

NEWSLETTER

August 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) Membership update: Only 50% of RIIAAA members have paid their 2015-16 dues.
- 2) Middle School Sports: RIPCOA Executive Director:
 - Spoke about the challenges of athletics and athletic directors.
 - Traveled the state speaking to principals and some ADs regarding our needs and concerns
 - 3 focus areas for year one:
 - a) Communication: big issues that cannot be address in a timely manner due to a lack of a go to person. Mike is now that person
 - Website will have the important contact information for all key contacts
 - Middle school sports has been more coach driven for information, this will change to principal, AD and then coaches regarding schedules, meetings etc.
 - Looking to add a fan flash section similar to HS RIIL site (up to date scheduling alerts)
 - b) Looking to improve coach training
 - c) Looking to make sure that all middle schools have sports programs through grant writing and fundraising to raise seed money for start ups
- 3) NIAAA National Conference is December 12-December 15, 2015 in Orlando, FL.
 - NIAAA will sponsor 2 registration fees
 - RIIL will sponsor 3 nights hotel stay and flight for one AD
- 4) Committee Reports:

Hockey

- Schedules being built, however they are waiting on WW rink
- Narragansett and Chariho will co-op

5) RIIL News:

- Emergency Action plans are a priority
- Football officials now being assigned by Bruce Guindon. (RI Official)
- Tech Committee is looking to update the RIIL website to make ADs' jobs and connection with league and schools easier
- Looking into an invitational girls' tennis team at the Hall of Fame in Newport
- Looking into a first week football match up with MA and CT

6) Re-alignment:

- Scheduling a meeting to address playoff eligibility and the amount of teams that are participating.
- Too many teams are making the playoffs that don't deserve to be in.... looking to establish a better criteria.
- Too many sub division champions

7) Coaches Associations:

- Looking to coordinate coaches' association information (contacts for each sport)
- RI is one of the last states that doesn't have one coaches' association

8) State Conference 2016:

- Moving back to Cape Cod and combining with the Massachusetts state conference.

9) The golf tournament will be held on Friday, June 24, 2016.

*Any questions or concerns, please contact Greg Kortick at
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NIAAA Membership Commendation

1991	1992	1993
1994	1995	1996
1997	1998	1999
2000	2001	2002
2003	2004	2005
2006	2007	2008
2009	2010	2011
2012	2013	2014

