

VPA ACTIVITY STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Friday, May 3, 2013

Capitol Plaza, Montpelier, VT

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

Also Present: Pat Burke (S. Burlington Principal), Paul Wheeler (Lyndon A.D.)

Minutes:

- motion by Rob, second by Bob D. to approve minutes of 1/14/13, 2/1/13 and 2/14/13. Vote – approved unanimously (9-0).
- correspondence – Bob J. gave an update on a) South Burlington letter, re: Dance Championships, b) Harwood hockey situation, c) Mt. Anthony wrestling situation and d) Alpine Ski situation. No action taken.

Bob J. gave an update on S-4 (concussions). Section mandating medical coverage in four “collision” sports has been removed and a study committee has been put in its place. Study committee will a) examine what sports actually need coverage at actual games, b) examine if there are adequate numbers of trained medical personnel to meet all member schools needs and c) determine what the cost impact will be for this potential legislation. All other parts of the bill remain. No further action needed.

- Pat Burke from South Burlington HS presented the S.B./CVU request for a Cooperative girl’s ice hockey team for the next two years. S.B. did a one year cooperative with MMU this year, but MMU could not go beyond one year as numbers are increasing. Numbers have remained low at S.B and CVU. Discussion.

Motion by Rob, second by Dan, to approve the S.B./CVU Cooperative girl’s ice hockey team for the next two years. Vote – approved unanimously (9-0).

- Discussion on proposed new policy on Sanctioning a New Sport. Draft was presented at last meeting. This has been the informal policy we have been following, but officially there is nothing on the books.

Motion by Rob, second by Joe, to accept Sanctioning a New Sport Policy as presented. Vote – approved unanimously (9-0).

- Written request from Hartford and Bellows Falls to renew Cooperative Wrestling team for an additional two years. Discussion.

Motion by Dan, second by Rob, to approve the continuation of the Hartford/Bellows Falls Cooperative Wrestling team for an additional two years. Vote – Yes – 8, No – 0, Abstention – 1. Motion approved.

- Bob J. presented the Boys and Girls Lacrosse Alignments for 2013-2015 as recommended by the VPA Lacrosse Committee. Discussion. Lacrosse also adopted a criteria for alignment placement that will be officially used in the next cycle. Three teams were moved up in Girl's Lacrosse due to the number imbalance between D1 and D2.

Motion by Dan, second by Joe, to approve Lacrosse alignments as presented. Vote – approved unanimously (9-0).

- Met with Paul Wheeler, A.D. at Lyndon Institute, in regards to L.I.'s boys Who violated the two game ejection policy. L.I. coach was not present as he will not be returning to the position. Paul explained the situation and the steps that L.I. was taking to address the situation. Paul agreed that all checking from behind calls were correct, however he felt that in several occasions the penalty outweighed the infraction, however officials had no choice but to call the penalty.

Motion by Rob, second by Dan, to accept the steps taken by Lyndon Institute to address the hockey situation. No additional sanctions to be implemented. Vote – approved unanimously (9-0).

- Request from the Wrestling Committee for permission to start wrestling practices at an earlier date than other winter sports, was withdrawn.
- Bob J. presented a continuation of the Brine Soccer ball proposal. Bob met with the representative from Brine last week. Issues that surfaced this year have been resolved. Brine is proposing a four year continuation (through the school year 2016-17) of the current proposal. Bob J. recommends the proposal.

Motion by Amy, second by Dan, to approve a four year continuation of the Brine sponsorship in soccer. Vote – approved unanimously (9-0).

- Discussion on whether the Activity Standards Committee should develop a process to review situations where a student/coach has received a second two game suspension and are thus ineligible to continue in that sports season. Discussion. Bob J. suggests that it could be done through a three person panel. Panel would be made up of Bob, a representative from ASC and the officials assignor for that sport. This group would meet (by phone conference) to review the situation and determine whether the student/coach should be removed for the rest of the season. Consensus that student/coach is suspended until the review is completed and that the school has to ask for the

review (not automatic). Bob J. will present a written proposal at the next ASC meeting for consideration.

- Bob J. gave a brief update on the NFHS Network (presented Executive Summary). The VPA will continue investigating this possibility. NSN has been notified as to the VPA's intent (they are the only media provider we have under contract). No further action.
- Bob J. presented Winter financials for informational purposes. Overall, the Winter season went well financially. There are several issues that need to be addressed with some of the activities. No further action needed.
- Bob J. presented an updated "Pay to Play" document. Discussion. No action needed.
- adjourned – next meeting TBA.