

NEWSLETTER

October 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. There is a mandatory pre-winter sports meeting for Athletic Directors' scheduled for November 7, 2012, 8am. (Location is TBD). A general meeting of the RIIAAA will take place after the RIIL meeting. Topics for discussion by the RIIAAA include: JV playoffs; moving Golf to the fall season 2014; realignment committee members, preparing for 2014-2016; RIIL Injury Fund event options; and Officials' contract language as related to postponements and/or cancellations.
2. Welcome Chariho HS to both Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse for spring 2012.
3. On November 11, 2012 at 1pm, there is a gymnastics officials' clinic at Prestige Gymnastics (formally Paramount Gymnastics), Swansea, MA. Anyone interested in rule changes in gymnastics are welcome to attend.
4. On December 7, 2012 there is a Title IX 40th Anniversary workshop at the Donovan Dining Center on the RI College Campus from 8am-1pm. RIIL Alumnus Athlete Theresa Moore will be the featured speaker. RIIL member schools are encouraged to send up to five female athletes to this event. Kudos to RIIL in cooperation with Amica Insurance for sponsoring this milestone event.
5. Kudos to Gary Mazzie, Johnston AD, for completing his CAA exam.
6. RIIAAA Award Nomination forms will go out to member schools the week of November 5 thru November 9, 2012.
7. December 14 thru December 19, 2012 is the NIAAA/NFHS Conference in San Antonio, TX. Go to www.NIAAA.org to find conference information.

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