



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletics
Tuesday, June 16, 2009
Apple Greens at 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to order – John Landro at 9:25 a.m.
All members were present except Roberta Greene and Bob Thabet.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – John Landro
President Landro asked for a moment of silence in honor of Robbie Greene’s father Mr. Jack Greene who recently passed away.
3. Financial Report - Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Review of Meeting Materials: Jim Osborne
The Athletic Council was given handouts for review. All information can be found on-line at the Section IX website. The Leagues can copy the documents as needed for discussion.
5. Approval of May 20, 2009 Minutes. Motion to approve by Bob Siracuse, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. NYSPHSAA Report: The June 2009 NYSPHSAA Office Report is on-line. The NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2009. The Scholar Athlete Spring Teams Spring 2009 is attached to the handout.
7. NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
No report at this time.
8. Mergers for 2009-2010 – John Landro
Motion to approve the merger of the Ellenville Central School District with Wawarsing Christian Academy for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Pete Meoli, in the following sports:
Boys and Girls Indoor Track, Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Spring Track, Softball, Wrestling, Baseball, Football, Field Hockey. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the merger of Roscoe Central School District with Livingston Manor Central School District for the sport of football (all levels). Motion by Al Wojtaszek, 2nd by Jim Wolfe. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. 2nd Vice President for 2009-2011 – Dennis Burkett
Motion by Pete Meoli, 2nd by Dennis Burkett, for the Section IX Athletic Council to approve Jeff Hartman as 2nd Vice President. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Gymnastics Sports Chairperson – Dennis Burkett
Motion by Toni Woody, 2nd by Pete Meoli, to approve Lee Ann Digsby, Wallkill High School, as Section IX Gymnastics Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Fiscal Concerns – Wrestling, Section IX Duals – Jim Osborne
Back to the leagues for discussion. Should the Section IX Duals field of entry be reduced to 12 teams. The top 12 teams would be determined using the current seeding formula.

12. Transportation at NYSPHSAA Tournaments – Frank Carrozza
Frank Carrozza, Minisink Valley, Athletic Director, discussed the problems of transporting coaches and athletes to the NYSPHSAA Tournament in individual sports. He stated there is a need to look for possible solutions to this problem. The school districts are currently renting a vehicle or combining school districts to use one bus and one school district has the coaches get their CDL. Don Andrews asked if BOCES could get bids on the transportation contracts established. After much discussion the Chairperson will be asked for their opinion and to review this issue. Also the leagues should discuss the possible advantages of the Section providing the transportation for NYSPHSAA Championships and then billing back to the school districts.

13. Video Replay at NYSPHSAA Semi-Final and Finals Basketball Games – Fred Ahart
Motion to approve by Fred Ahart, 2nd by Frank Carrozza. The vote was:
8 Yes 4 No 1 Abstain 2 Absent The motion was defeated.

14. Directory and Section IX Sports Dues Form
Deadline for returns was Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

15. Spring Chair Reports:
 - a. Baseball – Dave Onusko – Report on-line.
Congratulations to Sectional winners and thank you to Baseball Committee, SUNY New Paltz and the Kingston School District.

 - b. Boys Golf - Dick O'Neill – Report on-line.

 - c. Girls Golf – Bill Earl – Report on-line.

 - d. Boys Lacrosse – Bill Miller – Report on-line.
Boys Lacrosse with mutual agreement for the use of top officials from competing Sections for Regionals. The Athletic Council does not support this action.

 - e. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall – Report on-line.

 - f. Boys Tennis – Bob Siracuse – Report on-line. Congratulations to Sectional winners.

- g. Track and Field – Boys – Joe Iatauro – Report on-line
Girls – Erick McLaud – Report on-line
Thank you to Dave Coates and the Middletown School District and Glen Maisch and Dietz Stadium for the use of their facilities.
- h. Softball – Bruce Guyette – Report on-line
Thank you to Frank Carrozza, Minisink Valley and Erik Hart, SUNY New Paltz, for hosting the Section IX Tournament. Also thank you to the Softball Committee – Jason Closs and Tom Cassata. The Section IX Champions: Class AA – F.D.R., Class A - Cornwall, Class B – Marlboro, Class C – Rhinebeck and NYSPHSAA Champion and Class D – S.S. Seward. Special recognition to Rhinebeck for their display of sportsmanship.

The Leagues need to discuss adding the following criteria for qualification to the Section IX Softball Tournament: For OCIAA Division I & II teams (AA schools) .500 or better record in division games and mandatory crossovers combined.

