

NEWSLETTER

June 2011

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. The Sports and Guidelines Committee presentation was accepted by the PCOA.
2. The board consensus on JV/FR Officials Stipend is that a recommended maximum of 72% of the Varsity Official's Stipend be used as a benchmark.
3. The RIIAAA Golf Tournament is set for Richmond CC Tuesday June 28, 2011. Schools are encouraged to support this fundraiser with Tee Sponsorship, Team Play, and/or donation of prizes for the event.
4. 2011-2012 NIAAA Membership notice has been mailed out to RIIAAA membership. If you will be changing your status as an Athletic Director for 2011-2012 please notify Elaine Botelho at doubleeb48@cox.net Please make every effort to have 2011-2012 dues paid prior to July 1, 2011.
5. Mike Traficante met with RIASBO in reference to concerns with school insurance. The RIASBO committee has agreed that the Lefebvre Insurance contract will not be extended and that a bid will determine the future school insurance company.
6. A note of appreciation to Dave Oswinkle from the Prout School. Dave has accepted a position out of state and will be leaving the RIIAAA membership for 2011-2012.
7. The End of Year General Membership Meeting was held June 14th, 5:30PM at *Joseph's Italian Kitchen* in Providence. 25 members were in attendance.
8. There is consideration to move RIIL golf to the Fall season. Surveys will go out to RIIAAA membership soon.
9. The Free Recruiting Webinar is now in partnership with RIIAAA. More information to follow.une
10. The NIAAA Section I Summer Institute runs June 26-28, 2011 on Cape Cod, MA.
11. Paul Amaral noted that the NFHS Coaches Education website is a good resource for maintaining coaches' certification. www.nfhslearn.com
12. Bob Palazzo will be offering LTC 501 June 22, 2011 at Classical HS.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Beth Penkala (Mt.Hope) at
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