

**RHODE ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
Principals' Committee on Athletics  
Monday, January 23, 2017 @ 1:30 pm  
RIIL Office  
Bldg. #6 RI College Campus  
600 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairman McNamara; Mme., Abromitis, Crowley and Gribbin; Messrs., Barr, Brennan, Kelly, Goho, Marcello, Warner and Whaley

**Also Present:** Thomas Mezzanotte, Executive Director; Michael Lunney, Assistant Executive Director, Susana Borges, Administrative Assistant and Brendan McGair, *Pawtucket Times*

**Absent:** Messrs., Kavanagh and Henderson

*The January meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was called to order at 1:30 p.m.*

**PCOA MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA minutes from the November 14, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved (11-0).

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session.*

**PCOA EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The following items were discussed in Executive Session: RIIL Rule Revisions, PCOA vacancies, ticket prices and official's fees for 2017-2020.

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move out of Executive Session.*

**FINANCE REPORT**

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (11-0) approved a loan (totaling \$200,000) for the new RIIL building renovations. The Committee also reviewed fees for the new Computer Management System for 2017-2018. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (11-0) approved the new fees. In another matter, on a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (11-0) approved the increase for ticket prices starting winter of 2017. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (11-0) approved officials fee's increase of \$2.00/per year for the next three years 2017-2020. Also, the Committee unanimously (11-0) approved contract with Orthopedics Rhode Island as the exclusive sponsor of the RI Interscholastic League.

**PCOA NEW APPOINTMENTS**

The Committee on Athletics reviewed and discussed several applications of those administrators interested in serving on the PCOA. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously voted (11-0) to approve the appointments of Julia Carlson, Principal of Central High School and Philip Solomon of West Warwick High School. The Committee will consider filling the other two current vacancies at its next meeting in March.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Mezzanotte reported on the following:

- Computer Management System - rSchool Today
- RIIL New Building: Update
- Ticket Prices
- Coaches Certification: Update
- RIIL "Battle of the Fans"
- Official Fees 2017-2020

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Mezzanotte referred to several letters, memoranda and publications placed in each member's folder or filed in the League office.

**RIIL RULE REVISIONS:**

On a motion made and seconded the following RIIL Rules Revisions were unanimously (11-0) approved:

1. Article 2, Section 1 (Membership) – RIIL received a letter from a member school regarding concerns. This matter has been tabled to a future date.
2. Article 3., Section 1.B (Assumption of Risk) – \$100 fine to schools for not having on file an Assumption of Risk Form.
3. Article 13., (Coaching Requirements) – Eliminate RI Department of Education as a certifying body for Coaches Education.
4. Article 1., Section 16., C.2 (Waiver Rules) – Eliminate this section.
5. Article 1., Section 4., (Financial Administration) – Revise to read as follows: Every three years Subcommittee. In addition, the following members will serve in August 2017 for term of three years: Kathryn Crowley, Dan Warner and Jay Brennan.

**RULES VIOLATIONS**

Pilgrim High School: Article 3, Section 4: (Use of Ineligible Athlete)

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously (11-0) voted to sanction Pilgrim High School for a violation of Article 3, Section 4 (Use of Ineligible Athlete) of the RIIL Rules and Regulations. As a result, the Boys' Hockey team had to forfeit one game versus Johnston/N. Providence team on December 30, 2016. In addition, Pilgrim High School is assessed a \$100 fine.

The Prout School: Article 3, Section 6: (Transfer Rule)

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA voted to approve (9-2) to sanction The Prout School for a violation of Article 3, Section 6 (Transfer Rule) of the RIIL Rules and Regulations. As a result, The Prout School is assessed a \$100 fine.

Tolman High School: Article 3, Section 4: (Use of Ineligible Athlete)

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously (11-0) voted to sanction the Tolman High School for a violation of Article 3, Section 4 (Use of Ineligible Athlete) of the RIIL Rules and Regulations. As a result, the wrestling team must adjust four matches and forfeit one match in which the ineligible player participated. In addition, Tolman High School is assessed a \$100 fine.

**RIIAAA REPORT – THOMAS MARCELLO**

Mr. Marcello, President of the RIIAAA, provided updates as to issues, concerns and recommendations on behalf of the RIIAAA.

**FALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (11-0) approved the 2016 Football and Girls Volleyball Championships.

**WINTER SPORTS**

**Boys and Girls Swim** – Cindy Bowden, Sport Director – On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (11-0) approved a request from the Swim Committee regarding the Boys' and Girls' Division Swim Meets format and run the meets the way it has been run for the past two years. Also, the Committee received a letter from Shea High School notifying the League they must withdraw from Girls' Swim because they can no longer field a team. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (11-0) approved their request without sanctions.

**SPRING SPORTS**

**Fastpitch Softball** – Betty Marquis, Sport Director – On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (11-0) approved to table a request to March from the Softball Sport Committee regarding extra inning tie-breaker procedure for the 2017 season.

*The Committee then adopted the following closing motion: THAT ANY AND ALL MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND ACTIONS BY THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS TO THIS DATE BE REAFFIRMED AND RATIFIED.*

*The January meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.*

Signed:

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Susana Borges, RIIL Board Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_