



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
Orange-Ulster BOCES - Tuesday, November 30, 2010

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet
All Athletic Council Members were present.
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. Audit Report – Bob Thabet
Bob Thabet did a survey of the eleven (11) sections of NYSPHSAA. He discussed with the sections their process and procedures. Mr. Thabet's recommendation is to complete an audit every three (3) years starting with this year and in the other years follow the current procedure. Motion to approve the recommendation by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Jim Wolfe. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - a. Section IX Agenda
 - b. Section IX Opening Balance
 - c. NYSPHSAA November 2010 Report
 - d. Dutchess County Athletics
 - e. BEDS numbers for 2011-2012 – Not Classification
 - f. Section IX Budget for 2011-2012
 - g. Job Descriptions – Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer
Back to the Leagues
 - h. Robert Thabet – Monthly Log
6. Approval of October 5, 2010 Minutes
Motion to approve by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Roberta Greene. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. NYSPHSAA Report – No Representative
8. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Review of the items for future consideration and feedback.

9. BEDS Numbers for 2011-2012 – Jim Osborne
The numbers reflect grades 9-10-11 plus ungraded. They do not reflect the possible re-classification of schools. The classification of schools reflects the effect of the Participation Survey.
10. Seeding Modification – Back from the Leagues
Motion by Doug Murphy, 2nd by John Landro to eliminate the Seeding Modification effective July 1, 2011. Vote - ten (10) Yes, five (5) No. Motion carried.
11. Section IX Budget 2011-2012
Jim Osborne reviewed the changes that were presented to the Leagues. Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Ray Castellani. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Job Descriptions Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer –
Bob Thabet reported the Auditor recommended that the Section establish job descriptions for the listed positions. Back to the Leagues.
13. NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer Championship – Pete Ferguson
Mr. Ferguson thanked all those who made the Tournament so successful: the Middletown staff, Anaconda Sports, the volunteers, Washingtonville and Middletown ROTC, May Kay Messenger, the Athletic Coordinator's Office Staff and Rory Becker. Mr. Ferguson thanked the Committee of David Coates, Diane Wanser, Tony Martelli and Jim Osborne. Bob Thabet stated he was very impressed with the overall Tournament Organization. David Coates thanked all who supported the Tournament. Motion by Don Andrews, 2nd by Ray Castellani to support the Soccer Committee in seeking the bid to host the 2012-13-14 Boys Soccer Championship. Approval would be contingent on the Committee getting support and approval from the Middletown School District. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Sportsmanship Presentation – Glen Maisch
Given by the Chairperson, Mr. Maisch, it was discussed that Sportsmanship starts with the parents, community and coaches. Mr. Maisch reported on the surveys conducted by the Josephson Institute. Participation and sportsmanship develop citizenship. The NYSPHSAA is promoting the Good Sports Program for all the school districts to participate. The promotion of sportsmanship should be one of the top priorities of any athletic program. Mr. Maisch presented awards to the school districts of Section IX. Mr. Brian Devincenzi talked about the athletes helping athletes program at Millbrook High School. Mr. Chris Trieste reviewed the development of good sportsmanship.
Sportsmanship – Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive.
15. Friend and Neighbor Status – West Point Middle School – Bob Thabet
Motion to approve West Point Middle School as a Friend and Neighbor of Section IX and NYSPHSAA was made by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Baseball Request – Dave Onusko
Mr. Onusko asked for support and direction regarding school districts participating in “Standing Up for Cancer” program. Baseball teams during the season would be participating. Questions regarding contributions were asked. Back to the Leagues.

17. Fall Chair Reports:

a. Cross Country – Jim Glover and Steve Loturco

Jim Glover will send report to be online. Section IX Team Champions: Girls AA – Monroe-Woodbury, A – Cornwall, B – Onteora, C – Rhinebeck, D – John Coleman
Boys AA – Warwick, A – Cornwall, B – New Paltz, C – Rhinebeck, D – S.S. Seward

Mr. Glover also discussed the Championship Philosophy Committee and the uniform option by Sections.

b. Football – Dave Coates and Glen Maisch

The Chairmen thanked John Ford and the playoff venues of Middletown and Dietz Stadium for the very successful contests that were held. Winners:

Class AA – Monroe-Woodbury, A – Wallkill, B – New Paltz, C – Millbrook, D - Chester

c. Boys Soccer – Pete Ferguson

Mr. Ferguson thanked the Committee, the Middletown School District and Mr. Coates for the excellent running of the Tournament. Class AA – NFA, Class A – Goshen (NYS Semi Finalist), B – John S. Burke Catholic High School (NYS Finalist), C – Webutuck, D – Chapel Field

d. Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser

Ms. Wanser thanked the Committee, Mr. Coates and the Middletown School District, Chris Townsend and the Newburgh School District for hosting the Sectional & Regional contests. The hospitality and organization was fantastic. Sectional Champions: AA – Minisink Valley, A – Cornwall, B – Highland, C – S.S. Seward, D – John Coleman
S.S. Seward won the Regional Championship and advanced to the NYS Semi Finals.

e. Field Hockey – C.J. Bull-Knuth

The report was filed by the Chairperson and given by Harold Fried, Athletic Director at Pine Bush. C.J. Bull-Knuth supplied the Athletic Council with two proposals regarding the 2011 MHAL and Section IX post season field hockey games. The Athletic Council instructed C.J. Bull-Knuth to have her committee meet to review the proposals submitted and determine the site for 2011.

f. Girls Swimming – Pat Ryan

Mr. Ryan congratulated the Section IX Champion, Newburgh Free Academy. The full report can be found on the Section IX website.

g. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco

Report filed with the Section IX Secretary.

h. Volleyball – Toni Woody

Mrs. Woody congratulated the Section IX winners, especially, Cornwall who participated in the NYS Tournament. Mrs. Woody thanked Mr. Erik Hart and SUNY New Paltz for their excellent facility.

