

**RHODE ISLAND INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE  
Principals' Committee on Athletics  
Monday, August 15, 2022 @ 1:30 pm  
RIIL Office  
875 Centerville Road, Building #3  
Warwick, RI 02886**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairman Kelly; Mme., Caluori; Messrs., Barbieri, Cory, Costa, DeCiccio, DiMuccio, Green, McCarthy, Sollitto, and Warner.

**Also Present:** Michael Lunney, Executive Director; Thomas Marcello, Assistant Executive Director; Susana Borges, Administrative Assistant and Brendan McGair, *Pawtucket Times*

**Absent:** Messrs., Barr and Biah

*The August meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was called to order at 1:35 p.m.*

**WELCOME NEW PCOA MEMBERS**

The Committee welcomed new PCOA members Mr. Mark DeCiccio, Bishop Hendricken High School and Mr. Keith Cory, RIIAAA/Johnston High School.

**RECOGNITION OF MEMBER**

Mr. Lunney presented Mr. Sean Kelly with a plaque recognizing and thanking him for his ten years of dedicated service to the Principals' Committee on Athletics, including the last three years he has served as the chairperson. We wish him well in his new capacity in Central Administration in Cranston.

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session.*

**PCOA EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The following items were discussed in Executive Session: PCOA and Chairperson vacancies; Waiver Hearing Committee Appeal and Budget.

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move out of Executive Session.*

**PCOA MINUTES JUNE 13, 2022**

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA minutes from the June 13, 2022 meeting were unanimously (11-0) approved.

**PCOA NEW APPOINTMENTS**

The Committee on Athletics reviewed and discussed several applications of those administrators interested in serving on the PCOA. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (11-0) voted to approve the following appointments: Mr. Daniel Richard, Saint Raphael Academy; Ms. Susan Craven, Tiverton HS and Mr. Toby Gibbons, Pilgrim HS.

**PCOA CHAIRMAN RESIGNATION**

Mr. Sean Kelly, Chairman of the Committee submitted his resignation as Chairman and as a member of the Principals' Committee on Athletics effective August 15, 2022. Mr. Kelly has served with distinction on the Committee over the past ten years. The Committee wishes Sean success in his new capacity in Central Administration in Cranston. On a motion made and seconded, the Principals' Committee on Athletics accepted, with regret, Mr. Kelly's resignation.

**NEW PCOA CHAIRPERSON AND ASSISTANT CHAIRPERSON**

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (11-0) approved the nomination of Mr. Daniel Warner, principal of Narragansett High School, to the position of Chairperson on the Principals' Committee on Athletics effective August 15, 2022.

In addition, on a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (11-0) approved the nomination of Mrs. Candace Caluori, principal of Toll Gate High School, to the position of Assistant Chairperson on the Principals' Committee on Athletics effective August 15, 2022.

#### PCOA RESIGNATION

The Committee received letters of resignation from Mr. Christopher Coleman and Dr. Michael Whaley, as members of the Committee. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously accepted (11-0), with regret, their resignations and wished them success in their new positions.

#### PCOA VACANCIES

As a result of the recent resignations on the PCOA, the RIIL will send out applications to member school principals to fill the vacancies by November 1, 2022.

#### RIIL FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Lunney reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on August 15, 2022. Items discussed and reviewed were the 2021-2022 final RIIL budget and the proposed 2022-2023 RIIL operating budget that was recommended by the Finance Committee. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (11-0) approved the 2022-2023 RIIL operating budget. In addition, Mr. Kelly recommended a three-year extension of the employment contracts of Mr. Lunney and Mr. Marcello. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (11-0) approved the three-year extension of their employment contracts.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lunney reported on the following:

- NFHS Foundation Grant
  1. Wet Bulb Globe Thermometers (WBGT)
    - a. Heat Stress Indicators for Member School
- RIIL eSports Update
- Coaches Registration Online System
  1. Development and Implementation
  2. Time Saver and Organizer for Athletic Directors
- Important Dates
- School Initiatives for 2022-2023
  1. Student Health and Safety
  2. Eligibility
  3. Sportsmanship
  4. Event Security & Safety
  5. Member School Support
    - a. Website
      - Member Resource Page
      - Handbook for Each Sport
- Meetings Over the Summer
  1. NFHS Summer Meeting
  2. Officials Organizations
  3. Sandra Powell – RIDOH
    - a. K12 Playbook Updated
  4. RIIL Sports Medicine Advisory Committee
    - a. AAP Concerns Regarding PPE Forms
  5. New Principal/AD Workshop
  6. Fall Coaches Mandatory Meeting
  7. RHAAA Executive Board
  8. Sport Committees
  9. Sponsorship Meetings
  10. RIIL Tournament Planning

