



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletics
Tuesday, October 21, 2008
Goshen Administration Building Conference Room 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 Pete Meoli, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Approval of September 9, 2008 Minutes
Motion to approve by Al Wojtaszek, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. NYSPHSAA – Joe Altieri, Director of Media, Marketing and Publications, reviewed the Safety Committee report and the discussion that took place at the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting regarding helmets for girls lacrosse. The issues of safety and the cost of the helmets were discussed. This discussion needs to go back to the leagues for discussion.
6. Report on the Mandated Athletic Directors Workshop – Mr. Altieri reported the workshops were well received. They were informative for both the veteran and new athletic administrator. The evaluations reflected that the workshops met the expectation of the attendees.
7. NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
They reviewed the action items that were presented at the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting. Members of the Section IX Executive Committee have the action items in their packet. The Section IX Athletic Council was asked what was the Section position in regard to eliminating Friends and Neighbor status at the high school level. The Athletic Council is in favor of eliminating Friends and Neighbor status at the high school level.

Action items reviewed refer to packet.

8. Boys Lacrosse – Bill Miller
The Section IX Athletic Council reported they were not in favor of adding a fourth class title to Section IX or to the NYSPHSAA Championship. In a motion by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Dennis Burkett, the Section IX Athletic Council supports a rotation of a bye between Sections I, II, and IX. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Modified Sports Chairperson – Bob Thabet
Motion to approve Helenanne Gillinder as Section IX Girls Modified Sports Chairperson made by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Selection Classification and the Transfer Rule – Jim Wolfe
Motion by Jim Wolfe, 2nd by Dennis Burkett, to not include selectively classified seventh (7th) and eighth (8th) graders in the Transfer Rule. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. NYSPHSAA Sport Season Survey – Jim Osborne
The responses made by the Section IX Athletic Directors and Athletic Directors throughout New York State were reviewed (1) Offer balanced sport choices per season for boys and girls is strongly supported. (2) Offer balanced offerings per season of individual and team sports and (3) Balance overall participation numbers per season are both supported.

In regard to establishing cheerleading as a sport the surveys returned supported cheerleading as a sport. Cheerleading as coed activity with potential of gaining sport status and extending the spring sport season to the end of June, neither items were supported.

In order of preference – Moving boys tennis to the fall season – moving girls tennis to the spring season was the most acceptable change to balance the sport offerings.

12. OCIAA, MHAL and Section IX alternate sites for high school contests – Bob Thabet
Joe Altieri will review the regulations and report back to Bob Thabet.

13. BEDS Information – Jim Osborne
The MHAL school districts should report their information to Pete Meoli and the OCIAA school districts should report their information to Jim Osborne.

14. Broadcasting Sectional Contests – Bob Thabet
Bob asked if there should be a motion to approve web casting, radio and television rights through the Executive Director. Joe Altieri was asked about rights fees and broadcasting policy. Joe will provide Bob with information regarding NYSPHSAA policy. Dennis Burkett asked should the school districts provide information regarding their policies and procedures. He stated whatever policy or procedure is followed it should be uniform for all sports.

15. Section letter to Superintendents, Athletic Council and Athletic Directors – Bob Thabet
Bob's letter was directed to ask what is Section IX doing to cut costs. Robbie Greene reviewed the action items that were taken off the agenda either as a discussion or voting item. NYSPHSAA has created an Ad hoc Committee to review the impact that changes would have regarding finances. More information will follow. Don Andrews discussed that he has talked to the MHAL Athletic Directors and changes have been made with regard to bussing and scheduling. Motion by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Jeff Hartman to approve a moratorium on the expansion of any sectional or NYSPHSAA Championships for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years and to have Jim Osborne, Section IX Treasurer review areas where Section IX could cut costs. All in favor. Motion carried. This approved action directs each Sectional Chairperson to vote No on the expansion of any NYSPHSAA Championship.

16. NYSAAA Scholarship and Conference – Bob Siracuse
Check the Section IX website.

17. Council of Administrators – Bob Siracuse

Bob Siracuse reviewed the handouts that were given to the Athletic Council members. All information will be posted on the Section IX website.

18. Fall Chair Reports:

Bob Thabet asked all Sectional Chairperson to report items for the Section IX website.

