



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
Orange-Ulster BOCES - Tuesday, September 14, 2010

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet
All Athletic Council Members present except:
Antonia Woody
Al Wojtaszek

Bob Thabet asked Doug Murphy, OCIAA President, to introduce the new Athletic Directors of the OCIAA. Mr. Murphy introduced: Chris Trieste from Chester Academy, Chris Radon from Greenwood Lake, Mike Larsen from Minisink Valley, Derek Adams from Tri-Valley and Scott Courter from Washingtonville.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Bob Siracuse, Goshen, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - A. September NYSPHSAA Office Report
 - B. Action items from the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting
 - C. Highlights of NYSPHSAA Executive Committee
Highlights of the NYSPHSAA Sport Coordinator Reports
 - D. Fact Finding/Arbitration Procedure – **Back to the Leagues**
 - E. 2010-2011 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites
 - F. NYSPHSAA Championship School Gate List
 - G. NFHS Concussion Rule
 - H. NYSPHSAA Transfer Committee Report
 - I. NYSPHSAA Classification of Non-Public and Charter Schools Committee
 - J. NYSED Physical Education Update
 - K. Interschool scrimmages(s) – simulated contest
 - L. NYSPHSAA Safety Committee Report
 - M. NYSPHSAA Modified Committee Report
 - N. NYSPHSAA Participation Survey – **Athletic Directors need to complete**
 - O. Utica – “Handling Concussions with Care”
 - P. New York State Council of Administrators
5. Approval of June 15, 2010 Minutes
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Jim Wolfe. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Award Presentation – Robert Thabet presented to Don Andrews an Award from NYSPHSAA for his 22 years of service as the Superintendent Representative for Section IX. Congratulations Don.
7. Report on Meeting with Dutchess Superintendents – Robert Thabet
Bob received a request from the Section I schools in Dutchess County regarding the possible movement into Section IX. The Section IX Committee met with Dr. Jaeger, Millbrook Superintendent, Jennifer Simmons, Executive Director of Section I and several Athletic Directors from Section I. A request to review league and section costs, transportation and league alignment data is being requested from the Athletic Directors in Section I. The two main areas of concern are alignments and cost. The deadline date for an application to be reviewed is November 30, 2010, for the 2011-2012 school year.

No decisions have been made. The Superintendents of Dutchess County have taken the lead in this review. Don Andrews stated the MHAL is not soliciting school districts. The MHAL is happy with the present league set up. Mike Bellarosa, Valley Central, asked about the financial implications. Lou Cioffi, Cornwall, asked if this is an all or nothing request from the Dutchess County schools.

8. NYSPHSAA Report – Bob Stulmaker
Mr. Stulmaker discussed the importance of the Participation Survey. The school districts needing to complete the survey were announced. Mr. Stulmaker referred to the September Office Report and the handouts given to the Athletic Council regarding Wrestling, Concussion Management and Sportsmanship.
9. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representative – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Back to the Leagues for discussion and vote in October.
Fact Finding and Arbitration Procedure – State Officials Agreement was reviewed by Mr. Stulmaker.

Ms. Greene also discussed the Transfer Committee Guidelines, Cheerleading, a possible dues increase by NYSPHSAA for 2011-2012, a continuation of the reduction of contests and students with disabilities.

10. NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop
Jim Osborne reminded the Athletic Directors that their attendance is required at the Tuesday, October 5, 2010 Mandated Workshop to be held at Wallkill High School.
11. Seeding Modification - Back from the Leagues
Doug Murphy made the motion to end the Seeding Modification that is used by Section IX Athletics. Dennis Burkett asked if the MHAL could have more time to discuss the procedure. Fred Ahart asked if the procedure could be discontinued for the Fall 2010 Championships. Back to the Leagues for discussion.
12. Cheerleading – Back from the Leagues
The OCIAA and MHAL do not currently support cheerleading as a sport.