#### REQUESTS FROM SCHOOLS - WAIVER HEARING COMMITTEE APPEAL

##### Kathryn Gauvin – Moses Brown School

Waiver of Article 3, Section 6., Transfer Rule. Appealing a decision of Waiver Hearing Committee.

Motion to grant waiver: 0-11 (*denied*)

#### RIIL RULES VIOLATIONS

None

**RUIL RULE REVISIONS**

Mr. Lunney asked for a clarification of the coaching requirements for eSports coaches. After discussion, the Committee reiterated that eSports is a RIIL sanctioned activity and all coaches would be required to fulfill Article 13 Coaching requirements as currently listed. Also, he gave a report regarding the current potential impact of Name, Image and Likeness on high school sports across the country and that he will be bringing recommendations to address these concerns at the November meeting.

**OFFICIALS**

Mr. Lunney reported on the status of officials' agreements in the sports of volleyball, baseball, softball, and boys and girls lacrosse.

**FALL SPORTS – MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022**

First day of practice for football begins Monday, August 15. All other fall sports begin on Monday, August 22. Mr. Lunney updated the Committee on plans for a celebration on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RIIL's first super bowl that was held in 1972 which is being held on September 1, 2022 at Cranston Stadium featuring Cranston East vs Woonsocket and Middletown vs East Greenwich.

**WINTER SPORTS – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022**

The boys and girls swimming and gymnastics alignments were presented to the Committee on recommendations from both sport committees and endorsed by the RIIAAA. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (11-0) approved the boys and girls swimming and gymnastics alignments.

**SPRING SPORTS – MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

Mr. Marcello reported the spring sport committee meetings have been ongoing. Spring sports alignments are due in November.

*The Committee then adopted the following closing motion: THAT ANY AND ALL MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND ACTIONS BY THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS TO THIS DATE BE REAFFIRMED AND RATIFIED.*

*The August meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 4:21 P.M.*

Signed:

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Susana Borges, RIIL Board Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Meeting Minutes**

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**Also Present:** Michael Lunney, Executive Director; Thomas Marcello, Assistant Executive Director; Susana Borges, Administrative Assistant and Brendan McGair, *Pawtucket Times*

**Absent:** Messrs., Biah, DeCiccio and Gibbons

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**WELCOME NEW PCOA MEMBERS**

The Committee welcomed new PCOA members Mrs. Susan Craven, Tiverton High School and Mr. Daniel Richard, St. Raphael Academy.

**PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR**

Mr. Lunney recognized Mr. Scott Barr, Classical High School as the NASSP Principal of the Year!

**PCOA EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The following items were discussed in Executive Session: Waiver Hearing Committee Appeals; RIIL Hall of Fame; Rules and Regulations; RIPCOA Request; Sportsmanship; Spring Alignments and Activities.

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move out of Executive Session.*

**PCOA MINUTES AUGUST 15, 2022**

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA minutes from the August 15, 2022 meeting were unanimously (12-0) approved.

**PCOA NEW APPOINTMENTS**

The Committee on Athletics reviewed and discussed several applications of those administrators interested in serving on the PCOA. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (12-0) voted to approve the following appointments: Ms. Kristin Ward, Cranston High School East and Dr. Chip McGair, South Kingstown HS.

**REQUESTS FROM SCHOOLS - WAIVER HEARING COMMITTEE APPEAL**

**Camani Batista – Johnston High School**

Waiver of Article 3, Section 6., Transfer Rule. Appealing a decision of Waiver Hearing Committee.  
Motion to grant waiver: 0-11-1 (*denied*)

**Vanessa Piscione – Saint Raphael Academy**

Waiver of Article 3, Section 6., Transfer Rule. Appealing a decision of Waiver Hearing Committee.  
Motion to grant waiver: 0-10-2 (*denied*)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Lunney reported on the following:

- Electronic Ticketing Update – Go Fan. The RIIL has instituted a no cash policy at tournaments.
- Online Transfer Portal Update – Coming Soon.
- Online Coaches Registration System Update
- Student Eligibility Workshop Update – Two virtual meetings were held in October. Well attended by member schools.
- Winter Coaches Interpretation Meeting was held virtually on November 16.

