

RIIAAA
Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

NEWSLETTER
March 2009

The RIIAAA Executive Board would like to thank its members for all its dedication to athletics in the state of Rhode Island. Through your effort, student-athletes are able to attain higher goals and enrich their lives through sport.

We would also like to make you aware of our efforts to find better avenues to communicate with you. Our duty is to represent you and your needs to the best of our ability. Should you have an issue or idea that you feel our membership needs to be aware of please contact one of us. You are also encouraged to attend any Executive Board meeting to voice a concern or just see what we do once a month at the RIIL at RIC.

The following important information, which has come out of discussions from our recent meeting, is to help keep you aware of current issues or concerns in Rhode Island athletics.

1. A letter was sent to the RIIL from Fr. Jo Creedon requesting no activities on Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings.
2. April 30th "Victory With Character" Conference at Bryant University.
3. Awards Committee has awarded the scholarships to Tim Bristow of LaSalle Academy and Eliza Foresti from Mount St. Charles Academy.
4. Tom has sent a letter to all Principals regarding a Licensing Agreement with LRG Marketing. It is a voluntary program. There does not seem to be enough information about this program and not enough information has been presented to make a decision about whether this is a worthy initiative.
5. Sports Medicine Committee has recommended the use of mouth guards in all non-contact sports.
6. Awards Banquet – April 8th at Rhodes. Tickets are \$40. No paper tickets, your name will be at the door.
7. Golf tournament will be June 26 at Triggs. We will be looking for Tee Signs.
8. The Executive Board will be looking into a certificate for our members for the number of years of service to the RIIAAA.
9. The RIIAAA By-Laws have been revised and brought up to date with the appropriate changes. A motion was made to accept the changes as is by Todd Grimes and seconded by Al DiGregorio at the Cape general meeting. The motion passed.
10. Bob Palazzo, who serves as President of the Coaches Association of Track has created a model for all associations to follow. This will make the reporting of finances, fees, dues and ads much easier to access. This information will be posted on the website.

11. **Todd Grimes has nominated Ray Dwyer for the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award for non-members. The motion was seconded by many, voted upon, and passed unanimously.**
12. **A raffle was conducted at the Cape general meeting for two memberships for Core Course GPA. The winners were Frank Geiselman and Jeff Maidment.**
13. **A letter will be sent to Tom from our association addressing three concerns:
a. Regionalization b. Revenue sharing c. Officials' pay freeze**
14. **Providence Superintendent and Tom had a meeting to discuss the future of Providence schools and the RIIL. They will meet again March 26.**

**Any questions or concerns please contact Kathy Luther
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