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Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Kelly; Mmes., Henneman, Keegan, Ponte and Wallace; Messrs., Barbieri, Barr, Buchanan, Cobain, Coleman, DiMuccio, Habershaw, Kavanagh, Sollitto, Warner and Whaley

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

Absent: Mme., Gribbin

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

Welcome New PCOA Members
The Committee welcomed new PCOA members Matthew Buchanan, Hope High School, Christopher Coleman, Mt. Pleasant High School and Robert DiMuccio, Central High School.

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: Mt. St. Charles Academy update; Article 6, Section 12 – Non-School Athletic Programs; Burrillville Town Council APRA request and RIIL Executive Director Position.

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

PCOA Minutes November 18, 2019
On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA minutes from the November 18, 2019 meeting was unanimously (16-0) approved.

RIIL Finance Committee Report
The Committee reviewed the August – January 10th RIIL Profit and Loss Budget Report.

Executive Director’s Report
Mr. Mezzanotte reported on the following:

- On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (16-0) approved REAP – The Benefits of Good Concussion Management.
- Battle of the Fans winners: Large Schools Division: North Kingstown HS; Medium Schools Division: Mt. Hope HS and Small Schools Division: Johnston HS
- NFHS Winter Meeting – January 3-6, 2020:
  - Education Courses – provided over 10M courses since 2007.
- On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (16-0) approved a special PCOA meeting to be held on February 26, 2020 to approve and announce the appointment of the RIIL Executive Director.
- Congratulations to Classical High School Athletic Director Robert Palazzo on receiving the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award!

RIIL Rule Revisions
On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (16-0) approved to table Article 6, Section 12 – Non-School Athletic Programs until the March 16, 2020 meeting. (Member schools are not permitted to accommodate athletic activities for a non-school athletic program during the school day.)

Notice was sent to all principals, athletic directors and officials that during the course of a game (before, during or after) game officials have the authority to identify inappropriate unsportsmanlike behavior, bring this to the attention to the home or visiting team representative, and request that such behavior stop immediately, and or have those spectators who are responsible for this behavior removed. In addition, if the unsportsmanlike behavior continues and
is not corrected, the game official has the authority to stop the game and forward the report to the RIIL. In addition, during the course of a game, the head coach can request game officials to address any inappropriate unsportsmanlike behavior. Therefore, we are asking the home school to provide a welcoming and respectful environment for visiting teams, coaches, officials and fans.

SCHOOL REQUESTS
None

RIIL RULE VIOLATIONS
None

RIIIAAA REPORT – CHRIS COBAIN
Mr. Cobain, President of the RIIAAA, provided updates as to issues, concerns and recommendations on behalf of the RIIAAA including revisions to the current alignment guidelines and formula.

RIIL ALIGNMENT FORMULA REVISIONS 2020-2022
On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (16-0) approved the following alignment formula revisions:
1. Increase the enrollment percentage from 10% to 20% for the three RIIL contact sports (football, wrestling & boys lacrosse) with a corresponding 10% decrease to the 6yrs weighted wins.
2. Remove the “note” from 5.C. of the Sport Committee guidelines restricting the number of divisions based on team participation.
3. Institute a simple process for movement in the off-year of a realignment.

OFFICIAL’S CONTRACTS (2020-2023)
On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (16-0) approved the official’s contracts for 2020-2023.

FALL SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS
On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (16-0) approved the 2019 Boys’ and Girls’ Cross Country, Boys’ and Girls’ Soccer, Girls’ Tennis, Field Hockey, Girls’ Volleyball, Unified Volleyball and Football Fall Championships.

WINTER SPORTS
None

SPRING SPORTS
None

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 3:30 P.M.

Signed:

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Susana Borges, RIIL Board Secretary