**Executive Director's Report continued...**

- Winter Sports Athletic Director Meeting was held on November 18<sup>th</sup> at RI College
- Student-Athlete Leadership Training Workshop was held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at Camp Fogarty. Twenty-one member schools attended.
- NFHS – RI Coaches of the Year and Officials Recognition (2021-2022). The RIIL will recognize the RI Coaches of the Year and Officials at it's tournaments.
- eSports Update

**RIIL RULES VIOLATIONS**

None

**RIIL RULE REVISIONS**

**RIIL Alternative Education Member School**

Mr. Lunney reviewed a new RIIL Alternative Education Member School Form for use by alternative education member schools for each student-athlete that wishes to participate in athletics at their sending school district in accordance with all RIIL rules and regulations. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (12-0) approved the new form.

**Article 1, Section 19 – AMATEURISM – Definitions and Loss of Amateur Standings**

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (12-0) approved the following clarifying language to be added to Article 1, Section 19 (Amateurism – Definitions and Loss of Amateur Standings) relative to Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) for RIIL student-athletes:

- A. A student who represents a school in an interscholastic sport shall be an amateur in that sport. An amateur athlete is one who engages in athletic competition solely for the physical, mental, social and pleasurable benefits derived there from. An athlete forfeits amateur status in a sport by:
  1. competing for money or other monetary compensation (allowable travel, meals and lodging expenses may be accepted).
  2. receiving any award or prize of monetary value which has not been approved by the Rhode Island Interscholastic League.
  3. capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value **in affiliation or connection with activities involving the student's school team, school or the Rhode Island Interscholastic League** (scholarships to institutions of higher learning are specifically exempted).
    - A. **This provision is not intended to restrict the right of any student to participate in a commercial endorsement provided there is no school team, school, or Rhode Island Interscholastic League affiliation.**
    - B. **The student is prohibited from appearing in the uniform of the student's school and may not utilize the marks, logos, etc. of the school, or the Rhode Island Interscholastic League as part of any endorsement.**
  4. signing a professional playing contract in that sport.

**SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Lunney reported together with the Korey Stringer Institute (KSI), in conjunction with the National Athletic Trainers' Association and National Football League, there will be a Team Up for Sports Safety (TUFSS) meeting on December 9, 2022 at the International Tennis Hall of Fame (Newport) to discuss the future of sports safety in Rhode Island. The agenda for this meeting will focus on five (5) safety topic areas related to catastrophic injury in sport (i.e. Cold water immersion for heat stroke, exercise acclimatization, medical service for collision sports, traumatic head injuries and pre-participation exams). Representatives from the RIIL/PCOA will be attending along with the RIIL Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Chair, Mr. George Finn. In addition, Mr. Lunney reported that he has been attending periodic RIDOH Pods meetings regarding updates for schools. Mr. Lunney reiterated that any changes to the RIDOH Playbook which may impact high school athletes will be communicated to the schools accordingly.

**FALL SPORTS**

The RIIL received a letter of appreciation recognizing Mr. Frank Laliberte's leadership and efforts as the RIIL Director of Tennis. In addition, Mr. Lunney presented a letter of concern submitted by Burrillville High School regarding the current football alignment. Dr. Sollitto also summarized Burrillville's concerns and the request to revisit the guidelines for alignment.

**WINTER SPORTS – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022**

The Committee received a request from Exeter/West Greenwich High School to move up from Division 4 to Division 3 in Girls Basketball with a corresponding switch with Johnston High School who will move down from Division 3 to Division 4. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (12-0) approved the request.

**SPRING SPORTS – MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

The spring sports alignments were presented to the Committee on recommendations from each spring sport committee and endorsed by the RIIAAA (exception Boys Lacrosse). On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (12-0) approved the following 2022-2023 spring sport alignments: Baseball; Softball; Boys' Volleyball; Boys' Tennis, Girls' Lacrosse and Golf. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (12-0) amended the Boys' Lacrosse alignment to move Chariho down from Division 1 to Division 2 and move Mt. St. Charles Academy up from Division 2 to Division 1 as expressed concerns and supported by the RIIAAA Executive Board.

