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Roll Call / Introduction of Press

The meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at the NJSIAA Administration Building in Robbinsville, New Jersey, was called to order by the President, Thomas J. Holt, at 11:18 am.

The following members were present: Gregory Bailey, Earl Clymer, Tom Coleman, Paul Crupi, Kathleen DeBonis, William DePonte, Bill Edelman, Dave Frazier, Dianne Furusawa, Joe Galliera, Arthur Griffa, Abdul Hassan, Howard Krieger, Dave LaGamba, Joe Lennon, Elaine McGrath, Rona McNabola, Susan Murphy, Rod Sharpless, Steve Shohfi, Barbara Wallace, Bruce Watson, and Stephen Yesinko. Also present: Steven Timko, Executive Director; Kim DeGraw-Cole, Larry White, and Jack DuBois, Assistant Directors; and Steven Goodell, NJSIAA Counsel. The following sportswriters were in attendance: Greg Schutta of the Record and Phil Anastasia of the Philadelphia Inquirer. Paul Anzano of Pringle, Quinn, Anzano was also present.

During their final roll call, Mr. Timko thanked the following departing Executive Committee members for their year(s) of service: Dave Frazier, Joe Galliera, Arthur Griffa, and Dave LaGamba.

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by William DePonte, seconded by Dave Frazier, to accept the minutes of the May 7, 2014 Executive Committee meeting. Motion passed with one abstention (Grifta).

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

Executive Director Update – Steven J. Timko

Legislative Update (Paul Anzano) – The legislature is consumed with the $800 million gap in the budget, which must be reconciled by July 1st. The Governor’s solution is to withhold pension payments but there will be appeals. Assemblyman Burzichelli’s Bill A3312, which provides that students attending a choice district may only play interscholastic sports on sending district sports teams unless sending district does not offer a sport that the choice district offers is really just a placeholder until NJSIAA and the Department of Education come to an agreement. Mr. Anzano expects Bills 3152 and 2079 to move forward. Steve Shohfi asked if Bill A1905 would end Pay-to-Play, which Mr. Anzano responded it would.

2014-2015 Executive Committee Meeting Dates – 2nd Reading – The proposed dates for next year’s Executive Committee meetings are as follows:

- September 10, 2014
- October 8, 2014
- November 12, 2014
- January 14, 2015
February 11, 2015
April 1, 2015 - Combined Advisory/Executive Committee Meetings
May 6, 2015
June 3, 2015

A motion was made by Tom Coleman, seconded by Stephen Yesinko to accept the proposed 2014-2015 Executive Committee meeting dates. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of 2014-2015 Officers – 2nd Reading – Earl Clymer made a motion, seconded by Rona McNabola, to accept the following 2014-2015 slate of executive officers: President – Tom Coleman, 1st Vice President – Greg Bailey, and 2nd Vice President – Elaine McGrath. Motion carried unanimously.

Director of Finance Replacement – Mr. Timko introduced Colleen Maguire, NJSIAA’s new Director of Finance and Administration.

Scholar Athlete Program – Almost 1,400 people attended and $149,000 in scholarships was given out through 194 scholarships. Mr. Timko praised Jack for a fantastic event. NJSIAA has given out over one million dollars in scholarship money over the years. Mr. Timko’s personal future goal is for each athlete to receive a scholarship at this event.

Proposed Amendments to the Handbook – A motion was made by Bill DePonte, seconded by Rod Sharpless, to approve the proposed changes to the NJSIAA Handbook. Changes are primarily date changes to reflect sport specific rules and the ½ season transfer sitting rule, the fall opening date rule, executive committee changes, and the two swim pieces of legislation that passed at the annual meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Drug Free Sports Contract for 2014-2015/Resource Exchange Center Contract – A motion was made by Barbara Wallace, seconded by Dave Frazier, to allow the NJSIAA to contract with Drug Free Sports (DFS) again this summer to administer the association’s steroid testing and to sign with DFS for a hotline service that would allow parents and students to call and ask specific questions about supplements or drugs. Supplements may have banned substances, which cause students to fail drug tests so this could help avoid negative test results. Motion passed unanimously.

Golf Update – Both the boys and girls beat the rain to get their tournaments in. Bergen Catholic HS and Ridge HS won the boys and girls Tournament of Champions respectively. Mr. Timko thanked the Hopewell Valley Country Club and the Cherry Valley Country Club for being outstanding T of C hosts and the 14 boys and girls sectional sites.

Proposed Change to Non-Public Cooperative Sports Agreements – 2nd Reading – A motion was made by Rona McNabola, seconded by Joe Lennon, to allow two non-public schools to form a cooperative program in Ice Hockey, regardless of school size, if their respective leagues approve. Motion passed second reading unanimously.

Cooperative Sports Program Applications Approval – A motion was made by Barbara Wallace, seconded by Tom Coleman, to approve the following cooperative sports program requests:

- Ocean Township HS / Shore Regional HS - Ice Hockey
- DePaul Catholic HS / Morris Catholic HS - Ice Hockey
- Manasquan HS / Point Pleasant Beach HS - M/W Swimming, M/W Bowling, Gymnastics & Ice Hockey

Motion carried unanimously.
**Assistant Directors Reports**

**Kim DeGraw-Cole**

1. **Women’s Lacrosse** – The semi-finals will be played later this evening (June 4th) at Hunterdon Central HS when Moorestown HS plays Lenape HS and Mountain Lakes plays against Summit HS. The group finals took place at Monmouth University and the Tournament of Champions final will be played at 5pm on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at Bridgewater-Raritan High School.