16. Fall Chair Reports:

- a. Cross Country – No report.
- b. Football – Dave Coates
Thank you to John Ford for your past and future leadership and dedication. The booklet will be on-line. Please have your coaches mark their calendar for Sunday, August 16, 2009. Rules Interpretations Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Pine Bush High School.
- c. Boys Soccer – Pete Ferguson
- d. Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser
The site for this year’s tournament will be Middletown High School – Faller Field.
The booklet will be on-line.
- e. Field Hockey – Linda Krausz – No Report
- f. Girls Swimming – Pat Ryan
2009 Girls Swimming & Diving Championship Meet Dates

OCIAA Diving	October 23, 2009	Washingtonville High School
OCIAA Swimming	October 24, 2009	Washingtonville High School
Section IX Diving	November 5, 2009	Valley Central High School
Section IX Swimming	November 6, 2009	Valley Central High School
Section IX Finals	November 7, 2009	Valley Central High School
NYSPHSAA Championship	November 19, 20, 21, 2009	Webster High School in Rochester
- g. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco – No Report.
- h. Volleyball – Ken Rubino – No Report.

17. Chair Reports

- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Brian Devincenzi and Helenanne Gillinder
Survey is on-line. Please review.
- b. Safety - Janet Carey – Concussion Management
Back to the Leagues. Protocol and guidelines for injury or concussions on the field.
Should Section IX have a policy that all schools follow.
Heat Index Policy – Draft back to the Leagues.
Review of the Administration of Heat Index Policy.
- c. Chemical Health - Marco Lanzoni
The committee has sent to the Handbook Committee a draft regarding coaches
breaking the rules at NYSPHSAA Championships.
- d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett – No Report.
- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
A short meeting after the meeting.
- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch – Report is on-line. The report contained information
regarding the good sports survey and concern regarding the unsportsmanlike conduct
rule.

18. New Business

- a. Doug Murphy asked about the current criteria for Girls Golf. Scott Warner stated the
coaches are interested in a more equitable process of selecting the participants. The
coaches are asking that all players be allowed to use their six (6) best nine (9) hole
scores when calculating their average over par. This needs to go back to the Leagues
for discussion.
- b. Janet Carey reported the 2011 NYSPHSAA Ski Championship could be scheduled
for Hunter Mountain.
- c. John Landro reported Section IX Wrestling Chairperson, Jeff Culty is looking for
employment starting in the fall of 2009.
- d. Glen Maisch thanked Bill Miller for his hard work and dedication as Section IX
Lacrosse Chairperson. Glen stated that Bill is truly a leader and outstanding Lacrosse
Coach.
- e. Summer 2009 Coaching Courses are on-line.
- f. NCAA brochures were distributed to Athletic Directors.
- g. Symposium on Energy Drinks – All NYSPHSAA members receive complimentary
registration. If you want information on the conference go to
conference.youthsportsny.org
- h. Credentialing of athletic coaches – Refer to the State Education Department memo
regarding assisting school districts insuring student safety.

- i. CSG Antimicrobial Solutions – Representative Kevin Smith would be interested in making a 10 minute presentation to the Section IX Athletic Council. The Athletic Council responded they are not interested.

19. Old Business

None.

20. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Fred Ahart. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at Wallkill High School at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne
Section IX Secretary

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Items to be discussed by the Leagues for a possible vote at the September 15, 2009 Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.

1. Wrestling – Section IX Duals
 - a. Should the Section IX Duals field of entry be reduced to 12 teams. The top 12 teams would be determined using the current seeding formula.
 - b. Should the CHSAA and PSAL wrestlers who are returning top four (4) place winners from the previous year to be allowed to participate in the at-large procedure.
2. Transportation
Should Section IX Athletics provide transportation to the NYSPHSAA Championship for individual sports and bill back the cost to the school districts.
3. Softball
Add the following criteria for qualification to the Section IX Softball Tournament.
OCIAA Division I & II teams (AA)
.500 or better record in Division games and mandatory crossovers combined.
4. Safety
 - a. Concussion Management
Protocol and guidelines for injury or concussion on the field. Should Section IX have a policy that all schools follow.
 - b. Heat Index Policy
The Leagues need to review the draft that was presented at the Section IX Meeting.
Any additions, deletions or corrections need to be presented at the September 15, 2009 Section IX Meeting.
5. Girls Golf
Should all players be allowed to use their six (6) best nine (9) hole scores when calculating their average over par. This would change the current criteria for selecting participants to the Section IX Tournament.