

NEWSLETTER

March 2016

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) Committee Reports:

Sports Committee Rosters

- 2 openings-girls' soccer and competition cheer.
- Girls soccer was filled

Fall Realignment

- Monday (3/21) will be voted on at PCOA: football, boys and girls soccer, girls volleyball.
- Girls tennis-some issues (will not go Monday).
- Football-discussion will be held at PCOA (14-14-14 alignment will be put forward).

Injury Fund

- Donation for Ted Stebbins-endowment to scholarship at URI
- Will be discussed at April executive board meeting.

Membership

- Looking at car stickers for RIIAAA members-cling on (\$3.95)

2) RIIL News:

Tech committee

- Been meeting continuously.
- "Members Only" section runs on a 17-year old system.
- Looking at different options. Have to start moving quickly (August 2017).
- Talks accelerating.
- Trying to be sensitive to the needs of every school.

Night of Champions

- Team that sells the most tickets can take batting practice on the field.

JV Sports Championships

- Play a JV season in all sports with no playoffs.
- Make it developmental.
- Perhaps a 1-weekend tournament / fundraiser is fine with blind draws.
- Fall-no more JV playoff tournaments.
- No standings kept for JV (turned off on RIIL).
- JV schedules will be put online in the fall.

3) Section 1 Report:

- Scholarship winners essays will be in the banquet book.
- Section 1 meeting on Tuesday (3/22).
- Gift to Bruce Whitehead of NIAAA from RI who is retiring-\$50
- \$250 to NIAAA endowment

4) Awards Banquet:

- AD's-approximately 24 registered.
- Service citations winners can bring a guest for free if their banquet ticket was pre-paid

5) Executive Board Nominations

- At the general meeting in March, the bylaws were changed to add two more members to the executive board.
- Geographic and gender balance were taken into consideration
- Congratulations to Mike Shiels of Chariho and Christy Belisle of Mt. Hope who have been nominated

5) MSSADA Conference:

- March 30-vendors social is \$30 if not registered for conference.
- Add-ons for next year's membership fees if AD's want to pay up front for the conference

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

