



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
Orange County Park, June 15, 2010

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet
All members present except: Ms. Roberta Greene and Mr. Jim Wolfe
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Bob Siracuse, 2nd by Al Wojtaszek. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - A. Tuesday, June 15, 2010 Agenda
 - B. Section IX Athletics Minutes of Executive Session
 - C. S6934 & A9994 Elimination of the age requirement for eligibility for high school athletic competition for pupils with a developmental or physical disability; guarantees 5 years of eligibility.
 - D. Summary of Recommendations – Championship Philosophy Committee Report
 - E. Minutes of Cheerleading Meeting
5. Dr. William Moran Service Award – Bob Thabet
Bob congratulated and presented Pete Meoli with a plaque for being chosen as Section IX award winner for 2010. Mary Borriello, Ellenville Athletic Director, was given a plaque honoring Pete Meoli and was asked to place it in the school district.
6. Section IX Superintendent Representative to the Athletic Council – Bob Thabet
Motion to approve Ray Castellani as the Superintendent Representative for one year made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Approval of May 19, 2010 Minutes – Bob Thabet
Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by Bob Siracuse. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. NYSPHSAA Report – June 2010 NYSPHSAA Report will be emailed to the Athletic Directors and is on the website.
9. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
No report.

10. Mergers for 2010-2011 – Bob Thabet
Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Pete Meoli for the following: Tri-Valley – Fallsburg in Girls Tennis, Boys Tennis and Girls and Boys Alpine Skiing. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop – Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at Wallkill High School Forms have been distributed. **Attendance is required.**
12. Seeding Modification – Mike Kohut
The best teams are not rising to the top. Teams this past spring were not seeded correctly. The process and procedure needs to be reviewed. – Back to the Leagues
13. NYSPHSAA Heat Index Procedure – Jim Osborne
The topic needs to be taken to the summer NYSPHSAA Meeting. Bob stated a decision needs to be made in advance of the contest. Jim asked Dennis about the officials' contract. Dennis replied contract negotiations will cover these situations.
14. Championship Philosophy Committee Report – Back from the Leagues
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Pete Meoli. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Cheerleading – Ms. Cherie Ramsey – Handout needs to be taken back to the Leagues for discussion
16. Report from Classification Committee for Non-Public Schools – Robert Siracuse
The Committee met and recommended to keep Chapel Field as Class C School in Softball for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 seasons. Motion to approve by Bob Siracuse, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bob Siracuse went to a NYSPHSAA meeting where these issues were discussed. Bob needs the non-public schools to provide the committee with more information regarding which school districts are represented on athletic teams.

17. Spring Chair Reports:
 - a. Baseball - Dave Onusko
Congratulations to the sectional winners and thank you to all who helped make the tournament successful. Valley Central and Chapel Field advanced to the State Tournament in Binghamton.

Dave discussed two issues from the NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee.

- I. Two Day State Tournament
- II. Regional Play: Rotations and Sunday start

Dennis Burkett reminded the Athletic Council that they have voted against any increase in cost to the school districts. Dave Onusko was told by Bob Thabet that the Athletic Council was against the requested Two Day State Tournament because it would increase the school district's cost to participate.

- b. Boys Golf - Dick O'Neill
The tournament results and report is online.
- c. Girls Golf - Bill Earl
Scott Warner gave the results of the Section IX Tournament listing the players who qualified for the NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championship. Section IX finished 7th at the Championship with two golfers finishing in the top 20.
- d. Boys Lacrosse - Bob Slate
The tournament results and report is online. The report also includes the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Awards and US Lacrosse Awards.
- e. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall
The tournament results and report is online. The school districts should note that for 2013 all uniforms must meet the specific guidelines that are outlined in the US Lacrosse Rule Book on page 17. Some of the athletic fields are not properly lined. There is an extensive “how to” in the US Lacrosse Rule Book.
- f. Boys Tennis – Urvashi Gupta and Luann McCarthy
The Section IX Tournament results and report is online.
- g. Track & Field - Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaud
Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Sectional and NYSPHSAA Class Champions. Thank you to Kingston and Middletown for hosting the Championships. The State Committee is working on the Championship Philosophy Committee Report.
- h. Softball – Bruce Guyette
Congratulations to our Sectional and NYSPHSAA Champions, Livingston Manor Class D and Rhinebeck Class C. The Tournament was very successful with the help of Frank Carrozza at Minisink Valley, Eric Hart at SUNY New Paltz, and Coordinators – Jonnah O'Donnell, Tom Cassata, Jason Closs and Mike Bellarosa.

Fall Chair Reports:

- a. Cross Country - Jim Glover and Steve Loturco
No report.
- b. Football – Dave Coates and Glen Maisch
The committee met on Friday, June 11, 2010. The Section IX Booklet will be completed and posted online as soon as possible. Athletic Directors are reminded the Football Rules Interpretations Meeting will be held Sunday, August 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Circleville Middle School Auditorium.

- c. Boys Soccer – Pete Ferguson
- d. Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser
The Soccer Booklet is online.
Dates to remember:
Sectionals – November 1 – 4, 2010
Regionals – November 8 – 13, 2010
Boys State Championship held in Middletown – Faller Field – November 20 & 21, 2010
- e. Field Hockey
Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody to nominate Carol Jean (CJ) Bull-Knuth, from Pine Bush as the Section IX Field Hockey Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- f. Girls Swimming – Pat Ryan
The Athletic Council requested a motion to approve the NYSPHSAA Swimming & Diving Committee to change the approved qualifying standards to a faster standard. Motion to approve was made by John Landro, 2nd by Al Wojtaszek. All in favor. Motion carried.
The 2010 Post Season Dates are:
October 22-23, 2010 OCIAA Championship at Washingtonville High School
November 4, 5, 6, 2010 Section IX Championship at Valley Central High School
November 18, 19, 20, 2010 NYSPHSAA Championship, Erie County Community College
- g. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco
No report.
- h. Volleyball – Toni Woody
The Handbook is almost completed. The Committee will meet next week. The Section IX dates are October 29, 30 and 31, 2010.
- 18. Modified Athletics – Budget Options and Consideration – Back from the Leagues
Currently the Leagues have no support for any change.
- 19. Chair Reports
 - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Brian Devincenzi & Helenanne Gillinder
All the school districts should go online to complete the surveys.
 - b. Safety – Janet Carey
No report.
 - c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni
At the last meeting the Committee discussed and reviewed the drinking that is taking place in the schools. The next Committee Meeting is October 18, 2010.

- d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
No report.
- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
There will be a short meeting after the Athletic Council Meeting.
- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch
No report.
- 20. New Business:
None.
- 21. Old Business:
Jim Osborne asked Athletic Directors to check their forms that needed to be returned for Section IX.
 - 1. Section IX Directory
 - 2. Section IX Sports Dues Form
 - 3. Mandated Athletic Directors Workshop Form
- 22. Adjournment

Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody, to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session. All in favor. Motion carried.
- 23. Executive Session

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

Jim Osborne, Secretary
Section IX Athletics

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Items Back to the Leagues for Discussion

- A. Seeding Modification
- B. Cheerleading