



# ***SECTION IX ATHLETICS***

**Robert Thabet, Executive Director**

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting  
Apple Greens, New Paltz, NY – June 14, 2011

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet  
All Athletic Council Members were present except:  
Ms. Roberta Greene, Mr. Ray Castellani, Mr. Al Wojtaszek  
  
Mr. Thabet asked for a moment of silence for Jonnah O'Donnell's mother who recently passed away. Mr. Thabet congratulated Athletic Directors Mike Kohut, Harold Fried and Chris Townsend on their recently announced retirement. Also congratulations to Mike Kroemer, Athletic Director at Rondout Valley who has taken an Athletic Director position at Suffern.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – holding the flag was John Landro.
3. Financial Report – Jim Osborne  
Motion to approve by Bob Siracuse, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
  - 1) Section IX Financial Report
  - 2) June 2011 NYSPHSAA Report
  - 3) Merge requests from the school districts
  - 4) Letter of resignation from Al Wojtaszek
  - 5) Section IX Dues form
  - 6) Summer 2011 Coaching Courses
5. Approval of May 18, 2011 Minutes  
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe  
This summer 2011 Meeting will be held in Lake Placid on August 2-4, 2011.
7. Mergers  
A letter to NYSPHSAA will be sent with Section IX approval of:
  1. Roscoe and Livingston Manor – All sports – All levels
  2. Marlboro and Highland – Varsity – Girls Swimming
  3. Tri-Valley and Fallsburg – Boys Varsity Tennis  
Boys and Girls Alpine Skiing

All mergers are based on the approval of the Board of Education of both school districts and the passing of their school budgets.

8. Section IX Non Public School Classification Committee Meeting – Tom Cassata  
A meeting was held by NYSPHSAA and a report will be made to the Athletic Council after the minutes are published.
9. Wrestling Chairperson – Bob Thabet  
Motion by John Landro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Wolfe, to approve Jeff Cuiilty as the Section IX Wrestling Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Thabet asked the MHAL and OCIAA for names of potential candidates for a Division II Wrestling Chairperson.
10. Section IX Directory and Sports Dues Form – Jim Osborne  
All corrections to the Directory and the Section IX Sports Dues form are due to the Section IX Secretary.
11. Meeting Dates League and Section IX – Bob Thabet  
The MHAL will look to fit in Section IX and the MHAL meetings. The first Section IX Meeting is scheduled for the Orange-Ulster BOCES on September 13, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. The Section IX and mandated Athletic Director Workshop is scheduled for October 4, 2011 at Wallkill High School.
12. Athletic Trainer - Craig Olejniczak as the Athletic Trainer for the Middletown School District discussed the Concussion Management Team. Looking at short term and long term goals, Trainer Craig would like to see as a short term goal to be a reference for all the school districts. Long term goal to be available to the school districts to get a Concussion Management Team developed in each school district. If athletic directors or coaches have any questions please contact Trainer Craig at Middletown High School.
13. Resignation of Al Wojtaszek  
Bob Thabet read Mr. Wojtaszek's letter to the Athletic Council. Motion to approve with regret by Jim Wolfe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Spring Chair Reports:
  - a. Softball – Bruce Guyette  
Report by Mike Larsen submitted to the Athletic Council. Refer to the 2012 Section IX and NYSPHSAA play off dates.
  - b. Baseball – Dave Onusko  
Report was submitted to the Athletic Council with the Baseball Committee reviewing Regional Play and an emphasis on the BBCOR certified bats for 2012.
  - c. Boys Golf – Dick O'Neill  
Report was submitted to the Athletic Council. Mr. O'Neill submitted a letter of resignation. Motion to approve Mr. O'Neill's resignation was made by Bob Siracuse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Thabet thanked Mr. O'Neill for his service. Mr. Tom Howe has sent to the Athletic Council his letter applying for the Boys Golf Chairperson. Back to the Leagues.

d. Girls Golf – Bill Earl

Report submitted to the Athletic Council. The Coordinator has recommended an addition to the By-laws for 2012. Please review the report.

e. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall

f. Boys Lacrosse – Bob Slate

Report submitted to the Athletic Council. Refer to the 2012 Tournament schedule.

g. Boys Tennis – Urvashi Gupta and Luann McCarthy

Report given by Bob Siracuse and will be posted on-line.

h. Track & Field – Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaud

Report was given by Eric McLaud and will be posted on-line.

15. Fall Chair Reports:

a. Cross Country – Jim Glover and Steve Loturco

No report.

b. Football – Dave Coates and Glen Maisch

Mr. Coates stated the Football Committee is in support of an Exceptional Senior Game for 2012. The paperwork will be submitted to the Athletic Council as soon as possible. Mr. Thabet has spoken to Mrs. Renee James regarding transportation and liability of athletes participating in an Exceptional Senior Game. Mr. Andrews expressed a concern of the MHAL and the smaller schools regarding playing time. Mr. Coates stated all those participating will have plenty of opportunity to participate. The Committee will make sure everyone has ample playing time. The issue of player safety was discussed and Mr. Greg Sirico reviewed the All-Star contest that was played.

c. Boys Soccer – Pete Ferguson

d. Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser

The Soccer booklet is being revised and will be on-line.

e. Field Hockey – C.J. Bull-Knuth

No report at this time.

f. Girls Swimming – Pat Ryan

A review of the Girls Swimming and Diving qualifying standards was completed. The post-season dates for the OCIAA, Section IX and NYSPHSAA can be found on-line.

g. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco

No report at this time.

h. Volleyball – Toni Woody

The booklet will be completed and on-line soon.

16. Chair Reports:
- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Brian Devincenzi & Helenanne Gillinder  
No report at this time.
  - b. Safety – Janet Carey  
The Committee will be having a conference call this week with the Wrestling Committee.
  - c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni  
No report at this time.
  - d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett  
No report at this time.
  - e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart  
The updated format regarding the Transfer Rule is now on-line. The 2011-2012 rules regarding Eligibility has been approved by NYSPHSAA. If you have any questions contact Fred Ahart.
  - f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch  
No report at this time.
17. New Business  
The summer 2011 Coaching Courses are on-line.
18. Old Business
19. Motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session made by John Landro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at Orange-Ulster BOCES at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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