*The Committee then adopted the following closing motion: THAT ANY AND ALL MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND ACTIONS BY THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS TO THIS DATE BE REAFFIRMED AND RATIFIED.*

*The November meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 4:37 P.M.*

Signed:

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Susana Borges, RIIL Board Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Also Present:** Michael Lunney, Executive Director; Thomas Marcello, Assistant Executive Director; Susana Borges, Administrative Assistant; Carolyn Thornton, Director of Multi-Media Content and Brendan McGair, *Pawtucket Times*  
**Absent:** Messers., Biah and DeCiccio

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**WELCOME NEW PCOA MEMBERS**

The Committee welcomed new PCOA members Mr. Toby Gibbons, Pilgrim High School, Ms. Kristin Ward, Cranston High School East and, Dr. Chip McGair, South Kingstown High School.

**PCOA EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The following items were discussed in Executive Session: RIIL Rules and Regulations; Co-op guidelines; Middle School Sports Update and Waiver Hearing Committee Appeals.

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move out of Executive Session.*

**PCOA MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA minutes from the November 14, 2022 meeting were unanimously (15-0) approved.

**PCOA COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Mr. Lunney and Mr. Warner reported and discussed the vacancies for PCOA members on the sports committees and emphasized the importance of PCOA members being involved in sport committee work. The Committee members were asked to submit their sport interest to the RIIL Office for assignment.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Lunney reported on the following:

- Sport Handbooks and Electronic NFHS Sport Rules for Athletic Directors – As part of technology upgrades to the RIIL website, handbooks will be developed for each sport and free electronic version of NFHS sport books will be distributed to athletic directors to make it easier for schools to find the proper sport guidance and rules and regulations.
- New Athletic Director Workshop – Second new AD Workshop was held on January 12<sup>th</sup> to support several recently hired athletic directors.
- NFHS School Honor Roll Program – Update
- Online Coaches Registration System – Update
- Officials – Potential Legislation to Protect Officials in Rhode Island – 21 states currently have legislation in place to protect the men and women who officiate. The RIIL Office is working with our officials' associations and state representatives to potentially introduce similar legislation in Rhode Island.
- Jiggs Cecchini Holiday Challenge – Connecticut (CIAC) and Rhode Island (RIIL) – held on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at Mohegan Sun.
- NFHS Update – from the winter Executive Directors Meeting held on January 3-5, 2023:
  - Name, Image and Likeness Education
  - Transfer Rule
  - Classification/Alignment Challenges
  - NFHS Network
  - Flag Football Initiative – NFL
  - Officials Recruitment and Retention Initiatives
  - Sportsmanship Initiatives

**Executive Director's Report continued...**

- RI College – High School Athletic Administration Track – the administration at Rhode Island College is developing an athletic administration major and contacted the RIIL for some guidance regarding a high school interscholastic track with the hopes that future high school athletic directors can be provided with the proper education and training.
- Official Ball Agreements – the bid process to award the “Official Ball” beginning in fall of 2023 is in progress.

**RIIL RULE REVISIONS**

**Article 7, Section 3 – Limitation of Seasons (Spring Sports)**

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (14-0) approved to eliminate the following April vacation rule: “Rescheduling of a game(s) which result in no game(s) being played during the annual spring recess will result in a forfeiture of the rescheduled games.”

**SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SMAC)**

Mr. Lunney gave an update from the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee regarding COVID-19, Influenza (the Flu), Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and Monkey Pox. Also, he reminded the Committee that the RIIL has school resources and support listed and available on the RIIL website regarding Emergency Action Plans. He emphasized that this guidance has been in place for many years, and it is discussed at its annual meetings with schools. In addition, he gave a detailed report regarding the Team Up for Sports Safety (TUFSS)/Korey Stringer Institute (KSI) Sports Medicine Meeting held on December 9, 2022 at the International Tennis Hall of Fame (Newport). The Korey Stringer Institute made several recommendations for policy changes that will be reviewed by the RIIL SMAC and recommendations will be made to the PCOA at their scheduled meeting in March for consideration for approval.

