



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
Wallkill High School - Tuesday, March 2, 2010

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet
All members present except Al Wojtaszek and Doug Murphy.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Approval of January 12, 2010 Minutes – Bob Thabet
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Bob Siracuse. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - A. February 2010 NYSPHSAA Office Report
 - B. January 21, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda Items
 - C. NYSPHSAA items for discussion, input and consideration for the April 30 through May 1, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting
 - D. 2010-2011 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites
 - E. Approved 2010-2011 BEDS Numbers
 - F. Section IX Start Dates for 2010-2011
 - G. Section IX Meeting Dates for 2010-2011
6. NYSPHSAA Representative – Bob Stulmaker
Bob reviewed the upcoming Sports Clinics to be held by NYSPHSAA
Baseball – March 5, 2010 Volleyball – March 26, 2010
Field Hockey – March 5, 2010 Cheerleading – May 21, 2010
Track & Field – March 26, 2010 Soccer – June 4, 2010
Bob also reviewed the NYSPHSAA Office Report. Please review the Office Report which can be found on the Section IX website.
7. NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Ms. Greene and Mr. Wolfe congratulated the Middletown City School District, the Soccer Committee and David Coates, Athletic Director, on the selection of the Middletown City School District to host the 2010-2011 NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer Championships. The practice requirement was to go back to the leagues for discussion. Please refer to the February 2010 NYSPHSAA Office Report for details.

8. Boys Tennis Chairperson – Back from the Leagues
Motion by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Bob Siracuse, to approve Urvashi Gupta and Luann McCarthy as Co-Coordinator of Section IX Boys Tennis. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Girls Volleyball Chairperson – Back from the Leagues.
Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Pete Meoli, to approve Toni Woody as Section IX Girls Volleyball Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. Start Dates 2010-2011 – Bob Thabet
Motion to approve the start dates as proposed was made by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. Meeting Dates and Sites for 2010-2011 – Bob Thabet
Motion to approve the meeting dates as proposed was made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Pete Meoli. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Winter Chair Reports:
 - a & b. Girls and Boys Basketball – Fred Ahart
Mr. Fred Ahart, Chairperson, reported that the Tournament has begun with the Section IX Finals being held on March 5-6-7-8, 2010. You can follow the brackets online at the Section IX website.
 - c. Ice Hockey – Paul Bacsardi
Monroe-Woodbury defeated NFA as the Division I Champion. Burke Catholic defeated O’Neill as the Division II Champion.
 - d. Girls & Boys Indoor Track – Mike White
No report.
 - e. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner
Pine Bush was the Section IX Champion. New Paltz placed 2nd and Pine Bush placed 3rd at the NYSPHSAA Championship. Pine Bush set a New York State record in the 200 Medley Relay.
 - f. Wrestling – Jeff Culty
No report.
 - g. Gymnastics – Lee Ann Digsby
Weather created problems for the Sectional and NYSPHSAA Tournaments. Ms. Digsby thanked FDR and Athletic Director, Amy McArdle for helping with the Tournament. Report is online.
 - h. Nordic Skiing – Jon Stern
No Report.

- i. Alpine Skiing – Janet Carey
Mrs. Carey reported that Warwick Boys team placed 3rd and the Warwick Girls team placed 4th at the NYSPHSAA Championship.
 - j. Bowling – Amy McArdle
No report.
13. Spring Chair Reports:
- a. Softball – Bruce Guyette
The Section IX booklet is online. Please review the qualifications of the Section IX Tournament. The Section IX Tournament will be held on June 5, 2010. The dates and times for the Section IX Tournament are set, check for conflicts now.
 - b. Baseball – Dave Onusko
The Section IX booklet will be online soon. The Sectional Tournament will begin May 24, 2010 with the Regional Tournament beginning June 6, 2010. Mr. Onusko requested the approval to play Regional contests on Sunday afternoon. Motion to approve by Don Andrews, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. Boys Golf – Dick O’Neill
No report.
 - d. Girls Golf – Bill Earl
No report.
 - e. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall
No report.
 - f. Boys Lacrosse - Bob Slate
The Section IX handbook is online. There are no major rule changes. The Regionals are set for June 8, 2010 for Classes A, B & C in Middletown.
 - g. Boys Tennis – Bob Siracuse
Mr. Siracuse will be working with and helping the newly elected Co-Coordinators of Boys Tennis.
 - h & i. Track & Field – Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaud
The Section IX booklet will be online soon, both Chairpersons will be meeting with the coaches at the Leagues Rules Interpretations Meeting. The process of online entries will be reviewed.
14. Chair Reports
- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Brian Devincenzi and Helen Gillinder - No report.
 - b. Safety – Janet Carey - No report.