2. **Softball** – Of the 12 games scheduled yesterday (June 3rd), only three were played because of the rain. The remaining games will be played later in the day today (June 4th.)

3. **Tennis** – Semifinals take place later in the afternoon at Mercer County Park and the finals are scheduled for 6/5, but Ms. Cole expects them to take place 6/6 because of impending rain.

4. **Website** – Updating school manager is becoming critical. The AD forum will be better than the List Serve, but is not ready yet.

**Larry White**

1. **Baseball Update** – Even with the rain yesterday (6/3), most games were played and whatever wasn’t will be played later this afternoon (6/4). Assignments for the Group Final matchups will not be determined until all games are played since if a team has to travel a far distance, they are slotted for a later game if possible.


**Jack DuBois**

1. **Senior All-Star Baseball Game** – The top senior players from around the state are selected to play in this game at Diamond Nation, which takes place 6/12. The NJSBCA helps host the event.

2. **NYU Sportsmanship Summit** – Mr. DuBois will be representing NJSIAA at this summit, where speakers include Miami Dolphins owner, Stephen Ross, Fred Wilpon, Owner of the NY Mets, Leslie Visser from CBS Sports and Joe Torre.

**Finance Report**

A motion was made by Dave Frazier, seconded by William DePonte, to enter into closed session at 11:50am to discuss the financial budget. Motion carried. A motion to enter into open session was made at 12:00pm, by William DePonte, seconded by Tom Coleman. Motion carried.
2014-2015 Budget – A motion for a roll call vote to approve the 2014-2015 budget was made by Greg Bailey, seconded by Joe Lennon. Final Vote: Yes-21, No-0, Abstentions-2 (Crupi and Frazier). Motion carried.

Approval of Checkbook for May – The May checkbook was approved by the finance committee and all checks, totaling $132,973.28, were approved per policy before they were disbursed. A motion was made by Barbara Wallace, seconded by Rona McNabola, to accept the May checkbook. Motion passed unanimously.

Bennett Center – Steve Timko negotiated another three-year contract with the Bennett Center for our 19 track events at the same fee as previous years. There was no increase. A motion was made by Stephen Yesinko, seconded by Dave LaGamba, to approve Steve Timko signing this contract. Motion carried unanimously.

2014 Audit Preparation – NJSIAA is preparing for the audit in August. Spire Group will once again perform the audit, as we are in the second year of a two-year contract. Colleen Maguire is already aware and prepared to spearhead this process.

Winter Financial Report – In basketball, the revenue and expenses were significantly different than last year because Rounds 1 – 3 were the school’s responsibility.

Program Review

Ice Hockey - Start Date Proposal – 2nd Reading – A motion was made by Kathleen DeBonis, seconded by Stephen Yesinko, to permanently change the ice hockey start dates for practice to start on November 10th and the regular season to start on the last Saturday of November. Dave Frazier expressed frustration about the constant change of starting dates and wants the committee to consider other options such as 22 games instead of 26, or other ideas outside the box because he feels start dates are established for a reason. Motion carried with one opposition (Frazier).

Swimming Classification – Add Group C – 2nd Reading – A motion was made by Barbara Wallace, seconded by Abdul Hassan, to add a Public C group to the Public Swim Classifications. There is some financial impact but this would be an opportunity for more athletes and teams to compete since swim does not permit 16 teams to qualify. The bracket system utilized will grant byes to the top seeds. See the swimming rules committee minutes for details. Second reading passed unanimously.

M/W Lacrosse Start Date – 2nd Reading – A motion was made by Barbara Wallace, seconded by Elaine McGrath, to allow men’s and women’s lacrosse schools to commence playing games on the last Wednesday of March, hence Wednesday, March 25 in 2015, instead of April 1st. David Frazier echoed the same sentiments as he did regarding changing ice hockey dates and felt starting earlier may not be best solution, and that other sports such as baseball and softball can make the same request. Dianne Furusawa expressed that this is different than the ice hockey proposal, because it can be difficult to get rink time in ice hockey, but there are no problems getting a lacrosse field. Jack explained the problem in lacrosse is not getting fields, but getting officials so this spreads out the games more. Final Vote: Yes-18, No-5, Abstain-0. Motion passed second reading.
Report of Counsel – Steven Goodell, Esq. – NJSIAA is still waiting on the Appellate Division to make a decision in the North Bergen case and there is a major eligibility hearing to be heard later in the month.

Old Business/New Business

1. Larry White introduced NJSIAA’s summer intern, Nick Marcis, an Edison HS graduate and currently attending Wilmington College.

2. Mr. DePonte, Soccer Commissioner for the Special Olympics, along with Gymnastics Commissioner, Barbara Wallace, thanked Steve Timko and Jack DuBois for their help in getting Wilson Sporting Goods to supply all the Olympic balls for the upcoming Special Olympics. Opening ceremonies begin 6/15. Barbara Wallace encouraged all to attend the Unified Showcase event taking place at the Peddie School. She also spoke about the amazing athletes from NJ that performed at the annual gymnastics senior showcase in Florida.

3. Tom Holt was happy how the past year turned out and how the finances have changed. He felt student athletes and citizens should be honored to have this Executive Committee and NJSIAA staff for looking out for them. Steve Timko then thanked Tom Holt for his service and leadership and his timeless hours on conference calls to help avoid problems.

Adjournment - There being no further business, a motion was made by Barbara Wallace, seconded by William DePonte, to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Timko
Executive Director

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