

VPA ACTIVITY STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Friday, August 7, 2015
Killington Grand Hotel, Killington, VT

Members Present: Ed Hockenbury, Amy Molina, Rob Reardon, Bill Lawson, Mark Mooney, Joe Harrington, Joe DuBonis, Jay Hartman, Bob Johnson

Minutes:

- motion by Rob, second by Jay, to accept minutes of 5/1/15. Vote – approved unanimously
- correspondence – Bob J. gave an update on the Stowe/Lamoille boys hockey request. Mother is requesting that son be “grandfathered” into the Stowe program. Stowe does not intend to have a MTM agreement with Lamoille. No further action.

VPA is now a USA Football “Heads Up” state. Training was held at Rutland HS at then end of May. Approx. 18 schools showed up for training.

Program materials for “Anyone Can Save A Life” have been sent to all member schools. Goal is to have all coaches complete AED/CPR training and for schools to have emergency action plan in place by Fall 2016. Training is being provided with no charge by the Vermont Association of Athletic Trainers.

- Bob J. presented final copy of heat/cold protocols. Minor word changes Recommended by National Athletic Trainers Association. Policies are now on website and have been sent to all schools.
- 2015-16 VPA Committee list presented. In addition, a new committee (Unified Sports) is being established in cooperation with Special Olympics of Vermont.

Motion by Amy, second by Rob, to accept committee assignments as presented. Vote – approved unanimously.

- Bob J. presented final recommendation of FIRST competitions. Bob met with FIRST (Doug Webster) on July 24th. Based on that meeting, its recommended that First Leggo League (FLL) and First Technical Challenge (FTC) receive sanctioning as a VPA activity. First Robotic Competition (FRC) is not ready for sanctioning at this time.

Motion by Rob, second by Jay, to approve sanctioning of FLL and FTC as VPA activities. Vote – approved unanimously.

- brief discussion on Spring tournaments and scheduling issues. No action required.
- Hardship request #1 from Springfield HS presented. Bob Thibault (Springfield Springfield Principal), Corrie Haskell (Guidance Counselor) and Cedric Gray (student) present. Hearing conducted in Executive Session.

Motion by Jay, second by Amy, to grant an additional year of eligibility to Cedric Gray for the 2015-16 school year. Vote – approved unanimously.

Hardship request #2 from Springfield HS presented. Bob Thibault (Springfield Principal), Corrie Haskell (Guidance Counselor) and Christopher Ficklin (student) present. Hearing conducted in Executive Session.

Motion by Joe D., second by Rob, to grant an additional year of eligibility to Chris Fickin for the 2015-16 year pending submission of a written plan by Springfield HS that address the issues of attendance, academic support (guidance appointments) and mental health support. Vote – Yes-6, No-1. Motion passes. Bob J will notify Springfield HS of decisions.

- Geri Witelac, BFA-Fairfax AD, presented request to allow Fairfax to exceed the MTM numbers in football by 3. This is due to unanticipated enrollment from Lamoille UHS and should only be a one year issue.

Motion by Ed, second by Rob, to approve the BFA-Fairfax request for an additional 3 MTM students in football (from 7 to 10). Vote – approved unanimously.

- Bob J. presented 2015-17 alignments (all sports except football and lacrosse).

Motion by Jay, second by Rob, to approve alignments as presented. Vote – approved unanimously.

- Bob J. presented proposed VPA “drone” rule. This rule is based on Delaware’s Rule. It would not allow the use of drones at VPA events during the post-season. FAA is suppose to issue additional guidelines at the end of September.

Motion by Joe D., second by Rob, to approve drone rule as presented. Vote – approved unanimously.

- adjourned – next meeting , Friday, November 6th @ Middlebury UHS – 10:00