

NEWSLETTER

May 2012

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. *Schedule Star* will be the sponsor of the June 2012 General Membership Meeting. Joe's Italian Kitchen, Cranston, Wednesday June 20, 2012 start time 5:30pm. Agenda items include:
 - a. PCOA: scheduling should be done by ADs on Sport Committees for 2012-2013
 - b. School Insurance
 - c. RIIAAA Golf Tournament
 - d. Injury Fund – Spring Assessment & Freshmen Sports
2. RIIAAA membership dues will increase to \$145 to offset increases in NIAAA dues for 2012-2013. A cover letter and billing statement has been sent to Athletic Directors.
3. The Division II Wrestling Tournament will be continued thru the Coaches' Association. The 2012-2013 schedule is being set up to continue tri- and quad-meets for regular season events.
4. RIIAAA Golf Tournament is Tuesday June 26, 2012 at Richmond CC. Shot Gun Scramble is 9am. \$125/PP, \$75 tee sponsor, raffle, and team prizes will be awarded after a Texas Barbeque.
5. In Soccer beginning fall 2012 any five (5) cards (yellow or red) will result in the coach being penalized with a two game suspension.
6. Mike Traficante, Athletic Director – Cranston Schools is retiring from public school service and will be taking over as Athletic Director at The Prout School fall 2012.
7. Both Beth Penkala (Mt Hope) and Phil Kershaw (West Warwick) have announced their retirement as Athletic Director of their schools.
8. Mt Hope announced the appointment of Ms. Christy Belisle as Athletic Director.

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