**RIIL RULES VIOLATIONS - NONE**

**RIIAAA REPORT – KEITH CORY**

Mr. Cory, President of the RIIAAA, provided a report on a project that the RIIAAA is working on to deliver a state-wide Coaches Association.

**FALL SPORTS**

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (14-0) approved the 2022 Boys & Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Cross Country, Girls Tennis, Girls Volleyball, Unified Volleyball, Field Hockey, Football and Game Day Cheer fall championships.

**WINTER SPORTS**

Mr. Lunney updated the Committee regarding ice hockey penalty minutes rules. He also gave a report regarding winter tournament planning and emphasized his appreciation to RI College and Mr. Don Tencher, Director of Athletics for his willingness to accommodate RIIL Championships at RI College facilities despite challenges in scheduling around RI College teams/events.

**SPRING SPORTS – MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

Mr. Marcello reported on recommended rule changes from the Boys and Girls Track and Field Sport Committee. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (14-0) approved rule change to update the Dual Meet Order of Events. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (14-0) approved revisions to Article 17 – Cross Country, Section 5.A and Article 28 & 29 – Track & Field Section 6.A.

Also, Mr. Lunney reported that the Girls' Individual Golf Championships will be included in the two-day team championships held at Cranston Country Club on May 30 & 31, 2023. For the first time, the Girls Individual Golf championships will be decided by playing 36 holes.

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Signed:

Susana Borges, RIIL Board Secretary

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**Absent:** Messer., Biah

*The March meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was called to order at 1:30 p.m.*

**PCOA EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The following items were discussed in Executive Session: RIIL Rules and Regulations; Co-op guidelines; Transfer Rule, and Heat Acclimatization Guidelines.

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move out of Executive Session.*

**PCOA MINUTES JANUARY 23, 2023**

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA minutes from the January 23, 2023 meeting were unanimously (16-0) approved.

**RIIL FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Lunney reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on March 20, 2023. Items discussed were the 2022-2023 budget update, profit & loss and fall sports championships. Mr. Stuart Peterson of Janney provided the Committee with an RIIL update on investments.

**PCOA COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Mr. Lunney reported on committee members assignments and new appointments to the following sports: Tom Barbieri switch from football to baseball; Adolfo Costa, co-ed golf & boys' soccer; Susan Craven, softball; Toby Gibbons, boys' & girls' ice hockey; Michael Green, football; Chip McGair, cross country and track; Robert McCarthy is TBD; Dan Richard, cross country and track and Kristin Ward, boys & girls volleyball.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Lunney reported on the following:

- Spring Athletic Director's Workshop held on March 3, 2023 at Orthori, Warwick Campus.
- Spring Coaches Interpretation Meeting held virtually on March 15, 2023.
- NFHS School Honor Roll Program – Update.
  - Online Coaches Registration System – Update.
- Official Ball Agreements (5 years beginning 2023-2024):
  - Wilson (Football, Basketball, Baseball & Softball)
  - Mikasa (Volleyball)
  - Select (Soccer)
- Classification/Realignment
- Name, Image and Likeness education for member schools.
- NFHS/RIIL Initiatives
  - Officials Recruitment and Retention Initiatives
  - Sportsmanship Initiatives – #benchbadbehavior Campaign

**RIIL RULE REVISIONS**

**Article 3, Section 1 J – Cooperative Teams**

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (15-0) approved changes to Article 3, Section 1 J (Cooperative Teams) of the RIIL Rules and Regulations which will be sent to all member schools.

**RIIL Rule Revisions continued...**

**Article 7, Section 3 C – Heat Acclimatization Guidelines**

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (15-0) approved changes to Article 7, Section 3 C (Heat Acclimatization Guidelines) of the RIIL Rules and Regulations which will be sent to all member schools.

**RIIL RULES AND REGULATIONS - MSCA**

The Committee discussed Mt. Saint Charles Academy (MSCA) decision to establish and actively promote a soccer and basketball skills development elective to be offered to prospective student-athletes during the school day beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (15-0) voted that MSCA is not in compliance with Article 3, Section 11 (Recruitment of Student-Athletes by Private, Parochial and Public Schools) and Article 7, Section 7 (Coaching Out of Season) and has imposed the following penalties in accordance with Article 3, Section 11 E:

1. A fine of \$200.
2. MSCA is placed on probation for a period of 1 year.
3. Within 10 business days, MSCA is required to submit a written corrective action plan detailing the steps the school will take to remedy its noncompliance with the RIIL Rules and Regulations identified herein.

