



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, January 12, 2010

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet
All members present except Al Wojtaszek, Toni Woody and Jeff Hartman.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Approval of December 1, 2009 Minutes – Bob Thabet
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Pete Meoli. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Bob Siracuse, 2nd by Frank Carrozza. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - A. January 2010 – NYSPHSAA Office Report
 - B. Highlights – December 6-7, 2009 NYSPHSAA Meeting
 - C. Approved, Not Approved and items for FUTURE DISCUSSION reported from the December 6-7, 2009 Meeting
 - D. SED Update
 - E. Items to be discussed by the Leagues
 - F. Championship Philosophy Committee Summary
 - G. Proposed 2010-2011 Section IX Wrestling Alignment
 - H. BEDS Information
6. Section IX Representatives to NYSPHSAA – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Ms. Greene and Mr. Wolfe reviewed the highlights and members of the Athletic Council reviewed the handouts.
7. NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy Committee
The Athletic Council stated they believe no changes to the current procedures are necessary.
 - A. The relay procedure for the sports of track and swimming. The statement from the Athletic Council was it is a school district decision.
 - B. The individual sport formula for the number of varsity programs needed for two divisions. The statement from the Athletic Council was this needs to be reviewed with input from sport committees.
 - C. Should it be a choice of the committee or an automatic approval to increase to two divisions when the required number of programs is achieved. The statement from the Athletic Council was the individual sports committees should discuss, review and approve any change to the current standard.

8. Sportsmanship
The MHAL reported the coach should have to sit two contests. The OCIAA reported the coach would be suspended until satisfactorily completing the Philosophy & Principles of Coaching class. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Don Andrews, the coach will be required to sit two contests and the coach must enroll in the first available Philosophy & Principles of Coaching class. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Proposed Section IX Wrestling Alignments for 2010-2011
Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. Beacon's Application for Admission into Section IX Athletics for 2010-2011
Bob Thabet read a letter written by Beacon's Superintendent of Schools. The letter stated Beacon was withdrawing its application due to transportation issues. Don Andrews asked Bob Thabet about Section I alignment issues.
11. Classification of Schools – BEDS Report: Jim Osborne
The worksheet enclosed in the Athletic Council folder was reviewed. Don Andrews stated the MHAL was writing a letter of support protesting the reclassification of Rhinebeck from a C school to a B school. Ms. Roberta Greene reviewed the process used by NYSPHSAA. The Athletic Council discussed the process and procedure. Section IX representatives Ms. Greene and Mr. Wolfe were asked to review the process and procedure with NYSPHSAA at the next meeting.
12. Waiver of Representation Rule for Alpine & Nordic Skiing, Gymnastics, Indoor Track from 6 to 4 Contests. Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Frank Carrozza. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Resignation of Boys Tennis Chairperson, Bob Siracuse – Bob Thabet
Motion to accept the resignation was made by Jim Wolfe, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried. Back to the Leagues for nominations.
14. Resignation of Volleyball Chairperson, Ken Rubino – Bob Thabet
Motion to accept the resignation was made by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried. Back to the Leagues for nominations.
15. Winter Chair Reports
 - a. Girls Basketball
 - b. Boys Basketball – Fred Ahart
Fred Ahart reported the booklet is online. Any questions please call a committee member. The Basketball Committee would like to recommend approval of a pink game ball for competition. Motion to approve by Fred Ahart, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fred Ahart discussed the position paper presented by BCANY.

c. Ice Hockey – Paul Bacsardi

No Report.

d. Girls and Boys Indoor Track – Mike White

The booklet is online. Mr. White discussed the seeding of athletes and the relay cards.

e. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner

No report.

f. Wrestling – Jeff Culty

No report.

g. Gymnastics – Lee Ann Digsby

No report.

h. Nordic Skiing –John Stern

No report.

i. Alpine Skiing – Janet Carey

The schedule is online. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Carey.

j. Bowling – Amy McArdle

No report.

16. Chair Reports:

a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports – Brian Devincenzi & Helenanne Gillinder

NYSPHSAA approved:

1. A baseball/softball player may be allowed to reenter a contest to replace an injured player only if all eligible substitutions were used during the game.
2. With Sectional/League Approval, a two year pilot program in modified softball may be implemented that shall allow innings 1-6 to be completed at five runs or three outs. The 7th inning shall be played as a normal inning, with three outs and no run restrictions.

b. Safety Committee – Janet Carey

If school districts have not completed the Concussion Management Survey please complete as soon as possible.

c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni

No report.

d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett

No report.

e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart

No meeting after the meeting.

f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch
Refer to penalty approved by the Section IX Athletic Council 1/12/10.

17. New Business
Start Dates for 2010-2011
Refer back to the Leagues for discussion.

Baseball – Class D – Regional contest
Chairperson Dave Onusko asked the Athletic Council if they were interested in supporting reconfiguring the Regional alignment or continue with the current alignment. The Athletic Council supports the current alignment.

Bob Thabet read a letter from Kelly Doherty, Eldred Athletic Director, regarding the use of an ineligible player on the girls soccer team. In his letter to Ms. Doherty, Bob Thabet stated that Eldred must forfeit any contest the ineligible player competed in.

18. Old Business
None reported.

19. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Jim Wolfe. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at Wallkill High School at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne, Secretary
Section IX Athletics

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Items to be discussed by the Leagues for a possible vote at the March 2, 2010 Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.

- A. Boys Tennis Chairperson
- B. Girls Volleyball Chairperson
- C. Start Dates for 2010 – 2011

Fall

Monday, August 16, 2010 All sports - JV and Varsity Levels

or

Monday, August 16, 2010 Football – JV and Varsity Levels
Thursday, August 19, 2010 All other sports – JV and Varsity Levels

Winter

Monday, November 1, 2010 Ice Hockey

Monday, November 8, 2010 All other sports – Freshmen, JV, Varsity

Spring

Monday, March 7, 2011 All sports – JV and Varsity Levels