondence with the commissioner and have been working non-stop the last 3 days on the NJSIAA Ticket Price Request Documentation. We hope to have the report done and submitted to the Department of Education in the next week or so.

League/Conference President and Secretaries Meeting Dates – A copy of the dates was distributed for informational purposes. These meetings usually take place the day after an Executive Committee meeting and have been very productive, as issues and concerns can be addressed more frequently than in the past (this group used to meet only twice a year). All directors attend.

Executive Committee – Committee Appointments – All committee members have been assigned to sub-committees, which was distributed and is posted on the NJSIAA Website.

Sectional Meeting Dates – A copy of the dates was distributed. Everyone is invited to attend. Proposed Legislation will be discussed as well as pertinent updates.

Home Schooling – Mr. Paul Anzano spoke as to participation and home schooling. The Department of Education requires that all students are allowed to participate, but should we do the guidelines and standards or the Department of Education. Mr. Anzano and NJSIAA staff will be meeting with the Department of Education next week as to how the NJSIAA should proceed. An update will be provided at next month's meeting.

Reports of the Assistant Directors

Kim DeGraw-Cole - A written copy of Kim's report was distributed to the committee.

Field Hockey – Dates for the tournament are as follows: Cut-off-10/19; 10/24 seeding; and opening round by group 10/26-29; Sectional Finals: 11/7 & 11/8; State SemiFinals-11/10 at various sites; Group Finals-11/13 at Toms River East; T of C Semi-Finals: 11/16 at Robbinsville or Hunterdon Central and T of C Final: 11/20 at The College of NJ at 11:00 am.

Girls Soccer – 10/26 Revised seeding procedure, the regulations are the same as the boys soccer. Cutoff: 10/21; Prelims 10/31 to 11/19; Sectional Finals-Public on 11/10; Non-Public on 11/11. State Semifinals: 11/15; State Finals at College of NJ: 11/15-Non-Public and 11/19-Public.

Tennis – Team Tournament Dates are as follows: Cutoff-9/26; 10/9-10/26; Sectional Finals: 10/17; State Group Championships: 10/19; T of C: 10/23, 10/24, and 10/26. Singles and Doubles: 10/9, 10/15, and 10/16 at Veterans Park and Mercer County Park.

Tournament Refusal Form – New this year for team sports - you will automatically be in the tournament, if seeded, unless u send in a tournament refusal form. A copy of the form was distributed to the committee.

Website – www.njschoolsports.com - The following information about our website was distributed to the committee. Njschoolsports with Dorf Media is working well. As we head into the New Year you will see our website flourish and become more interactive.

Fall 2011 Sport Rules and Regulations: VB, Gymn., XC 9/15

Fall 2011 Rule Modifications

Fall 2011 Sport Classifications

Sectional Meeting Dates-Home Page

Constitution, ByLaws, Rules and Regulations

References: Eligibility, Legislation, Crowd Control Booklet

Coaches and Officials Handbook Posted

Executive Committee: 2010-11 Executive Committee Minutes Posted-“Committees/Minutes”

“Tournaments/Events”-Calendar of Events-Important Date Charts

Re-Organization: Classifications/News Flash-important info; attempting to keep the Home page clean.

S.T. response to Football Sites on the Home Page

Links on Home Page and School Access: www.njschoolsports.com

All Rosters, contest scores, statistics, tournament brackets.

Be sure to follow us on Twitter and Facebook!

Don Danser

Cross Country Update – Everything is all set for cross country. All of the sites are the same as last year. At one of the events last year 50 athletes came down with respiratory problems which were not weather related, might have to do with rain or mold. Mr. Danser does not anticipate any problems.

Programs – Programs for Tournaments depends on the schools getting the rosters and information on njschoolsports.com. Team IP would like to put names on their products.

Directory and Constitution Online - Our directory is not up to date as the schools are not inputting their changes or new information.

Our online Constitution has been formatted to full 8-1/2 X 11 size which shortens the amount of pages needed for printing. All of the information is the same except now all of the page numbers don't match the index. It is possible to search by words or phrases.

Larry White – A written copy of Larry's report was distributed to the committee.

Gymnastics – All sectional sites are confirmed and will be held on Saturday November 5, 2011, with Seneca HS replacing Jackson Liberty for the South sectional.

North I	Ridgewood HS
North II	Bishop Ahr
Central I	Manalapan HS
Central II	Hunterdon Central
South	Seneca HS

Montgomery HS will host the team finals on Thursday November 10, 2011 and the individual finals on Saturday November 12, 2011.

Girls Volleyball – One major change for volleyball this year is that the T of C out bracket game (the #4 seed versus the #5 seed) will be held on the same Saturday, November 19, 2011, as the T of C semi-finals at William Patterson University.

