



# ***SECTION IX ATHLETICS***

**Robert Thabet, Executive Director**

Section IX Athletics  
Minutes  
Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Tuesday, April 8, 2008

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet at 9:30 a.m.  
All members present except: Mr. Don Andrews
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Financial Report was given by Jim Osborne.  
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Siracuse. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Approval of March 4, 2008 Minutes that was distributed to the Athletic Council, Athletic Directors and Sports Chairpersons.  
Motion to approve by Pete Meoli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. NYSPHSAA Report – Nina Van Erk, Executive Director, NYSPHSAA.  
The April 2008 NYSPHSAA Report will be e-mailed to Section IX and posted on the website. Ms. Van Erk congratulated Section IX for the soon to be inducted Dr. William Moran into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place on August 6, 2008 at the Rye Hilton. Bob Thabet thanked Tony Argulewicz for his hard work in getting Dr. Moran's application together.
6. Volleyball Linespeople – In a motion by Frank Carrozza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Corvino to request from NYSPHSAA a waiver not to use linespeople during league play. All in favor, except Toni Woody. Motion carried.
7. Wrestling – Competition twice in a Regular Dual Meet – Jeff Culty reviewed the proposal presented to the Athletic Council and discussed by the leagues. Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Baseball – Proposed two-day NYSPHSAA Championship – Dave Onusko reviewed the proposal presented to the Athletic Council and discussed by the leagues. Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Carrozza. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. NYSPHSAA Regulations: The OCIAA is not in favor of any changes to the current NYSPHSAA Regulations. The possibility of problems with unions, coaches, and budget problems were discussed at the league level. Ms. Van Erk is looking for input regarding Regulations and Penalties. Please provide specific items regarding consequences for violations. Bob Thabet asked to have the topic put on the agenda for the next Section IX meeting.

10. Classification of Non-Public Schools Committee Meeting – Minutes of the meeting were reviewed by Bob Siracuse. Jeff Hartman asked if NYSPHSAA or any section had someone who does investigations. Ms. Van Erk replied that a complaint should be made to the Section if a school district believes there has been any recruitment or undue influence. Bob Thabet stated Section IX does not have the problems or concerns that other sections seem to have.
  
11. Procedures for weather delays or cancellations – Dennis Burkett expressed concerns regarding team vs. individual sports. Also teams advancing into the State Tournament. Bob Thabet will talk to Dennis Burkett and Frank Carrozza regarding procedures. Frank Carrozza stated the OCIAA is in favor of the Executive Director or his/her designee making the final decision on delays or cancellations for sports that involve a group of Section IX schools. If two schools are competing against each other the athletic directors will work out the delay or cancellation procedure.
  
12. Hudson Valley Asthma Coalition – Glen Maisch will keep Section IX informed of developments. Refer to handout for additional information.
  
13. Winter Chair Reports:
  - a. Wrestling – Jeff Culty reported the Division I & II Tournaments were very successful. The participation and attendance was outstanding. Mr. Culty commended Pete Watkins, Highland and George St. Lawrence, Monroe-Woodbury, for the excellent job of hosting the Division II & Division I Tournaments. The Division Champions were:
 

Division I	Newburgh	Division III	Cornwall
Division II	Port Jervis	Division IV	Red Hook

 The Section IX Duals had 22 school districts participate in the Tournament with Monroe-Woodbury defeating Port Jervis to be the Champion.  
 Items that need to be resolved by Section IX.
    1. Competing Twice in a Regular Dual Meet – approved by the Athletic Council
    2. Regional Concept – Section IX Athletic Council is Not in favor.
    3. NYS Dual Meet Championship Tournament - Refer to handout. To be discussed by the leagues for implementation in 2009-2010. In 2008-2009 Jeff would like to propose the Division II teams wrestle each other for a Section IX Division II Dual Meet Champion. The winner of Division II would be bracketed into day three of Section IX Duals.
    4. Sectional – Double Entry for 2008-2009 – Refer to handout. To be discussed by the leagues. This would allow one (1) additional Sectional entry for each team. You would be able to enter 16 wrestlers in any combination as long as you DO NOT exceed two per weight class. Each team would be allowed one additional Sectional entry. Jim Osborne asked about the financial costs related to the Dual Meet Championship and extra entries for the Section IX Tournament. Dennis Burkett discussed the contract changes that would need to take place and how he would need time to review the tournament format and talk to the Officials Association.
  - b. Section IX Nordic Ski Report – Refer to copy.
  