In addition, the Committee discussed the relationship between Mt. Saint Charles Academy (MSCA) and the RI Saint M's Hockey Program. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (15-0) voted that MSCA is not in compliance with Article 3, Section 11 (Recruitment of Student-Athletes by Private, Parochial and Public Schools), Article 6, Section 17 (Non-school athletic programs) and Article 3, Section 9 (Boarding Students) and has imposed the following penalties in accordance with Article 3, Section 11 E:

1. A fine of \$600.
2. MSCA is placed on probation for a period of 1 year.
3. Within 10 business days, MSCA is required to submit a written corrective action plan detailing the steps the school will take to become in compliance with all RIIL Rules and Regulations.

**SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SMAC)**

Mr. Lunney discussed a report on the National Athletic Trainer's Position Statement regarding Emergency Planning in Athletics. This information will be distributed to member schools via the RIIL website.

**REQUESTS FROM SCHOOLS**

None.

**RIIAAA REPORT – KEITH CORY**

The RIIAAA banquet will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. Rhode Island is hosting the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) Section I Meeting being held on May 8, 2023.

**FALL SPORTS**

Mr. Lunney reported the fall 2023 schedules were released to all athletic directors in January. Also, football start date is Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and all other fall sports is Monday, August 21.

**WINTER SPORTS**

Mr. Lunney reported swimming held its first Unified Relay Exhibition as part of the State Championship Meet. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (15-0) approved the 2023 Boys' & Girls' Indoor Track & Field, Boys' and Girls' Swimming, Boys' & Girls' Basketball, Boys & Girls Ice Hockey, Gymnastics and Wrestling winter championships.

**SPRING SPORTS – MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

Mr. Lunney provided updates from the RIIL Golf Committee. The RIIL Golf Committee has been meeting extensively during the offseason to discuss and research better ways to track team/individual scoring, league structure and state championship qualification standards and announced that the RIIL will be partnering with the iWannamaker Corporation to provide our member schools with Live Scoring Program beginning with the 2023 golf season. Also, Mr. Lunney reported that the Girls' Individual Golf Championships will be included in the two-day team championships held at Cranston Country Club on May 30 & 31, 2023. For the first time, the Girls Individual Golf championships will be decided by playing 36 holes.

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**Absent:** Mme., Ward; Messer., Biah

*The June meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was called to order at 1:30 p.m.*

**PCOA EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The following items were discussed in Executive Session: RIIL Rules and Regulations; RIIL Rules Revisions; Officials Contracts; Injury Fund and Sportsmanship.

*On a motion made and seconded, the Committee voted to move out of Executive Session.*

**PCOA MINUTES MARCH 20, 2023**

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA minutes from the March 20, 2023 meeting were unanimously (14-0) approved.

**RIIL FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Lunney reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on June 20, 2023. The independent audit of the RIIL was completed and, once again, the RIIL received a favorable opinion. Items discussed and reviewed were the 2022-2023 RIIL budget and the proposed 2023-2024 RIIL operating budget that was recommended by the Finance Committee. On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (14-0) approved the 2023-2024 RIIL operating budget.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Lunney reported on the following:

- NFHS School Honor Roll Program -- Update
  - Online Coaches Registration System
- Classification/Realignment
- Middle School Summit (NFHS)
- Update -- NFHS/NFL Girls' Flag Football Initiative
- Update -- Conversion of Sport Articles to Handbooks for each Sport
  - Meeting Dates 2023-2024: PCOA, Finance Committee and RIIL Important Dates

**2023-2024 PCOA MEETING DATES**

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA unanimously (14-0) approved the following 2023-2024 PCOA Meeting Dates: August 21 and November 13, 2023 and January 22, March 18 and June 17, 2024

**2023-2024 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

August 21, 2023, March 18 and June 17, 2024

**OFFICIALS**

Mr. Lunney updated the Committee on results of the NFHS Officials Consortium 1.0 Participants (April 2022) and 2.0 Participants (January 2023). The RIIL participated in both consortiums for the development of strategies for the recruitment and retention of officials across the country. These strategies will be used both locally and nationally as a great resource for state high school associations. In addition, Mr. Lunney notified the Committee that the RIIL is entering into the final year of agreements with all sports officials organizations and will be meeting with all organizations during the 2023-2024 school year to develop and finalize the next agreement.