Officials' Rules Meetings – In July the state rules interpreters for Soccer, Swimming, Football and Volleyball came here for the online NFHS Rules Interpretation Meetings. The Gymnastics rules interpreter was able to Skype into the meeting and the Field Hockey rules interpreter always attends the meeting in PA. In early and mid-August we hosted the local associations' rules interpreters meeting. Of all the fall sports the biggest change was the rule of mandatory protective eye wear for field hockey.

Summer Conference – The NJSIAA was represented at the NFHS summer conference, which was held in Philadelphia, by Steven J. Timko, Larry White and Kim Cole. The summer conference gives us a chance to find out what is going on throughout the rest of the country. To hear of the issues and concerns in fellow state associations and to discuss how they are attacking the problems of today as they pertain to student athletics and activities.

DQ Report – A copy of the report was provided to the committee.

Two major areas to look at: Spring numbers were down considerably from last year – player DQ in 2010 was 79, this year 58; coach DQ last year was 26, this past spring was 12. Overall, a slight drop totally in player DQ from 404 to 397 and a bigger drop in coach DQ 58 to 39. As always we will continue to monitor disqualifications.

Jack DuBois

Soccer – Power Point – All soccer tournaments will be held at The College of New Jersey. The soccer power points are identical to the football power points.

Football Sites – All state football championship games will be played at neutral sites – Met Life, Kean University, Rutgers and The College of New Jersey.

Coach Education Update – Has been very successful due to cooperation from our member schools.

Clinic Updates – Our first clinic this year had to be rescheduled due to the hurricane.

CFC for disqualified coaches – Any coach disqualified or has 3 or more players on a team disqualified must complete the NFHS Teaching & Modeling Behavior course.

ShopRite Cup Presentations – We have the winners which will be announced in June. We have 5 of the six schools scheduled. The last school should be confirmed by next friday.

Corporate Update –

Sports Concussion Center of New Jersey, signed on as principal sponsor of the NJSIAA State Football Championship for 2011 & 2012.

Honig's of New Jersey, Inc. signed on as co-sponsor of the NJSIAA State Football Championship for 2011 and 2012; and 2011 and 2012 State Officials Association sponsor.

Dorf Media will continue to be the exclusive schedule, scoring and statistics company through 2016.

Investors Bank renewed as official sponsor of 2011 Field Hockey State Tournament and Tournament of Champions, and 2011 Boys & Girls Lacrosse State Tournament and Tournament of Champions.

Schutt Sports, Reconditioning Division has renewed for another year as official reconditioning company.

Riegel Printing has renewed as official printer of the NJSIAA through 2014.

Proposed Legislation - A copy of the proposed legislation was distributed to the committee. Five proposals will be reviewed at the sectional meetings and voted on at the annual meeting.

Dr. Johnson Harmon

Eligibility/Foreign Exchange – Dr. Harmon strongly suggests that no one at the schools talk to anyone about a Foreign Exchange student coming to the school until after the student is enrolled.

80+ Schools Selected to Submit Eligibility Lists (due in NJSIAA office 9/11, 12/11, and 4/12) – Based on the new guideline change, schools may submit Fall, Winter and Spring sports lists without designating specific teams. The list no longer needs to be broken down by sport team unless the school chooses to do so.

Program Review

2nd 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, seconded by Peter Bruno (30 yes, 1 opposed, 3 abstentions) motion carries.

2nd Reading of Proposal of Ice Hockey Rule Additions - A motion to accept the ice hockey rule additions was made by Bill Vacca, seconded by Marty Flynn (30 yes, 0 opposed, 4 abstentions) motion carries.

Steven J. Timko advised the committee that the NJSIAA currently has over 255,000 student athletes participating in 32 championship sports of which 16 are women's sports. We rank 8th in the Nation for overall participation. For the 2010/2011 year we had approx. 3,000 more athletes than the previous year.

Report of Counsel (Steven P. Goodell) –

Mr. Goodell introduced himself to the committee. He told us what Michael J. Herbert said to him about the NJSIAA. Michael said that the NJSIAA is the client closest to his heart – make them a priority – show that New Jersey is on the cutting edge in High School sports. Mr. Goodell's response was "will do".

There are currently two cases at this time:

The first involves eligibility and challenging the semester rule.

The second is in federal court – Covington vs. NJSIAA

This involves a female official dissatisfied that she is being overlooked when it comes to getting basketball games to officiate, she has not been given any boys varsity games. It seems that although we don't assign the officials to the boys state tournament games, we are vicariously liable for what the chapter does.

The Federal Court Judge dismissed this case which is now on appeal in the 3rd District Court.

Old Business / New Business –

There was a question for Jack DuBois regarding information on the coaches clinics which he advised is available on our website.

There was a question for Kim Cole regarding the new swimming proposal and if she thought it would keep people from joining the swim team. Kim said that she will look at the impact and review.

Adjournment - There being no further business, a motion was made by Rona McNabola, seconded by Bill DePonte, to adjourn the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Timko
Executive Director

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