- c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni - No report.
- d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett - No report.
- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
The committee will conduct a brief meeting after the Section IX Meeting.
- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch
The SUNY Youth Sports Institute (YSNY) training curriculum for non-school and volunteer youth coaches is quickly becoming an accepted tool for teaching parents and non-professionals for the foundations of coaching children. You can check the Section IX website for additional information.

15. New Business

Bob Thabet reported on the NYSAAA Chapter Nine award winners for 2009-2010. The winners will be honored at the March 2010 NYSAAA Conference.

Ms. Greene reported on the Handbook Committee Minutes. Refer to the copy in the Athletic Council folders. The Handbook Committee is reviewing details to streamline and make the Foreign Exchange and International Students Rule more easily understood. The Committee will be recommending action on conducting a contest held in conjunction with a fund raising event. Mr. Osborne reminded Athletic Directors the need to report all Foreign Exchange Students using the appropriate form. The completed form should be forward to Mr. Fred Ahart, Section IX Eligibility Chairperson.

Mrs. Cherie Ramsey reported on the February 2, 2010 Cheerleading Meeting held at the offices of NYSPHSAA. The Committee reviewed coaching requirements for all cheerleading coaches, NFHS courses and the NYSPHSAA Coaches Clinic to be held on May 21, 2010 at the Holiday Inn, Fishkill, New York.

16. Old Business

None.

17. Adjournment

Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Frank Carrozza to adjourn.

18. Leagues should review the attached items for discussion and a possible vote at the April 13, 2010 Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at Orange-Ulster BOCES at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jim Osborne, Secretary
Section IX Athletics

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Items to be discussed by the Leagues for a possible vote at the April 13, 2010 Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.

Future Discussion and Review

Practice – Athletes who switch from a contact/collision or limited contact/impact sport to a strenuous/non-contact or non-strenuous/non-contact sport are permitted to count conditioning practices toward their new sport as follows: 1. Sports with less than ten (10) practices for the individual before the first contest will be allowed to carry over three (3) days; 2. Sports with less than ten to fifteen (10-15) practices for the individual before the first contest will be allowed to carry over four (4) days. (Contact/collision or limited contact/impact sports include field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, wrestling, baseball, softball, diving, gymnastics, skiing, softball and volleyball. Strenuous/non-contact or non-strenuous/non-contact sports include cross country, track and field, swimming, tennis, bowling, golf and rifle.)

Sportsmanship – When coaches do not fulfill the penalty of the Sportsmanship Regulation by being present at the site of the contest the coach has not fulfilled the penalty and remains ineligible to coach. The committee felt that during the regular season and sectional activity, the Section should impose a penalty on the coach/school. During regional and state championship activity, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director should impose the penalty.

Sport Rules – A review, discussion and vote to use the same rules for Boys and Girls Basketball and NFHS rules for all sports when available.

The following are items for discussion, input and consideration. These items may be included on the agenda for the Executive Committee Meeting scheduled for April 30 – May 30, 2010.

Wrestling – Beginning with the 2010-2011 season, the 96 lb. and 285 lb. weight classes will be mandatory for all high school competitions – Duals and Tournaments.

Field Hockey – Requesting a waiver of the solid white/dark shirts for the 2010 Fall season. (Only if needed)

Baseball – By mutual agree of the Section's Executive Directors, Section Coordinators, and Athletic Directors schools would have the option of playing Monday scheduled regional games on Sunday. Rationale: This would allow for better facilities, potential for bigger crowds and less time out of school.

Girls Lacrosse – In games when 100 % playing time is required (all Sectional, Regional and State Semi-Finals and Finals) the game will be resumed from the point of interruption on the next available date. Teams that have possession at the point of interruption will retain possession in a draw alignment with the opposing center 4 meters away. If there is no team possession it will be a draw.

Girls and boys Tennis – The committees would like to take this proposal to the Safety Committee: In Sectional competition, Sections would have the option to increase the number of matches to four in one day using modified scoring. The rest periods would be 30 minutes for the ¼ final and below, 45 minutes for the semi-finals and 60 minutes for the finals. (Boys Committee would like to have approval for regular season as well.)