



# **SECTION IX ATHLETICS**

**Robert Thabet, Executive Director**

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting  
Mt. St. Mary College – Wednesday, May 19, 2010

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet  
All members present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Approval of April 13, 2010 Minutes – Bob Thabet  
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Siracuse. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report – Jim Osborne  
Motion to approve by Al Wojtaszek, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Carrozza. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne  
All information can be found on the Section IX Athletics website.  
May 2010 NYSPHSAA Office Report  
NYSPHSAA Spring Meeting Highlights from April 30-May 1, 2010  
NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop Form  
Memo of Concern – An Act to amend the education law  
2010-2011 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites  
NYSPHSAA Sport Committees Report  
NYSPHSAA Handbook and Modified Committee Report  
Draft of Scrimmage Procedures – Sport Specific  
Approved Modified Committee Action Items  
Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedures – Approved  
NYSPHSAA Safety Committee Report  
NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Report  
Information on Section IX Athletics Outing  
Championship Philosophy Committee Report  
Section IX Wrestling format for 2010-2011

Bob Thabet introduced Mr. Rodney Morrison, Director of Admissions for Mt. St. Mary College. Mr. Morrison introduced the Boys Basketball and Girls Lacrosse coaches. They all thanked Section IX for giving them a few minutes to introduce their programs. Mt. St. Mary College hopes to continue its relationship with Section IX Athletics.

Bob Thabet asked Ms. Toni Woody, Section IX President, to introduce the nominee for Superintendent Representative for the Section IX Athletic Council. Mrs. Woody introduced Mr. Ray Castelloni, Marlboro Central School District Superintendent. Mr. Castelloni spoke

about his involvement in athletics and his passion for student/athletes. Mr. Thabet welcomed Mr. Castelloni and thanked Mr. Don Andrews for service to Section IX Athletics. A vote on filling the position of Superintendent Representative will take place at the June 15, 2010 Athletic Council Meeting.

6. NYSPHSAA Representative – Mr. Robert Stulmaker  
Mr. Stulmaker reviewed the May 2010 NYSPHSAA Office Report. The report can be found on the Section IX Athletics website. The following items were covered.
  - A. Interschool scrimmages
  - B. Sportsmanship
  - C. Girls Lacrosse
  - D. Tennis
  - E. Football
  - F. Heat and Wind Chill Index
  - G. Jewelry Rule - Volleyball
  - H. Wrestling
  
7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe  
**See the complete report on the Section IX website.**
  - A. Mandatory Athletic Director Workshop
  - B. Sanctioning
  - C. Modified Athletics – Budget Options and Considerations  
Back to the Leagues for discussion.
  - D. Approved – In team sports, the best available officials from each section shall be selected. Assignments will not be made on a chapter by chapter or rotating basis.
  
8. Back from the Leagues
  - A. Sport Rules – NFHS rules for all sports  
MHAL – No  
OCIAA – What have the sport chairpeople said. C-D-E-F have been approved by NYSPHSAA.  
  
All Handbooks should list the Heat Index and Wind Chill Policy.
  
9. Chapter IX Distinguished Service Award – David Coates  
David Coates congratulated the representatives from Shop Rite in Middletown on receiving this year’s NYSAAA Award. Shop Rite has supported and formed a partnership with the school districts. Congratulations and thank you Shop Rite.
  
10. Championship Philosophy Committee – Mr. Dave Bernsley  
The complete report is in the Athletic Council folders and **can be found online at the Section IX website on the Bulletin Board.** Mr. Bernsley detailed a Power Point presentation outlining the Philosophy that the Committee supports. He reviewed quality vs. quantity, representation and the qualifying process. The following sports could see a change in the future:  
Cross Country – A reduction of 1 class (5 classes to 4 classes).  
Skiing – A reduction of 4 competitors in Alpine and Nordic.  
Swimming & Diving – Maximum of 32 competitors per event, maximum of 24 relay teams per event and a maximum of 24 competitors in diving.  
Indoor Track & Field – Allows a slight increase in participation.  
Outdoor Track & Field – Maximum of 20 competitors per event, per division, maximum of 16 relay teams per event per division.