18. Winter Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls Basketball – Ken Rubino
 - b. Boys Basketball – Fred Ahart
Mr. Ahart reported the Section IX booklet is online. If you have any questions please contact a Sectional representative.
 - c. Ice Hockey – Paul Bacsardi
No report.
 - d. Girls & Boys Indoor Track – Mike White
The Developmental Meets have begun. The booklet will be online this week.
 - e. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner
The post season meet schedule was presented with the definition of a scrimmage listed.
 - f. Wrestling – Jeff Cuiilty
Mr. Mike Kroemer discussed Modified Wrestling – request for approval to have a 30 second overtime period if the score is tied after regulation. Motion by John Landro, 2nd by Tim Bult to approve. Vote - ten (10) Yes, five (5) No. Motion carried. **The Leagues MHAL and OCIAA have to approve to be used during League Competition.** Mike Kroemer also reviewed the topics of Sectional uniforms and the 20 point maximum rule.
 - g. Gymnastics – Lee Ann Digsby
Ms. Digsby reviewed the preseason coaches’ meeting that took place on November 3, 2010. The Rules Interpreter, Pat Tosi gave an overview of the rules and regulations. Ms. Digsby requested approval from the Athletic council to revise the qualifying scores. Motion by Ray Castellani, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried. Ms. Digsby asked for clarification on the procedure for independents. The Onteora and O’Neill School Districts have expressed interest in having individuals participate. The Onteora School District has moved forward with establishing a team of 1 (one) to participate. Section IX could host the 2012 NYS Tournament but, Ms. Digsby stated Shaker High School, Section II would be a more centralized site.
 - h. Nordic Skiing – Jon Stern
No report.
 - i. Alpine Skiing – Janet Carey
Schedule and report information are online.
 - j. Girls Bowling – Erena O’Brien
 - k. Boys Bowling – Theresa Eckert
The coaches have the handbook and information is posted online.
19. Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Brian Devincenzi & Helenanne Gillinder
Report is online. Section IX supports the mercy rule for baseball and softball, also action item on volleyball libero.

b. Safety – Janet Carey

Mrs. Carey discussed the Sectional concerns of helmets in girls' lacrosse, NFHS rule for track and field vs. NYSPHSAA jewelry rule. The other concern dealt with the Safety Committee and the safety mandate.

c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni

Minutes of the committee meeting are online. Mr. Lanzoni reported that John Underwood will be scheduling a conference on January 26, 2011. More details to follow.

d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett

Mr. Burkett asked Athletic Directors and Sports Chairpersons to review the current contract and contact him with questions or concerns. Negotiations will begin in January 2011.

e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart

The committee needs to meet after the Athletic Council Meeting. The Eligibility Coordinator has discussed by conference call dual credit college courses. Mr. Ahart is looking for details from NYSPHSAA. Mr. Adam Kless asked for a clarification of courses that are only taught in public schools.

f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch

Mr. Maisch did an excellent presentation. Minutes of the last meeting can be found online.

20. New Business

a. Mr. Thabet has received a thank you from Frank Carrozza to the Athletic Council.

b. Mergers:

Motion to approve the merger of Eldred and Fallsburg in Wrestling. Motion by Bob Siracuse, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the merger of Roscoe and Livingston Manor for Girls Basketball. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Mixed Competition:

The NYSPHSAA requires that the names of girls and boys who participate on a team of the opposite sex be submitted to the league and section before any interschool contest in that sport.

d. Executive Director Log

Motion by Bob Siracuse, 2nd by Ray Castellani, to approve October calendar of events.

e. Unsportsmanlike Conduct Rule:

Mr. Thabet requested that Jim Osborne send to each Sport Chairperson a copy of the Section IX Unsportsmanlike Conduct Rule. This rule needs to be placed in each Sport Handbook.

f. Motion made by Tim Bult to request NYSPHSAA allow a pink basketball that is NFHS approved to be used in basketball contests during the month of February in support of Cancer Awareness. 2nd by Al Wojtaszek. All in favor. Motion carried.

g. Mr. Bruce Guyette – Softball

Mr. Guyette thanked Mr. Steve Boucher, Athletic Director from Rhinebeck, for accepting to become Co-Chair of Section IX Softball.

Mr. Guyette also discussed the survey for Modified Softball and asked the Athletic Directors to complete the survey.

Items of interest from the New York State Softball Committee:

- Pitching distance change to 43 feet for both JV and Varsity
- Use of metal cleats
- Mr. Guyette reported Section IX Softball is in favor of the pitching distance but not in favor of metal cleats.
- The New York State Softball Committee is unanimously opposed to a rule change from ASA to NFHS.

21. Old Business:

Mr. Thabet discussed the memo from Dr. Lloyd Jaeger on behalf of the Dutchess County Superintendents. Section IX has not received any applications but in Dr. Jaeger's memo he stated that they look forward to reconvening discussions in the near future.

22. Motion by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Dennis Burkett, to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at Wallkill High School at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

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