

NEWSLETTER

October 2015

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) Please remember RIIAAA member Gary Mazzie, who passed in October. A donation on behalf of the RIIAAA will be made to Johnston High School in Gary's name.
- 2) Membership update: 44 of 59 schools athletic directors have paid their membership.
- 3) Committee Reports:
 - State Conference**
 - Hyannis in March of 2016.
 - Boys Soccer**
 - Meeting before playoffs begin
 - Softball**
 - Discussion of coaches association electing a president and having that president sit on the sports committee
 - Lacrosse**
 - Co-op splits require a reviewing of the D2 and D3 schedules
 - Hockey**
 - Schedules were set, rink managers had some issues, should be out soon.
 - Baseball**
 - Schedules being worked on.
 - SK baseball coach asked to consider a two-game schedule back-to-back (rivalries, more coaching involved). Letter submitted. Being looked at
 - Wrestling**
 - Meeting held to discuss the state tournament.
 - Mats being rented for state tournament.

4) RIIL News:

- Indoor track interpretation meeting moved from November 14 because of New England cross-country meet on that date.
- Road map for supervision will be discussed at ADs workshop.
- Technology Committee-other programs that are used by Ads. Working on some features. Cut cost for some ADs using other programs. No definitive timeline-in exploratory stage.
- Sports committees-make sure that ADs attend realignment meetings or try to find a replacement.
- Coaches certification-moving along on RIIL taking over certification from RIDE. Renewal on NFHS. 2 certifications-AIC (life) or CIC. This will happen by next year.
- Anyone Can Save a Life-Emergency action plan legislation.
- NFHS Network-push to opportunities to promote it state-wide
- Winter sports-hockey back to schools, next year. Be prepared.

5) Arbiter

- Winter Assessment-Money left over from fall and winter will be added to spring (bills will be reconciled).

6) Sports Medicine Committee

- Looking at a pitch counts for baseball.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Greg Kortick at GKortick@westwarwickpublicschools.com