The Committee Recommends:

- Quality vs. Quantity – participation opportunity range of 5 % to 8 %.
- Permits one representative per Section.
- Caps participation in all tournaments.
- At-large competitors – top statewide performers.
- Creates statewide consistency for qualifying athletes. The report and recommendation should go back to the leagues for discussion.

11. Spring Chair Reports:

a. Softball – Tom Cassata

The booklet with tournament information is online. The Point Card is done Monday, May 24, 2010. Information will be sent to the Athletic Directors.

b. Baseball - Dave Onusko

All forms are online. If anyone has a question they can get in touch with a committee member or call Dave. The sites of Kingston and New Paltz are set. The tournament dates are May 24 to May 30, 2010.

c. Boys Golf - Dick O’Neill

All information can be found online.

d. Girls Golf - Bill Earl

1<sup>st</sup> round of the tournament is completed. The nine NYSPHSAA representatives will be determined today, Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

e. Girls Lacrosse - Wendy Crandall

The seed meeting is Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

f. Boys Lacrosse - Bob Slate

The seed meeting is Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at Saugerties Jr. High School in Room 501.

g. Boys Tennis - Bob Siracuse

The tournament is set for Monday, May 24 and Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at SUNY New Paltz.

h. Track & Field - Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaud

Follow the guidelines that are in the handbook. If you have any questions contact the Chairpersons

12. Chair Reports

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

The surveys for the pilot programs are online. Please complete them as soon as possible.

- b. Safety – Janet Carey  
A discussion took place regarding Athletic Trainers. This is an important discussion item that NYSPHSAA will continue at the summer meeting.
- c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni  
A NYSPHSAA meeting will take place on Monday, May 24, 2010.
- d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett  
No report.
- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart  
No meeting after the Section IX Athletic Council Meeting.
- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch  
No report.

13. New Business:

Cheerleading – Bob Thabet introduced Cherie Ramsey and thanked her for working with Section IX Athletics. Motion to approve Cherie Ramsey as Section IX Cheerleading Chairperson was made by Frank Carrozza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Cassata. All in favor. Motion carried. Ms. Ramsey needed some input from the Athletic Council and Athletic Directors of Section IX regarding:

- A. Cheerleading as a sport
- B. Cheerleading Coaches Certification

The Athletic Council and Athletic Directors had a lot of questions and the discussion was very lively. It is apparent that there are more questions than answers at this time. Ms. Ramsey will be attending a NYSPHSAA meeting on Thursday, May 24, 2010 and will report back to the Athletic Council.

Mergers: Ellenville and Wawarsing Christian Academy for 2010-2011 in the following sports:

Boys and Girls Indoor Track	Softball
Boys and Girls Spring Track	Baseball
Boys and Girls Basketball	Wrestling
Boys and Girls Cross Country	Football
Girls Volleyball	Field Hockey

Motion to approve by Toni Woody, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Meoli. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Toni Woody, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Meoli, to approve the following mergers pending school district approval.

Highland and Marlboro	Girls Swimming
Highland and F.D.R.	Boys Swimming
F.D.R. and Rhinebeck	Football

All in favor. Motion carried.

Bob Thabet congratulated Pete Meoli on being chosen to receive the 2010 Dr. William Moran Service Award. The award presentation will take place on Tuesday, June 15, 2010.

Lee Molyneaux, Athletic Director from the Saugerties School District sent notification to the Section IX Athletic Council that Saugerties would not be participating in the Regional Girls Lacrosse Tournament for 2010.

14. Old Business:  
None.
15. Adjournment  
Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni Woody, to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Motion by John Landro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Carrozza, for the Athletic Council to move into Executive Session to discuss Section IX membership. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. at Orange County Park, 211 State Route 416, Montgomery, NY 12549

Respectfully submitted,

*James M. Osborne*

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