**RIIL RULE REVISIONS**

**Article 3, Section 6 – Transfer Rule**

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee approved (13-1) changes to Article 3, Section 6 (Transfer Rule) of the RIIL Rules and Regulations which will become effective beginning with the 2023-2024 school year and will be sent to all member schools.

**Article 3, Section 1, E – Determination of Eligibility**

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (14-0) voted to table changes to Article 3, Section 1 E (Determination of Eligibility) to the August meeting.

**Article 6, Section 7, A. 5. – Ejection from Game**

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (14-0) approved a revision to Article 6, Section 7, A. 5. (Ejection from Game) with the addition of the following language: Any athlete ejected from a contest for fighting, spitting, taunting or similar behavior may be subject to additional consequences.

**Article 24, Section 1 B. 4 – Soccer Ejections**

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (14-0) approved a revision to Article 24, Section 1., B. 4 (Soccer Ejections) which will be sent to all member schools.

**SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Lunney reported, through the support of the NFHS Foundation, that the RIIL is offering our members the opportunity to purchase AED packages at a discounted price point. Information has been sent to all member schools. In addition, he updated the Committee on NFHS Lightning Guidelines on Handling Practices and Contests.

**RIIL RULE VIOLATIONS**

**Central Falls High School – Article 6, Section 6, Use of Ineligible Athlete (Baseball)**

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA voted (13-0-1) to sanction Central Falls High School for violating Article 6, Section 6 of the RIIL Rules and Regulations. As a result, Central Falls High School is assessed a \$100 fine and the Central Falls baseball team must forfeit any games in which the ineligible student-athlete participated.

**Moses Brown School – Article 6, Section 6, Use of Ineligible Athlete (Girls' JV Lacrosse)**

On a motion made and seconded, the PCOA voted (13-0-1) to sanction Moses Brown School for violating Article 6, Section 6 of the RIIL Rules and Regulations. As a result, Moses Brown School is assessed a \$100 fine and the Moses Brown Girls' JV Lacrosse team must forfeit the game in which the ineligible student-athlete participated.

**REQUESTS FROM SCHOOLS**

Mr. Lunney reported the RIIL approved the following requests:

1. Toll Gate High School is approved to play an independent non-league football schedule for the 2023 season only.
2. Paul Cuffee School/Times2 Academy co-op dropped baseball for the 2022 season due to lack of numbers. No penalties.
3. Block Island School dropped baseball and softball for the 2022 season due to lack of numbers. No penalties.

**RIIAAA REPORT – KEITH CORY**

The RIIAAA discussed moving forward with a four-year alignment and continuing discussions regarding the overseeing and standardization of coaches' association across the state.

**FALL SPORTS – AUGUST 21, 2023**

Mr. Lunney reported due to increased participation, the RIIL created a regular season schedule in freshman Girls' Volleyball. Also, football start date is Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and all other fall sports is Monday, August 21.

**WINTER SPORTS**

Mr. Lunney reported the 2023-2024 winter schedules will be distributed to schools by July 1. Also, the increasing participation and interest in Rhode Island for girl wrestlers which was 68 this winter. The RIIL will be working with the wrestling sport committee to establish standards and implement a state championship opportunity for female wrestlers beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

**SPRING SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

On a motion made and seconded, the Committee unanimously (14-0) approved the 2023 Boys' & Girls' Outdoor Track & Field, Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse, Boys' Tennis, Boys' Volleyball, Unified Basketball, Baseball, Fastpitch Softball and Golf spring championships.

Mr. Lunney reported the 2023-2024 spring schedules will be distributed to schools by September 1.

*The Committee then adopted the following closing motion: THAT ANY AND ALL MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND ACTIONS BY THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE PRINCIPALS' COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS TO THIS DATE BE REAFFIRMED AND RATIFIED.*

*The June meeting of the Principals' Committee on Athletics was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.*

Signed:

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Susana Borges, RIIL Board Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_