13. Merging of Teams
Motion to approve the merger of Roscoe and Livingston Manor for Boys and Girls Varsity, JV and Modified Soccer was made by John Landro, 2nd by Bob Siracuse. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Chairman of Section IX Classification Committee
Motion by Bob Siracuse, Goshen, to resign as Chairman and appoint Tom Cassata, Red Hook, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. School District Participation Survey
Information was previously reviewed.
16. Bowling Chairperson – Dr. Amy McArdle-Rausenberger
Motion to accept the resignation of Dr. McArdle-Rausenberger was made by Ray Castellani, Superintendent Representative, 2nd by John Landro, Tuxedo. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Fall Chair Reports:
 - a. Cross Country – Jim Glover and Steve Loturco
Handbook is on-line. The Section IX Championships are on Friday, November 5, 2010 at Bear Mountain. Check the website for on-line entry information. The NYSPHSAA Championship will be held in Section I at Pawling on November 13, 2010. Call 845-855-1131 for driving directions or check the website. Mr. Glover reviewed the sanctioning procedure and jewelry rule. Mr. Loturco asked the Athletic Directors to keep the Chairperson informed regarding the participation of the multi sport teams especially those playing soccer and running cross country.
 - b. Football – Dave Coates and Glen Maisch
The Rules Interpretations Meeting went well. The Football booklet is on-line. Any questions contact Glen Maisch.
 - c. Boys Soccer – Pete Ferguson
The Soccer Seed Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26, 2010. The school districts should be reporting yellow and red cards to the respective League offices: MHAL schools to Pete Meoli and the OCIAA schools to Jim Osborne. Reminder of the uniform change in 2012. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer Championship please contact Pete Ferguson at pferguson@highland-k12.org or complete the volunteer form on the Section IX website - under forms.
 - d. Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser
Ms. Wanser reviewed the Boys and Girls 2010 Section IX Finals and Regional contests held at Middletown's Faller Field.
 - e. Field Hockey – C.J. Bull-Knuth
The seed meeting is set for October 18, 2010 with the sectionals being held at the Hudson Valley Dome on November 1-2-3, 2010. The Regionals will be played on November 13, 2010 at White Plains High School. The NYSPHSAA Championship to be held in Syracuse on November 19-20, 2010.

f. Girls Swimming – Pat Ryan

Mr. Ryan reviewed the scrimmage format and the dates for the OCIAA, Section IX and NYSPHSAA Championship. Mr. Ryan asked the Athletic Council for approval to purchase new software for the Championships. Motion to approve by Ms. Greene, 2nd by Mr. Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.

g. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco

All Sectional information is on-line.

h. Volleyball – Toni Woody

All Sectional information is on-line.

18. Chair Reports:

a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports – Brian Devincenzi and Helenanne Gillinder

Modified Football – Motion to approve the schools use of 2 wide receivers on opposite sides of the formation was made by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Stulmaker will check to see if the Section has to approve this action each year.

Cross Country – Motion was made by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Dennis Burkett, to approve Modified Cross Country mid-season changeover 1 ½ to 2 miles beginning Friday, October 1, 2010. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Safety – Janet Carey

Ms. Carey discussed the upcoming October 5, 2010 NYSPHSAA Safety Committee Meeting. A discussion took place regarding the Thunder and Lightning Policy. Mrs. Carey needs updated information regarding Concussion Management, please contact her at jcarey1789@aol.com with questions and information.

c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni

The Committee has an October Meeting and he will report back to the Athletic Council.

d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett

Negotiations begin in January of 2011. Any concerns or suggestions regarding the process and procedure contact Mr. Burkett.

e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart

The Committee will be meeting after the Athletic Council Meeting.

f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch

No report at this time.

19. New Business

Mr. Dave Coates, Middletown Athletic Director, introduced Mr. John Russo as the new representative to the Council of Administrators. Mr. Russo would like to set up a meeting for Directors of Physical Education before a Section IX Meeting. More details to follow and Mr. Russo is starting a network of contact people.

Mr. Mike Larsen, Athletic Director at Minisink Valley, self reported a unsanctioned girls' soccer scrimmage. Motion by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Tim Bult, to have the Executive Director, Bob Thabet, send a letter to the Minisink School District regarding the unsanctioned scrimmage. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Bob Siracuse, Section IX NYSAAA representative reported on the AAA Conference to be held March 16-19, 2011 in Saratoga, New York. The Conference and Hotel applications will be on-line soon.

Mr. David Coates reported on the Clearinghouse Seminar to be held at Middletown High School on October 6, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Mike Kroemer reported that an AHPERD Meeting will be held at Middletown High School on September 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Mike if you have any questions at mkroemer@rondout.k12.ny.us

20. Old Business
Ms. Greene asked to have the Championship Philosophy Committee sent to the MHAL and OCIAA Leagues for discussion and and vote.
21. Motion by Bob Siracuse, 2nd by Dennis Burkett to move to Executive Session. All in favor. Motion carried.

Items to be reviewed by the MHAL and OCIAA to be discussed and brought back to the Section IX Meeting on October 5, 2010 for a possible vote.

- A. Fact Finding and Arbitration Procedure
- B. Continuation of the reduction of NYSPHSAA contests
- C. Seeding Modification
- D. Section IX Bowling Chairperson for 2010-2011 (MHAL)
- E. Officials Negotiations begin – January 2011, areas of concerns or suggestions are needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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