

VPA ACTIVITY STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 1, 2012
Middlebury UHS, Middlebury, VT

Members Present: Bill Lawson, Bob Davis, Dan Marlow, Amy Molina, Joe Harrington, Frank Spencer, Keith Gerritt, Rob Reardon, Pam Arnold, Chris Hodsdon, Bob Johnson

Also Present: Steve Luleck (Green Mt. Rock Climbing Ctr.), Kathi Bierwirth (BBA AD), Greg Ellis (parent), Tracy Powell (parent) Gecaun Ellis (student), Frank Pecora (retired AD, Chair Baseball Comm.), Jeff Stetson (Mt. Abe AD, Baseball Committee), Patrick Burke (South Burlington High School)

Minutes:

- motion by Rob, second by Keith, to approve minutes of 8/6/12, 8/31/12, 10/9/12 and 10/18/12. Vote – approved unanimously (9-0).
- correspondence – Bob J. presented extension to current ball contract with Spalding. Proposed extension would go through June 2019. Agreement remains the same in terms of sponsorship, game balls and product credit. Bob J. has spoken to a number of AD's about this extension and will pass comments on to Spalding. Bob/Ken have spoken to June Sargent (VPA President) about the proposal and we have agreed to accept the extension. No further action needed.

Bob J. presented recommendation from the VPA Officials Committee to increase mileage rate to \$.50 effective 2013 – 2014. Mileage has not been increased in a number of years. \$.50 is still less than the federal rate of \$.555. Discussion. Motion by Keith, second by Rob to approve recommendation of the Officials Committee to increase mileage from \$.405 to \$.50 effective 2013 – 2014. Vote – Yes – 7, No – 2. Motion approved. Will now be referred on to the Executive Council.

- Presentation by Steve Luleck of Green Mt. Rock Climbing Ctr. on competitive rock climbing as a potential sanctioned VPA activity.

Motion by Frank, second by Rob, to support the investigation of the concept of rock climbing as a competitive sport. Vote – approved unanimously.

ASC directs Bob to meet with representatives of the schools who have expressed an interest and to have the schools come back to ASC next year with a more formal presentation.

- hardship/age waiver request from Burr & Burton for Gecaun Ellis. Hearing conducted in Executive Session.

Motion by Chris, second by Bob D., to approve an additional year of eligibility and an age waiver to Gecaun Ellis for the 2013-2014 school year. Vote – approved unanimously (9-0).

- discussion on reducing the Spring sports season from 16 games to 14 games. This issue was discussed at the Fall VSADA meeting as part of a discussion about tennis. A straw vote was taken with a vote of 30-19 to support the reduction in the number of games. At a recent baseball committee meeting, the committee directed Frank Pecora and Jeff Stetson to present a letter of opposition to ASC at the meeting. Discussion.

Motion by Keith, second by Dan, to table further discussion on this topic pending further information from the other Spring sports committees. This would be a topic for the January 31st meeting. Vote – approved unanimously (9-0).

- hardship/age waiver request from South Burlington HS on Richard Kendall. Hearing conducted in Executive Session.

Motion by Chris, second by Amy, to approve an additional year of eligibility and an age waiver to Richard Kendall for the 2013-2014 school year. Vote – Yes-8, No-1, motion approved.

- Bob J. gave an update on the divisional alignment process for 2013-2015. Core sports (those with 4 divisions) agreed to follow same process as previous alignments. Divisions are to be balanced in numbers and determined by school population. Schools will be allowed to petition up, but will not be allowed to petition down. Alignments will be completed by mid-November. No further action needed.
- Bob J. presented information on the 2011-2012 NFHS Sports-Related Injury Study. This is a national study that Vermont participates in. No further action needed.
- Bob J. presented cooperative team proposals from Randolph and Whitcomb in the sports of wrestling and gymnastics. Wrestling and gymnastic committees have been notified of these proposals and are supportive of them.

Motion by Chris, second by Rob, to approve Randolph/Whitcomb cooperative team proposals in wrestling and gymnastics for a two year period of time. Vote – approved unanimously (9-0).

- Cooperative team renewals presented on Mt. Abe/Vergennes football and Montpelier/Northfield/Williamstown football cooperative teams.

Motion by Chris, second by Rob, to approve the renewal of the Mt. Abe/Vergennes cooperative football team. Vote – approved unanimously (9-0).

Motion by Chris, second by Rob, to approve the renewal of the Montpelier/Northfield/Williamstown cooperative football team. Vote – approved unanimously (9-0).

- 2013-2015 activities calendar presented (2013-2014 calendar presented with understanding that 2014-2015 is a roll over). VSADA has discussed and made recommendations. Hockey will start earlier in the Winter season than the other sports due to issues with hockey rinks and scheduling. All other sports will start after Thanksgiving.

Motion by Rob, second by Chris, to approve the 2013-2015 activities calendar as presented. Vote approved unanimously (9-0)

- meeting with VPA Executive Council from 2:00 to 3:00.
- adjourned – next meeting – January 31st/February 1st @ Golden Eagle in Stowe.