



# ***SECTION IX ATHLETICS***

**Robert Thabet, Executive Director**

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting  
Wallkill High School – January 11, 2011

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet  
All Athletic Council Members were present except:  
Al Wojtaszek  
Toni Woody
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Bob Thabet introduced Cornwall Athletic Director, Lou Cioffi, Aisling Cuffe and her Mother, Ms. Marie O’Hanrahan. Mr. Cioffi thanked Section IX for recognizing the accomplishments of Aisling Cuffe during the 2010 Cross Country season. Bob Thabet presented Ms. Cuffe with a plaque that listed her accomplishments. Bob Thabet also congratulated the Valley Central School District for winning the Fall 2010 Scholar Athlete Team State Champion in Girls Swimming and Diving.
4. Financial Report – Jim Osborne  
Motion to approve by Bob Siracuse, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.  
Discussion took place regarding the school districts establishing a budget line for Section IX Athletics. - Back to the Leagues
5. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
  - a. December 5-6, 2010 NYSPHSAA Meeting Highlights
  - b. January 2011 NYSPHSAA Office Report
  - c. Action Items from NYSPHSAA
  - d. Section IX 2009-2010 Boys and Girls Participation Survey Results
  - e. 2011-2012 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites
  - f. 2011-2012 School District Classification
  - g. NYSPHSAA Championship School Gate List
  - h. NYSPHSAA Fiscal Concerns Recommendations
  - i. Championship Philosophy Committee
  - j. NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Report
  - k. NYSPHSAA Transfer Coordinator’s Report
  - l. NYSED Physical Education Update
  - m. Sportsmanship Report
  - n. NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge Award
  - o. Handbook Committee Report
  - p. Executive Director Log Report
  - q. 2011-2012 Wrestling Format – Back to the Leagues

6. Approval of November 30, 2010 Minutes  
Motion to approve by Ray Castellani, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
7. Council of Administrators – Lloyd Mott and John Russo  
Refer to Power Point Presentation handout.
  
8. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe  
Dues increase for NYSPHSAA for 2011-2012. The dues will be \$810. per district and .86 cents per student over 300 in grades 7-12.  
Softball – moving the pitching distance to 43 feet for freshmen, JV and varsity for the spring of 2011.  
Cheerleading – NYSPHSAA recommends that all coaches/advisors of cheer complete the following courses prior to coaching: First Aid for Coaches, CPR and the ACCAA Safety Course.  
Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program – Winter deadline Friday, March 4, 2011.
  
- NYSPHSAA Action Items for the Section IX school districts.
  - A. Reduction to the required number of contests from 6 to 4 in Indoor Track, Gymnastics, Alpine and Nordic Skiing.
  - B. Field Hockey Uniform Rule Waiver for 2011.
  - C. NYSPHSAA approved the use of a pink NFHS basketball for use during the month of February if both teams participating agree.
  - D. NYSED Physical Education Update – Athletic Directors should review the Commissioner’s Regulation Revision on 5<sup>th</sup> year of athletic eligibility for students with disabilities, coaching licenses TLC and PCL and return to play regulation.
  - E. Check the NYSPHSAA website for information on the Community Service challenge Award.
  - F. Handbook Committee – Misidentified Player  
Dennis Burkett asked about the process and procedure of an appeal. Don Andrews asked about the decisions and taking care of appeals. Roberta Greene referred to page 104 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook. Bob Thabet asked if the Leagues wanted an appeal process. An appeal process if approved would have to be filed by an Athletic Director and School District. Back to the Leagues for discussion – Misidentified player possible process and recommendation.
  
9. Job Descriptions – Bob Thabet  
Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer  
Motion to accept as written by Doug Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
10. NYSPHSAA Rules and Regulations – Bob Thabet  
If complaints are made regarding athletics, Bob Thabet will contact the Athletic Directors. Bob Thabet stated he wants to support the school districts and help them solve problems as they develop. Everybody should work to avoid publicity and litigation.

11. Baseball Request – Coaches vs. Cancer – Dave Onusko  
Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Murphy to support the stand up vs. cancer contests. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Cheerleading – Cherie Ramsey  
Refer to NYSPHSAA recommendation. Bob Thabet asked Jim Osborne to look into course information regarding the ACCAA Safety Course.
13. Sportsmanship Conduct Rule – Jim Osborne  
As stated from the December Section IX Minutes. The Executive Director, Bob Thabet requested that all Chairpersons place the Section IX Sportsmanship Conduct Rule in their Sports Handbook starting with the Spring 2011. The Sportsmanship Conduct Rule has been added to all the sports web pages.
14. NYSAAA Chapter 9 Awards – Kelly Doherty  
Athletic Administrator – Bob Siracuse  
Distinguished Service Award – Joseph Zanetti, Tuxedo School District  
Community Service Award – Mount Saint Mary College  
Secretarial Award – Danuta Kliti, Pine Bush
15. Winter Chair Reports:
  - a. Girls Basketball – Ken Rubino
  - b. Boys Basketball – Fred Ahart  
Booklets are on-line.
  - c. Ice Hockey – Paul Bacsardi  
No report.
  - d. Girls & Boys Indoor Track – Mike White  
No report.
  - e. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner  
OCIAA and Section IX information listed on-line.
  - f. Wrestling – Jeff Cuiilty  
Mike Kroemer reported that the scale used for the weight assessment was broken. It could not be repaired before the wrestlers had to be certified therefore a new one was purchased. The Friends of Section IX Wrestling purchased the scale at a cost of \$916.95. Motion made by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Bult, to reimburse the Friends of Section IX Wrestling for the weight assessment scale. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Castellani asked about the repair of the old scale. Bob Thabet directed Mike Kroemer to investigate the cost of repairing the old scale and report back to the Athletic Council. Mike also reported that he was working on a form for Modified Wrestling and requested all Athletic Directors to please update their information and email it to him.

g. Gymnastics – Lee Ann Digsby  
No report.

h. Nordic Skiing – Jon Stern  
No report.

i. Alpine Skiing – Janet Carey  
Report the snow is good.

j. Girls Bowling – Erena O’Brien

k. Boys Bowling – Theresa Eckert  
No report.

16. Chair Reports:

a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Brian Devincenzi & Helenanne Gillinder  
No report.

b. Safety – Janet Carey  
If the Athletic Directors need any information on Concussion Management please email Ms. Carey at [jcarey1789@aol.com](mailto:jcarey1789@aol.com)

c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni  
No report.

d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett  
A meeting will take place at the end of the month.

e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart  
No meeting today. Information regarding transfers refer to the Section IX website.

f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch  
No report.

17. New Business

Jim Glover, Section IX Cross Country Chairperson, requested the Athletic Council support in continuing the use of race tee-shirts for the boys and girls cross country runners. Motion to approve made by Jim Wolfe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Director’s work log for November 2010 was submitted for approval. Motion to approve was made by Ray Castellani, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.

18. Old Business:  
None.

19. Motion to adjourn made by Ray Castellani, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett. All in favor.  
Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at Orange-Ulster BOCES at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*James M. Osborne*

James M. Osborne, Secretary  
Section IX Athletics

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