



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, December 1, 2009

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet
All members present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Approval of October 20, 2009 Minutes – Bob Thabet
Motion to approve by Al Wojtaszek, 2nd by Bob Siracuse. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Championship Philosophy Committee – David Bernsley
Mr. Bernsley reviewed the summary that was emailed to the Athletic Directors of Section IX. The document was to serve as a guide for any presentation to the Section. The Committee identified many concerns regarding individual sports and NYSPHSAA Championships. The committee agreed the need to have the best athletes at our championship events. The committee would like the Sections to review the following: Back to the leagues:
 1. The relay procedure for the sports of track & swimming
 2. The individual sport formula for the number of varsity programs needed for two divisions.
 3. Should it be a choice of the committee or an automatic approval to increase to two divisions when the required number of programs achieved.Next Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 14, 2010
5. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by John Landro, 2nd by Frank Carrozza. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Section IX Budget for 2010-2011 – Bob Thabet
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Frank Carrozza. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. 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.
8. NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
The NYSPHSAA will host its Winter Meeting December 6-7, 2009 in Albany, New York
9. Reduction of Athletic Contests: Leagues
The MHAL and OCIAA support the current reduction of athletic contests. Bob Thabet remarked that the school districts may not have seen the worst yet with regard to school finances.

10. Sportsmanship – Back to the Leagues
 - a. Consequence for a coach not serving sportsmanship penalty:
Glen Maisch reviewed the NYSPHSAA regulations. The Sportsmanship Committee is looking for a recommendation. Mr. Maisch recommended the coach would be suspended until satisfactorily completing the Philosophy & Principles class. This issue needs to go back to the leagues for discussion.

11. Modified Sports – Report from the Leagues
 - a. Section XI request for baseball re-entry rule. Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Baseball bats – This was referred to the Safety Committee and needs more data.
 - c. Softball Regulation for Extra Innings
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 for that inning.”
Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Roberta Greene
10 Yes votes 5 No votes Motion carried.

12. Classification of Schools – BEDS Report: Jim Osborne
The School District enrollment numbers have been reported to NYSPHSAA. The NYSPHSAA will vote on the classification numbers at the December meeting. It looks like the classification numbers will change and that will affect Section IX schools.

13. How teams are selected to Section 9 Tournament
Bob Thabet asked Jim Osborne to put together the information relating to how teams are selected to the Section IX Tournament. The information was provided in the Athletic Council packet. The sport of Volleyball will be added to the handout.

14. Application for Membership into Section IX – Bob Thabet
Bob Thabet introduced Eric Romanino, Athletic Director of Beacon City School District. Mr. Romanino reviewed his application for admission, enrollment numbers, sports teams, and why the Beacon City School District was looking to leave Section I Athletics. Jim Wolfe asked if approved when would Beacon join Section IX. Bob replied membership would start July 1, 2010. Bob also reviewed the process and procedure that will be followed with Beacon’s application. The vote on membership will take place on Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

15. Fall Chair Reports
 - a. Cross Country – Jim Glover & Steve Loturco
Boys Class AA – Warwick, A – Cornwall, B – New Paltz, C – O’Neill, D – S.S. Seward
Girls Class AA – Monroe-Woodbury, A – Cornwall, B – Onteora, C – Rhinebeck,
D - SS. Seward
 - b. Football – Dave Coates and Glen Maisch
Class Winners AA – Monroe-Woodbury, A – Cornwall, B – O’Neill,
C – Ellenville, D – Eldred

Thank you to everyone for their help in making this Tournament successful. The Football Committee has requested a change to the pre-season practice regulation for football. This is a necessary change to get our players ready to play. Motion to approve Toni Woody, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried. The 2010 Football Form was sent to Athletic Directors.

c. Boys Soccer – Pete Ferguson
Class Winners AA – Newburgh, A – Goshen, B – O’Neill, C – Rhinebeck,
D – The Family School

