

RIGSO Meeting Minutes  
Warwick Public Library  
July 13, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:39 PM

Discussion on Agenda put forth by President Ray Cooney,

A) RIGSO BUSINESS – Dues are set at \$77.00 for the 2011 season, checks are to be made payable to RIGSO. Members are instructed not to send any money to the Interscholastic League. Their money comes out of our dues. Rule books were handed out to all paid members.

B) 2011 CONTRACT – The Interscholastic League added wording to the contract stating that the NFHS national exam is required of all officials, and that a 70% grade was needed to pass. RIGSO by laws currently state that 75% is needed on the written test to pass. Officials are now required to report all yellow and red cards on the RIIL website, as well as to the assignor. Fees increased 1% from last year, from \$76.25 to \$77.01. Fees will be increased 1% in 2012 and 2% in 2013.

C) PROPOSED CHANGES TO BY-LAWS – Discussion was held on potential changes to the RIGSO By-laws, which were last revised in July 2005. Roland Doucette suggested that we look at the by-laws and take out items that would be considered “Policy and Procedure” and create a separate document for that purpose. This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

D) NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RIIL - Mike Lunney, former AD at Portsmouth High School, is the new Assistant Director, replacing the retired Dick Magarian.

E) 2011 TEST – The NFHS test that is now required by the RIIL will be put on-line as soon as the RIIL notifies the RIGSO that it is available.

F) INJURY FUND CONTESTS – As of this meeting, no Injury Fund contests have been scheduled. It was reminded to everyone that Injury Fund contests must be covered. If volunteers are not found, these contests will be assigned.

G) JV/MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS – Tom Duff remains the assignor for all JV and Middle School games. No changes are anticipated from how he has run things in the past.

H) RE-ALIGNMENT – A proposal to change the re-alignment that was enacted in 2010 was rejected by the RIIL due to lack of data (i.e. only the 2010 season). Davies will not be fielding a team in 2011.

I) MISCELLANEOUS – RIIL “Blue book” changes were discussed, specifically in regards to reporting of cards and game reports. The schools are responsible for keeping track of cards issued. Therefore, all officials are to check the game report and scorebook at the end of the game for the correct number of cards issued and players carded. Game reports are not to be signed until after the game is over. Game supervisors (someone other than the head coach) are to identify themselves before the game starts. If one is not available, officials are to report this to the RIIL and the assignor.

Ray Cooney also mentioned that approximately 30 members of the board were not present at the meeting for various reasons. Discussion was held on what to do about absenteeism, since the RIGSO only requires attendance at 2 meetings during the year. The majority of the group suggested holding back game assignments for people who do not attend the meetings.

The next meeting will be held Monday August 22 at the Warwick Public Library at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Oliver  
RIGSO Secretary