



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletics
Tuesday, June 10, 2008
Wallkill Golf Club at 8:00 a.m.

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet 8:30 a.m.

All members present except: Roberta Greene and Jeff Hartman

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet

3. Financial Report - Jim Osborne.

Refer to handout. Motion to approve by Bob Siracuse, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor.
Motion carried.

4. Approval of May 21, 2008 Minutes

Minutes e-mailed to Athletic Council, Athletic Directors and Chairpersons and can be found on the Section IX website. This would include the handouts and necessary forms. Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.

NYSPPHSAA Report – Athletic Director Workshop, Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. at Wallkill High School. Refer to handout. This is a MANDATED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR WORKSHOP.

5. NYSPPHSAA Office Report – Refer to Handout

The Fall Athletic Directors Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2008. Registration is 8:00 a.m. at Wallkill High School. The program will begin with Glen Maisch concerning Sportsmanship, followed by Nina Van Erk workshop with Athletic Directors. Lunch will follow and then Ms. Van Erk will meet with the new Athletic Directors.

6. NYSPPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
No Report.

7. Elimination of Friend and Neighbor Status at high school level (vote). Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Frank Carrozza. All in favor. Motion carried. Section IX is in favor of the motion.

8. Change in Modified Sports Standards (vote). Motion by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried. Section IX is Not in favor of the changes as proposed.

9. Modified Wrestling – Reduction of rest period from one hour to 45 minutes between bouts (vote). Motion by Bob Siracuse, 2nd by Al Wojtaszek. All in favor. Motion carried. Section IX is in favor of the motion.
10. SED Physical Education and Coaching Checklist – Jim Osborne
Review of the checklist. Don Andrews discussed that athletic directors should be talking to their administrators. Mike Bellarosa discussed the procedure that Valley Central was following.
11. Procedures for Weather Delays or Cancellations – Bob Thabet.
Tabled for discussion and a vote to support a Section IX policy. Next meeting date is Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ulster BOCES.
12. Video Conferencing and Web Casting – Jim Osborne
Jim Osborne asked the Section IX Athletic Council to approve the spending of funds, not to exceed the Secretarial stipend for 07-08 and 08-09 budget year. Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Bob Corvino. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Dr. William Moran Award – Al Wojtaszek
Bob Thabet stated Dr. Moran will be inducted into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame this summer. Al Wojtaszek congratulated this year's award winner Mr. Rick D'Addio, former Athletic Director at Newburgh Free Academy. Mr. Chris Townsend accepted the award for Mr. D'Addio and thanked the Athletic Council.
14. Spring Sport Chairs
 - a. Softball – Bruce Guyette
Sectional Champions
Class AA F.D.R.
Class A Goshen
Class B Pine Plains
Class C Rhinebeck
Class D Chapel Field
Mr. Guyette thanked Minisink Valley, New Paltz, Tom Cassata and Jason Closs.
 - b. Baseball – Dave Onusko
Sectional Champions
Class AA Minisink Valley
Class A Cornwall
Class B Marlboro
Class C Millbrook
Class D Chapel Field
No Report.
 - c. Boys Golf – Dick O'Neill
Section IX Champion – Josh Goldstein – Liberty
Runner-Up – Andrew DeForest – Rondout

- Section IX placed 4th in the NYSPHSAA Tournament
- d. Girls Golf – Bill Earl
Ashley Zambito – NFA placed 5th in the NYSPHSAA Tournament and Section IX placed 4th as a team.
 - e. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall – No report
 - f. Boys Lacrosse – Bill Miller
Class A Champion Valley Central
Class B Champion Saugerties
Class C Champion Red Hook
 - g. Boys Tennis – Bob Siracuse
Congratulations to the Section IX Singles and Doubles Champions. The full report is on-line.
 - h. Track and Field – No Report.

15. Fall Chair Reports

- a. Cross Country – Jim Glover and Steve Loturco
The NYSPHSAA Tournament will be held on Long Island. The Section IX Handbook will be on-line in August.
- b. Football – John Ford
Handbooks were distributed and can be found on-line at the Section IX website. Bob Thabet thanked John Ford, Dennis Burkett and the committee for all the hard work they do in making the tournament successful.
- c. Soccer – Pete Ferguson
October 23 Seed Meeting
October 25 Out-bracket
November 2 Finals which will be held at Milton Sports Dome
Bob Siracuse asked the Athletic Council and Leagues to discuss a “team yellow card policy.” When a team reaches the yellow card total they would be issued a red and play down one person.
- d. Soccer – Diane Wanser
Reminder to coaches and athletic directors that NOSCAE approved shin guards are mandatory.
- e. Girls Swimming – Pat Ryan
Refer to Handout On-line.
- f. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco
No Report.
- g. Volleyball – Ken Rubino
Booklet will be on-line in August.
- h. Field Hockey – Linda Krause
No Report

16. Chair Reports:

- a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports – Heather Carman and Brian Devincenzi
No Report.
- b. Safety Committee – Janet Carey

Report on Concussion Management. The workshop went very well. The sign-in sheet was distributed to the Athletic Council.

- c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni
No Report.
- d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
No Report.
- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
A short meeting will take place after the adjournment of the Athletic Council Meeting.
- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch
Congratulations to Wallkill High School who will receive a Good Sports plaque for their continued work to bring sportsmanship to the forefront of athletics.
Congratulations to Spackenkill High School who will be receiving the Good Sports banner as the school that best supports sportsmanship in Section IX.

17. New Business

Bob Thabet read John Ford's letter of resignation as Chairman of the Football Committee at the end of the 2008-09 school year. Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of John Ford, 2nd by Frank Carrozza. All in favor. Motion carried.

NYSPPHSAA Wrestling Tournament will be held February 27th and 28th at the Times Union Center in Albany. This is a week earlier than previously announced.

Heat Indices:

Jim Osborne asked if Section IX should have a policy to follow. He asked to have the NYSPPHSAA Safety Committee review the request and for the leagues (OCIAA/MHAL) to discuss before the next Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.

Bob Thabet requested the funds from the Secretarial position be turned over to OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Office for use as deemed necessary. The Athletic Coordinator's Office and Jim Osborne have been working with Mr. Thabet to get the work of Section IX done for the Athletic Council, Athletic Directors and Chairpeople. Mr. Don Andrews discussed that the money appropriated, Section IX Secretary, should be paid to a MHAL person and not to an Orange County representative. Mr. Thabet stated that no one in the Athletic Coordinator's Office will be receiving a salary or stipend. Mr. Thabet's proposal is \$4,150. would be transferred to the OCIAA office. These funds are from the secretarial position for 2007-2008. Motion by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Al Wojtaszek. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Thabet will come back to the Athletic Council with any new amounts in the Spring of 2009.

David Coates requested information in the procedure for filling Section IX positions. Mr. Robert Thabet reviewed the process.

Bob Siracuse asked the Athletic Council and Leagues, MHAL/OCIAA to review the request to have ambulances at all Section IX Championship sites.

Mr. Al Wojtaszek asked the Athletic Council and Leagues, MHAL/OCIAA to review their scheduling procedures on the varsity/JV and modified levels due to the price of gas and transportation increases.

Mr. Jim Osborne requested Swim Chairpeople to review the individual sport standards. The sports of Cross Country, Winter Track and Outdoor Track currently have a number of contests in which an individual competitor may participate. The question is should Girls and Boys Swimming have the same standard.

18. Old Business

No report.

19. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Pete Meoli. All in favor. Motion carried.
Next meeting date: Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at Ulster BOCES at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne
Section IX Athletics

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