



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
Wallkill High School - Tuesday, October 5, 2010

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet
All Athletic Council Members present except:
Mr. Ray Castellani, Superintendent Representative (He was excused due to an emergency in the Marlboro Central School District.)
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Bob Siracuse, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bob Thabet read a letter submitted to the Section IX Athletic Council by Mr. Gary C. Theodore, CPA, Nugent & Haeussler. The letter summarized the review that was completed by Nugent & Haeussler and recommended that all current procedures being used by Section IX Athletics stay in place. Mr. Thabet talked about changing the accounting needs of the Section IX Athletic Council. In a letter from Mr. Gary Theodore, CPA, Nugent & Haeussler, he recommended that Section IX continue with the review process and complete an audit every three years. Mr. Thabet will continue to research this topic and report back to the Athletic Council.

4. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 1. Section IX Agenda
 2. NYSPHSAA 2010 October Office Report
 3. 2010-2011 Section IX Wrestling Duals
 4. Town of Pawling – Facilities Application
 5. Fact Finding and Arbitration Procedure
 6. Section IX Budget 2011-2012
 7. Monthly Calendar Log
 8. Girls Lacrosse Clinic
5. Approval of September 14, 2010 Minutes
Motion to approve by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. NYSPHSAA Report – Ms. Nina Van Erk
Ms. Van Erk reviewed the monthly October Office Report highlighting: Wrestling Webinar, Sportsmanship Committee and Baseball Composite Bats.
7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Ms. Greene stated the representatives needed the Athletic Council to take action on:

- a. Fact Finding and Arbitration Procedure
 - b. Championship Philosophy
 - c. Continuation of the reduction of NYSPHSAA contests
8. BEDS Numbers for 2011-2012 – Jim Osborne
The information is needed as soon as possible. MHAL schools need to send their BEDS numbers to Pete Meoli and OCIAA schools to Jim Osborne.
 9. Seeding Modification – Back from the Leagues
Motion by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Dennis Burkett, to eliminate the seeding modification effective July 1, 2011. Motion needs to go back to the Leagues.
 10. Fact Finding and Arbitration Procedure – Back from the Leagues
Motion by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Dennis Burkett, to approve the Draft Fact Finders Process Guidelines but vote against any change to the Arbitration Process. All in favor. Motion carried.
 11. Bowling Chairperson – Back from the Leagues
Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody, to approve Bowling Chairpersons Erena O’Brien – Girls Bowling Chairperson, F.D.R. High School
Theresa Eckert – Boys Bowling Chairperson, Highland High School
All in favor. Motion carried.
 12. Championship Philosophy Committee Report – Back from the Leagues
Doug Murphy discussed the OCIAA is in favor of the Championship Philosophy Committee and Dennis Burkett reported the MHAL is in favor of the Championship Philosophy Committee except in Spring Track and Field.

In Spring Track and Field, Eric McLaud discussed the recommendation from the State Track and Field Committee. Ms. Van Erk discussed the Participation Survey and the Championship Philosophy Committee.

Motion by Doug Murphy, 2nd by John Landro, Tuxedo to approve the Championship Philosophy Committee except for the regulation regarding Spring Track and Field.
 13. Continuation of the Reduction of NYSPHSAA Contests – Back from the Leagues
Motion by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Dennis Burkett, to approve a one year extension for 2011-2012 the reduction of NYSPHSAA contests. All in favor. Motion carried.
 14. Outdoor Track and Field – Eric McLaud and Joe Iatauro
Discussion has already taken place.
 15. Fall Chair Reports:
 - a. Cross Country – Jim Glover and Steve Loturco
Mr. Glover reminded the Athletic Council and Athletic Directors that all information is in the Coaches Handbook. The coaches can begin the on-line entries and have until Tuesday, November 2, 2010 to complete that task.
 - b. Football – Dave Coates and Glen Maisch

Glen Maisch reminded the Athletic Directors to review the dates and details in the Football Handbook.

- c. Boys Soccer – Pete Ferguson
- d. Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser

The seed meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2010. Athletic Directors should contact school districts regarding field availability in case of inclement weather. The Soccer Committee has put on-line a Volunteer Application regarding the State Tournament.

- e. Field Hockey – C.J. Bull-Knuth
No Report.

- f. Girls Swimming – Pat Ryan
The OCIAA meet is scheduled for October 22nd and 23rd. The Section IX meet is scheduled for November 4-5-6, 2010. Mr. Ryan asked the Athletic Directors to please consider using HyTek. If they agree to consider the Section will receive a discount on its next software purchase.

- g. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco
Ms. Selina has sent to the school districts the information regarding the Section IX Tournament.

- h. Volleyball – Toni Woody
Mrs. Woody stated the Seed Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2010. One change to the Section IX Tournament Finals is the AA classification game will be played at 3:30 p.m.

16. Chair Reports:

- a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports – Brian Devincenzi and Helenanne Gillinder
No Report.

- b. Safety – Janet Carey
Mrs. Carey stated the Committee will be meeting this month to discuss Head and Neck Injuries in Girls Lacrosse, Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedures, Concussion Management, Composite Bats and Sectional Concerns. If any Athletic Director has a concern please email Mrs. Carey at jcarey1789@aol.com

- c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni - No Report.

- d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
The process and procedure of negotiations will begin after the first of the year.

- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
The committee met before the Section IX Meeting.

- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch
A presentation will be made at the next Section IX Meeting.

17. New Business

A. Mr. Thabet has sent to the Dutchess County Schools in Section I the requested information regarding Membership into Section IX Athletics. Mr. Thabet has contacted each school district to see if they have any questions regarding the process or procedure in joining Section IX. Mr. Andrews asked about the application process if schools submitted an application after November 30, 2010. Mr. Thabet talked about the application process as outlined in the Section IX Constitution and that Section IX would work with the school districts making application to Section IX.

B. Mr. Osborne presented the 2011-2012 Section IX Budget to the Athletic Council. This item needs to go back to the Leagues for discussion.

C. The monthly calendar log approved by the Section IX Athletic Council for compensation to the Executive Director was reviewed. The log would account for all work items above the standard which includes regular meetings and normal office work. The Athletic Council will review the monthly log and approve all expenditures. Mr. Gary Theodore, Nugent & Haeussler, suggested the Athletic Council approve job descriptions for the Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

D. Mr. Mike Kroemer, Rondout Athletic Director and Assistant Section IX Wrestling Chairperson informed the Athletic Council and Athletic Directors of the Division I/II Tournament to be held Saturday, February 5, 2011 at Kingston High School.

Mr. Kroemer reviewed the upcoming Physical Education Conference to be held at Monroe-Woodbury High School.

18. Old Business

19. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Doug Murphy, to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Items for the Next Athletic Council Meeting:

A. 2011-2012 Section IX Budget

B. Seeding Modification 2011-2012

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

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