

VPA ACTIVITY STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Friday, May 13, 2016

Capitol Plaza, Montpelier, VT

Members Present: Frank Pecora, Bob Davis, Amy Molina, Rob Reardon, Joe DeBonis, Joe Harrington, Kim Maniery, Mark Moody, Ed Hockenbury, Jay Hartman

Also Present: T.J. Powers (Northfield), Derek Howard (Williamstown), Mark Hamilton (Hartford), Joe James (Hartford), Laurie Greenwood, Bridget Dugan-Sullivan (Thetford) Ryan Lucas (Thetford Student), Erica Jean (Thetford parent), Dan Shepardson (CVU)

Minutes:

- introduction of Kim Maniery (Mill River AD) as new member of ASC. Kim will be replacing Amy Molina as VSADA representative.
- motion by Ed, second by Amy, to approve minutes of 2/4/16. Vote – approved unanimously (8-0)
- presentation by T.J. Powers and Derek Howard on proposed girls cooperative soccer team with Northfield/Williamstown. Combining teams will allow for a JV and a varsity team. This will allow for player development. Williamstown is coming into the NVAC, but Northfield is already there. Agreement that cooperative team would play Northfield schedule. NVAC and CVL have been notified. Question as to whether the schools combined enrollment needs to be considered for divisional placement. This is an issue for the soccer committee at their next meeting as the alignment cycle will begin again next year.

Motion by Amy, second by Jay, to approve the Northfield/Williamstown cooperative girls soccer team for a 2 year period effective Fall 2016. Vote – Yes – 7, No – 1, Abstention – 1. Motion approved.

New cooperative team will be referred to Soccer Committee for discussion on alignment. Also noted that no 8th graders will be used.

- brief discussion on VPA/SOV Unified Basketball league/tournament. Very positive experience for all schools involved. Hopefully, the league will be expanded for next year. Championship game at UVM went very well. No further action.
- Bob J. explained that the VPA and VSBIT are joining forces to offer a workshop On Inappropriate Behavior of Student Athletes. Workshop will be for coaches are workshops are being held in August at U-32, Essex HS and West Rutland

HS. Presenter will be provided by VSBIT. VPA will coordinate and make AD's aware of the workshop. No further action.

- Presentation by Mark Hamilton, Joe James and Laurie Greenwood on Bowling Moving from an exhibition to varsity status. 12 schools are committed with more coming on. Many of the "bumps" have been worked out during the exhibition process.

Motion by Joe D., second by Amy, to approve bowling as a varsity activity effective the Winter 2016 season. Vote – approved unanimously.

- Bob J. presented recommendation from the VPA Volleyball Committee in regards to an "official" state ball. Four bids were submitted by various companies and the committee met to discuss all bids. Final decision was to recommend the Spalding proposal to ASC.

Motion by Joe D., second by Bob D., to accept the Spalding proposal for a state volleyball. Bob J. will work out specifics with Spalding. Vote – approved unanimously.

- Hardship eligibility hear for Thetford Academy (Bridget Dugan-Sullivan, Erica Jean and Ryan Lucas present). Hearing conducted in Executive Session.

Motion by Joe D., second by Ed H., to grant Ryan Lucas and additional semester (Fall 2016) of eligibility. Vote – approved unanimously.

- Bob J. updated ASC on VPA Football Committee/VIFL decision to require USA Football Heads Up Training for all football coaches effective Fall 2016. Consensus that this was the right move. Additional workshops will be conducted to meet the need.
- Bob J. presented draft proposal for practice/games at tournament sites During the VPA tournament. This is becoming an issue. During the regular season, this is allowed, but host teams have to consider it as a home game even though they are on a neutral site. Strong feeling that schools should not be able to do this as it does not provide equitable access to all schools due to costs and locations.

Motion by Bob D., second by Mark, to approve draft proposal as presented and to send to all VPA Sports Committees. Vote – approved unanimously.

- presentation by Dan Shepardson on proposed CVU/Mt. Mansfield Girl's Hockey cooperative team. CVU/MMU did this last year as a one year experiment. Numbers indicate that CVU will still not have enough for a team for the next several years.

Motion by Frank, Second by Ed, to approve proposed CVU/Mt. Mansfield Girl's Hockey Cooperative team for a 2 year period of time. Vote – approved unanimously.

- Adjourned – next meeting Thursday, August 4th @ Killington Grand Hotel – 4:00