

NEWSLETTER

September 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: 61 members/13 retirees, 41 paid in full, 20 outstanding

2) Committee Reports:

Fast Pitch Softball

-Coaches' association is in debt

Boys Basketball

-Fewer teams in divisionals/more in open tournament

-Shot clock discussion of changing boys from 35 to 30 seconds

Field Hockey

-Meeting soon to discuss playoffs

Hockey

-Schedules almost completed

Baseball

-Will be meeting soon

Girls Track

-A new scoreboard will be put in at the PCTA

Cross Country

-Post season meeting will be held in November

Girls Soccer

-Currently the coaches' association has no president

3) RIIL News:

-Got through heat acclimation well

-Save a Life (sent to all schools)

-Arbiter going well, with a few snafus

- Technology Committee will look at how RIIL can streamline what the ADs do and what is needed
- Met with governor's staff to eliminate RIDE coaching certification. Meeting again next week and are positive that this can happen.
- Sports-Medicine Advisory Committee is willing to have guest speakers come out to the schools.
- The “return to play” protocol is going to bring it up at the November coaches’ interpretation meetings.

4) Coaches’ Associations:

- Not all presidents’ information has been accumulated.
- Coaches’ associations’ treasurers’ reports should be put up on RIIAAA website.

5) JV/Freshmen Football

- Concerns over students who don’t play many plays on Friday night not being able to play in the JV game on Saturday
- Issue: will bring it up at the sectional meeting to see how other states deal with this issue.
- Sport committee will also discuss this.

6) Athletic Directors’ pre-season meeting will be held on November 10 at 8:00 am at the RIIL office.

7) Arbiter:

- Statements will be sent at the end of each season/not monthly; this will show by sport, what was paid.

*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