14. Spring Chair Reports:
 

Baseball – Dave Onusko discussed the promotion of an exceptional senior game between Sections I and IX. Section IX does not promote exceptional senior contests. Dave reported the Section IX Baseball book is on-line.

#### Boys Lacrosse - Bill Miller

Updates with information regarding rosters and photos are on-line. Mr. Miller discussed the problems with the uniform regulation. Section IX has requested a waiver for 2008. Ms. Van Erk will review the request and report back to Section IX. Until the waiver is heard and reviewed, teams will follow the rulebook. The penalty for this violation is alternate possession.

#### Boys Tennis – Bob Siracuse

All information is on-line.

Track and Field – Joe Iatauro reported all information is on-line. Questions regarding the discus cage were asked especially concerning using chain link vs. mesh type of fencing. Mr. Iatauro asked to have the leagues discuss a revision to the Track Proposal regarding Division I and Division II standards. The new proposal would be to keep Division I standards the same as they are now. Division II standards would possibly change. The change for Division II would be the average of the last 3 years 6<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Fall Chair Report – Mr. Tony Martelli and Ms. Diane Wanser reported on the Boys and Girls Soccer overtime procedures. Refer to handout. Motion to approve Boys Soccer Overtime Procedures and Girls Soccer Overtime Procedures by Robbie Greene, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Wolfe. All in favor. Motion carried.

### 15. Spring Chair Reports

- a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports – Brian Devincenzi  
Refer to handout regarding State Meeting Summary. Back to the leagues for discussion. A draft has been proposed to increase the number of team and individual contests.
- b. Safety – Janet Carey  
Concussion Management Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2008. Registration will start at 8:00 a.m. The site is Wallkill High School Auditorium. The workshop will replace the mandated Health Science Workshop that the Sections need to do each year. Registration information will follow.
- c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni  
The Chemical Health Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2008 registration is at 8:00 a.m. the site is Wallkill High School Auditorium. Check the Section IX website for application.
- d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett – No Report
- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart  
The Committee will meet after the Athletic Council Meeting. Mr. Ahart will be attending a NYSPHSAA meeting regarding Transfer & Eligibility on May 8, 2008.
- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch  
The deadline for the NYSPHSAA Good Sports Program is April 15, 2008. Glenn outlined the program and handed out information. Athletic Directors can go to the NYSPHSAA website for details and to fill out the application.

16. New Business:

1. Robbie Greene term of office as Female Representative to NYSPHSAA expires June 30, 2008. If anyone is interested contact Nomination Chairperson Bob Siracuse. Ms. Greene is interested in serving another term.
2. Congratulations Monticello High School Scholar/Athlete Team Champion for Girls Skiing 2008-2009.
3. Mergers for 2008-2009  
Motion to approve Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Meoli  
Ellenville and Wawarsing Christian Academy in the following sports:  
Boys/Girls Indoor Track, Boys/Girls Spring Track, Wrestling, Boys/Girls Basketball, Softball and Baseball.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni Woody  
F.D. Roosevelt High School and Rhinebeck High School in Football. F.D. Roosevelt High School and Highland High School in Boys Swimming. All in favor. Motion carried.

Port Jervis Athletic Director Bob Corvino reported his Boys Golf Team will have two girls on the team Sarah MacDonald and Kathleen Cronk.

Selection Classification – Athletic Directors should be using the official notification form – Attachment H. to report all qualified students.

Nominations for the 2008 Dr. William Moran Award are being accepted. Jim Osborne will speak to the Sullivan County athletic directors regarding nominations. If you have someone's name to submit please contact Al Wojtaszek.

Mr. Al Wojtaszek congratulated Athletic Directors, Dennis Burkett, Joe Iatauro and Bill Spanjer on their service awards.

Ms. Roberta Greene asked Ms. Nina Van Erk to review mergers and comment on "Teams of One" Ms. Van Erk reviewed the definition of a competitor as stated in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. The creation of team by a school district, even if it is one student/athlete is an opportunity for everyone in the school district. A school district must approve a program that they the school district is sponsoring a team. This team must have a uniform, budget, transportation, approved coach and follow all the Rules/Regulations of the Section & NYSPHSAA.

The creation of a team by a school district is different than having teams merge. Ms. Van Erk asked if anyone needed further help with this topic.

The next Section IX meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2008 at Hudson Hall, Mt. St. Mary College.

Motion to approve adjournment by Jim Wolfe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Osborne  
OCIAA Athletic Coordinator