



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletics
Tuesday, March 3, 2009
Ulster BOCES at 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet at 9:30 a.m.
All members were present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Financial Report - Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Bob Siracuse, 2nd by Al Wojtaszek. All in favor. Motion carried.
Jim Osborne reviewed the handouts that were given to the Athletic Council for this meeting.
4. Approval of January 13, 2009 Minutes. Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Pete Meoli. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. NYSPHSAA – Ms. Nina Van Erk, Executive Director
Bob welcomed Ms. Van Erk who reviewed the March 2009 NYSPHSAA Office Report. The official report can be found on the Section IX website. Ms. Van Erk discussed the following areas:
 - A. Scholar Athlete Team Award
 - B. NFHS Student Leadership Conference
 - C. Sportsmanship Promotion Program
 - D. Coaching ClinicsBob Thabet asked Ms. Van Erk about the eleven man offense that is being discussed in football.
6. NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe reviewed their report which should be taken back to the leagues for review and discussion especially the following items:
 - A. 2009-2010 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites
 - B. NYSPHSAA Classification of Schools – BEDS Numbers for 2009-2010
 - C. NYSED – Physical Education/Athletics Update
7. Fiscal Concerns Committee – Bob Thabet
Bob Thabet reviewed the approved recommendations, those referred to the Championship Advisory Committee and those that were defeated or no action taken. Ms. Van Erk reported that her research showed a minimum of 3 million dollars be saved by the reduction of contests and over 5 million dollars will be saved when you add the transportation costs. Bob Thabet stated that the cost savings to Section IX and the school districts are a step in the right direction. Don Andrews discussed the importance of the data being accurate. The information that the athletic directors are giving to the School Boards and Superintendents of

Schools needs to support the cost savings recommendations that have been approved by NYSPHSAA.

8. Admission Prices for Students – Bob Thabet
Bob Thabet asked the Sports Chairpersons to review their admission policies. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of a “uniform” admission price for students. It was also discussed that a reduction in admission prices could increase Section IX dues.
9. BEDS Information – Jim Osborne
The NYSPHSAA classification of schools and the BEDS numbers for 2009-2010 were approved at the January NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting.
10. Potential Savings in Athletics for Section IX – Frank Carrozza
Mr. Carrozza asked the Athletic Council to review any and all possibilities for potential savings. Bob Thabet asked Jim Osborne to review all Section IX sports. Don Andrews asked what would be done with the recommendations. All recommendations and changes made to Section IX sports will be reviewed by the Athletic Council.
11. Start Dates for 2009-2010 – Jim Osborne
Refer to copy. Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Al Wojtaszek. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Meeting Dates for 2009-2010 – Jim Osborne
Refer to copy. Motion to approve by Pete Meoli, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting dates may need to be revised at a future date due to a change in NYSPHSAA meeting dates.
13. Boys Lacrosse – Bill Miller
The handbook will be on the website. The change in the Regional format was approved by NYSPHSAA.
14. Section IX Wrestling 2009-2010
Refer to copy. Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Winter Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls Basketball - Ken Rubino
 - b. Boys Basketball - Fred Ahart
The tournament has begun with the Section IX Finals slated for March 6, 7, and 8, 2009.
 - c. Ice Hockey - Paul Bacsardi – No report.
 - d. Girls & Boys Indoor Track - Mike White
The report was turned in. If you need a copy please contact the Athletic Coordinator’s Office.
 - e. Boys Swimming - Scott Warner
The report was turned in. If you need a copy please contact the Athletic Coordinator’s Office.
 - f. Wrestling - Jeff Culty

The report was turned in. If you need a copy please contact the Athletic Coordinator's Office. Joe DiGiovanni congratulated Jeff Culty on running the Division II Tournament at Onteora.

- g. Gymnastics - Toni Woody
The championship was held on February 11, 2009 at New Paltz Elementary School. The team results were Kingston 1st place and New Paltz 2nd place.
- h. Nordic Skiing - Jon Stern
Team results: Girls 1st place - New Paltz, 2nd place - Kingston. Boys 1st place - New Paltz, 2nd place - Wallkill.
- i. Alpine Skiing - Janet Carey – No report.
- j. Rifle – Air Rifle – Section IX no longer has any school district programs.
- k. Bowling - Amy McArdle – No report.

16. Spring Chair Reports:

- a. Baseball - Dave Onusko
The Section IX booklet will be on-line.
- b. Boys Golf - Dick O'Neill – No report.
- c. Girls Golf - Bill Earl – No report.
- d. Boys Lacrosse - Bill Miller – Report given.
- e. Girls Lacrosse - Wendy Crandall – Report attached.
- f. Boys Tennis – Bob Siracuse – Handbook will be on-line.
- g. Track and Field - Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaud – Handbook will be on-line.
- h. Softball - Bruce Guyette
The Section IX booklet is on the website. Bruce asked the athletic directors to review the dates for the Section IX Tournament – Finals are scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2009.

17. Chair Reports:

- a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports - Brian Devincenzi and Helenanne Gillinder
The committee meets in April and a report will be given at that time.
- b. Safety - Janet Carey – No report.
- c. Chemical Health - Marco Lanzoni
The Life of an Athlete Workshop is planned for April. Check the Section IX website for details.
- d. Officials Coordinator - Dennis Burkett – No report.
- e. Eligibility - Fred Ahart
The committee will meet after the Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.
- f. Sportsmanship Promotion - Glen Maisch
The assessment was reviewed and Glen Maisch handed out information to the athletic directors.

18. New Business:

Motion by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by John Landro to not use volleyball linespeople up to but not include the Section IX finals. 12 Yes votes, 1 No vote, 2 abstained. Motion carried.

Seeding Modification – A discussion took place regarding the need to review the procedure and process currently used. Bruce Guyette was asked to collect information from athletic directors and coaches regarding concerns. A recommendation could be made to the Athletic Council in the future.

Mercy Rule – The OCIAA wanted to report to Section IX that the league plans to use the NYSPHSAA approved “Mercy Rule” experiment in modified baseball and softball.

NCAA – The OCIAA is looking and planning a compliance workshop for the Spring of 2009. The details will be forth coming soon.

19. Old Business

Bob Siracuse asked about the future of the Section IX Secretary position. Bob Thabet has met or talked with the Ulster County Superintendents, Terry Olivo from Orange County and Susan Schmidt from Sullivan County regarding Section IX Athletics.

Don Andrews discussed the concerns of the Secretary position and how the MHAL would like to remain a separate entity. This does not mean he or the MHAL doesn't support Section IX or the OCIAA. He stated the MHAL is supportive of the job Jim Osborne has been doing as Treasurer and Secretary.

The following school districts will have female golfers on the boys team: Sullivan West, Port Jervis and Tri-Valley.

20. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Pete Meoli. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at Goshen Administration Building at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne
Section IX Athletics

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