

NEWSLETTER

June 2014

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. Athletic Directors serving as either Director or Co-Director of a sport committee are reminded to send meeting report(s) to Ted Quigley, La Salle Academy, tquigley@lasalle-academy.org as soon as possible in order for Jamie Vetelino to best serve you at Principals' Committee on Athletics meetings. As the RIIAAA Vice-President, Ted would need to pass on sport committee resolutions in advance of the PCOA meetings.
2. The RIIAAA Golf Tournament is Tuesday, June 24, 2014, 9:00am shot gun start at Triggs Golf Course, Providence. \$125 per golfer or \$500 per Foursome; Tee signs \$100 or a discount of \$75 if you enter a foursome to golf. Make checks payable to RIIAAA c/o Chris Cobain, East Greenwich HS, 300 Avenger Drive, East Greenwich, RI 02818.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a) **Boys' Basketball** after the last meeting, it was agreed to let teams move up to Division I if they so choose. This makes for a 17 team Division I, 18 team Division II, and a 14 team Division III.
 - b) **Girls' Basketball.** All Division I teams qualify for the playoffs. There will be a 16 team Open Tournament with the same selection process as Boys' Basketball.
 - c) **Football.** The SAT scheduled has changed for fall 2014. Schools should be aware of the October 11th test date rather than October 4, 2014 and make time changes for games accordingly.
 - d) **Hockey.** The schedule is complete for 2014-2015 with the exception of Division I. Burrillville and Cranston West have requested to drop down a division.
 - e) **Swim.** Boys and Girls of dual sport teams will compete regular together but will then be placed in Division appropriate for team competition.
 - f) **Wrestling.** The schedule for 2014-2015 will be presented at the June PCOA meeting for approval.
 - g) **PCOA.** A 99 page proposal is being presented at the June 2014 meeting.
 - a. The waiver committee is listed with the absence of an Athletic Administrator representation.
 - b. Bay View has dropped Hockey.

- c. Definition of Affiliate Membership has been sent to member schools.
 - d. Cheer is still being discussed as to whether it will attain varsity sport status.
 - e. There is a rule revision for Providence Co-Op – Mt. Pleasant, Hope, Central, Alveraz and E Cubed.
 - f. Golf season is being considered to be moved to Fall for the 216-2018 realignment years.
4. Mark your calendar for next year's RIIAAA Award Banquet, Thursday, April 2, 2015 and NIAAA Section I Meeting hosted by the RIIAAA, Wednesday May 13, 2015. Both events at the Crown Plaza, Warwick, RI.
 5. Jamie Vetelino, incoming RIIAAA President replacing Mike Traficante as voting member on the PCOA for 2014-2016.
 6. Kudos to Jeff Maidment for his term as RIIAAA President 2012-2014.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Beth Penkala at: bethpenkala5@gmail.com