Thank you to those who made the Sectional and Regional Tournament successful. Congratulations to Newburgh Free Academy as NYSPHSAA Class AA Champion. Mr. Ferguson asked the Section IX Athletic Council to approve the Soccer Committee request to submit a bid to host the NYSPHSAA 2010 Boys Soccer Tournament. Bob Thabet asked if Dave Coates supported the bid to host the Tournament at Middletown High School. Dave Coates stated the Superintendent and School District supports the Soccer Committee attempt to get the bid for the 2010 Tournament. Motion to approve by Bob Siracuse, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried. Jeff Hartman asked if the soccer contact information could be updated. Also if possible could sites be secured in case of inclement weather. Pete Ferguson responded he was working on a possible plan using two turf sites.

d. Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser
Class winners: Class AA – Washingtonville, A – Cornwall, B – O’Neill, C – S.S. Seward
D – Livingston Manor. Thank you to Athletic Directors David Coates and the Middletown staff who made the Tournament successful. The Committee had a strong presence at the games. Bob Thabet will be sending Executive Director Ms. Nina Van Erk a letter requesting a review of the process and procedure of cancelling a Regional contest.

e. Field Hockey – Linda Krausz
No report at this meeting.

f. Swimming – Pat Ryan
Newburgh was crowned 2009 Sectional Champion. Official meet results are posted on the section9swim.com website.

g. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco
Written report submitted.

h. Volleyball – Toni Woody
Class Winners: AA – Pine Bush, A – Cornwall, B – Red Hook, C – Rhinebeck,
D – S.S. Seward
Thank you to the staff at SUNY New Paltz and Orange County Community College.

16. Winter Chair Reports:
- a. & b. Girls and Boys Basketball – Fred Ahart reported the booklet in on-line. If anyone has a question they can contact the Basketball Committee members.

Jim Osborne asked if a discussion had taken place regarding Section IV request to follow the National Federation Rule Book for Girls Basketball. Mr. Ahart responded that he will talk to the Girls Chairperson, Mr. Rubino and get back to the Athletic Council.

- c. Ice Hockey – Paul Bacsardi
No Report.
- d. Girls and Boys Indoor Track – Mike White
Mr. White reviewed the standards and procedures. He also outlined the dates for the Sectional and State Qualifier. The Handbook is online.
- e. Wrestling – Frank Carrozza reported the Section IX Duals begin this evening, December 1, 2009 with the finals being held Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at Newburgh. The Handbook is online.
- f. Gymnastics – Lee Ann Digsby reported on the coaches meeting. The Handbook is online. You can contact her if you have any questions.
- g. Nordic Skiing – Toni Woody reported that Section IX could host the NYSPHSAA Championship in the near future. More information and details to follow. The schedule and Sectional information is online.
- h. Bowling – Amy McArdle requested permission for Section IX to host the NYSPHSAA Bowling Championship. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Jeff Hartman. All in favor. Motion carried.

17. Chair Reports:

- a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports
No Report.
- b. Safety Committee
Report Enclosed.
- c. Chemical Health
No Report.
- d. Officials Coordinator
No Report.
- e. Eligibility
Fred Ahart reported the Committee will have a short meeting after the meeting.

f. Sportsmanship

Glen Maisch reported the Sportsmanship Ejection Free School program is moving forward. School Districts should have contacted Executive Director, Bob Thabet if your school district did not have any athlete ejected from a contest during the 2009-2010 school year.

The Athletic Council discussed the ejection of an athlete from a third contest in the same sport in the same season. If the third ejection takes place in the last contest of the season (regular season or post schedule play) the Section Athletic Council will assess the penalty carrying over into the next season of participation. Glen Maisch recommended the Athlete shall not participate in the next three regularly scheduled contests. Bob Thabet asked the Athletic Directors of the school districts involved to please contact him regarding names and details.

18. New Business
None reported.
19. Old Business
None reported.
20. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Bob Siracuse. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at Orange-Ulster BOCES 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 January 12, 2010
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1. Championship Philosophy Committee

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2. Sportsmanship

Consequence for a coach not serving sportsmanship penalty:
The coach would be suspended until satisfactorily completing the
Philosophy & Principles of Coaching class.

3. Beacon's application for admission into Section IX Athletics for 2010-2011.

4. Proposed Section IX Alignments
Wrestling for 2010-2011