- a. Cross Country – Jim Glover and Steve Loturco
Deadline for online entries is Tuesday, October 28, 2008. If anyone has questions please contact the chairperson.
- b. Football – John Ford
There is a mandatory film exchange for teams making the regional level. Sectional contests begin the weekend of October 31, 2008.
- c. Soccer – Pete Ferguson
- d. Soccer – Diane Wanser
All information can be found on the Section IX website. The MHAL and OCIAA needs to report red and yellow cards to them by Thursday, October 23, 2008. The Section IX finals will begin Tuesday, October 28, 2008.
- e. Girls Swimming – Pat Ryan
The OCIAA Championship begins this weekend and busses should park in the lower parking lot. The NYSPHSAA trip itinerary will be posted on the Section IX website.
- f. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco
Athletic Directors were reminded to complete and return the NYSPHSAA Tennis Proposal as soon as possible.
- g. Volleyball – Ken Rubino
The seed meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2008. All entries must be received by 2:00 p.m. or Wednesday, October 22, 2008. The preliminary games will begin October 25, 2008 with the finals scheduled at New Paltz College on Saturday, November 1 and Sunday, November 2, 2008.
- h. Field Hockey – Linda Krause
No report.

19. Winter Chair Reports

- a. Girls Basketball – Ken Rubino
Request the OCIAA and MHAL review the following :
 1. Girls basketball be allowed to conduct sixteen minute halves (16) in non-league and tournament games.
 2. Use three-man officiating for contests.
- b. Boys Basketball - Fred Ahart
Motion by Fred Ahart, 2nd by Jeff Hartman, to approve by mutual consent the use of sixteen minute halves (16) in non-league and tournament games. All in favor.
Motion carried.
- c. Ice Hockey – Paul Bacsardi
No report.

- d. Girls and Boys Indoor Track – Mike White
Jim Osborne reported that a tentative schedule was sent to Mike White and George St. Lawrence. Hopefully West Point will confirm all dates soon.
- e. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner
The Section IX dates are set and all information will be on-line.
- f. Wrestling – Jeff Cuiilty
Jeff reviewed the packets that were distributed to the school districts. He discussed the Eastern States, Coaches Handbook and Wrestling Certification. The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Seeding Proposal was approved.
- g. Gymnastics – Toni Woody
The Section IX Championship is scheduled for February 11, 2009.
- h. Nordic Skiing – Jon Stern
No report.
- i. Alpine Skiing – Janet Carey
The schedule is in the process of being completed and should be completed by December.
- j. Rifle and Air Rifle – Master Sergeant Willard
No report.
- k. Bowling – Amy McArdle
No report.

20. Chair Reports:

- a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports – Brian Devincenzi
 - 1. With sectional and league approval, the libero player may be used at the modified level. – League discussion.
 - 2. Mercy Rule Experiment with Softball and Baseball – with sectional/league approval a mercy rule experiment in modified baseball and softball will be permitted, allowing a game to end after the fifth inning when a team at the short end of the 15 run rule has completed their fifth at bat.
 - 3. With sectional/league approval, a two-year pilot program in modified wrestling may be implemented that allows modified wrestlers who compete in two or three bouts in a contest to wrestle using the time periods for bouts of program 2: 1st period – 1 minute, 2nd and 3rd periods – 1 and 1 ½ minutes.
 - 4. With sectional/league approval, a two-year pilot program in modified track and field maybe implemented that would increase the height of the hurdle in the 55m modified boy's event from 30 inches to 33 inches.
 - 5. Action Item:
Modified wrestling condition shall be edited to read: There must be a 45 minute rest period between bouts. - Approved -

- b. Safety Committee – Janet Carey
 - 1. Concussion Management – looking for grassroots approach. Need one representative from each league to be part of a team for Section IX.
 - 2. Girls Lacrosse Helmets: The topic has impact on school districts at many different levels. It should be discussed at the league level.
 - 3. Heat Index: The leagues should discuss if there should be a Section or State policy regarding a heat index.

- c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni
Check the website for information. The mandated Chemical Health Workshop is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. at Wallkill High School on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. Please mark you calendar.

- d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
No report.

- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
No meeting after the meeting.

- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch
Information and details of the CTA classes are on-line. The Good Sports Award will change to become Sportsmanship Promotion Recognition.

21. New Business:

Joe Iatauro asked Athletic Directors questions regarding cheerleading.

22. Old Business:

Jim Osborne reminded the Sectional Chairperson that the Section IX Athletic Council approved on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 a *Procedure for Weather Delays or Cancellations of Section IX Contests*. All chairpersons should review the adopted/approved policy.

23. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Jeff Hartman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at Goshen Central School District Administration Building at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne
Section IX Athletics