



# ***SECTION IX ATHLETICS***

**Robert Thabet, Executive Director**

Section IX Athletics  
Minutes  
Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Wednesday, May 21, 2008

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet

All members present except: Bob Siracuse and Dave Franskevicz

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet

Bob Thabet introduced Mr. John Wright, Athletic Director at Mt. St. Mary College. Mr. Wright addressed the Athletic Council reviewing the Athletic and Academic programs at the college. The Mount competes in the Skyline Conference, NCAA Division III. Mr. Thabet thanked the Mount and Mr. Wright for hosting the Athletic Council Meeting. He stated the Mount would be a great place to send your student-athletes.

Bob asked Don Andrews to introduce the new Athletic Director at Saugerties. Mr. Ron Agostinoni.

3. Financial Report - Jim Osborne.

Refer to handout. Motion to approve by Pete Meoli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Wolfe. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approval of April 8, 2008 Minutes

Minutes e-mailed to Athletic Council, Athletic Directors and Chairpersons and can be found on the Section IX website. This would include the handouts and necessary forms. Motion to approve by John Landro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Carrozza. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Times Herald Record – Matt Pepin, Sports Editor

Discussed Varsity 845 and the promotion or sponsorship of Section IX sports. In the future the Times Herald Record will have a registration process and identity procedure for Varsity 845. These standards for the message board should help. The Times Herald Record is looking to expand its coverage to include schools outside its current distribution area. Mr. Pepin discussed hazing and negative comments. He asked Athletic Directors to contact him at (845) 346-3189 or (845) 692-2102 with your concerns and problems. A questionnaire was distributed and the Times Herald Record staff is preparing information for the coaches – A How To Guide.

6. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Refer to Handout

The Fall Athletic Directors Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2008.

Registration is 8:00 a.m. at Wallkill High School. The program will begin with Glen Maisch concerning Sportsmanship, followed by Nina Van Erk workshop with Athletic Directors. Lunch will follow and then Ms. Van Erk will meet with the new Athletic Directors.

7. NYSPHSAA Meeting – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe

Refer to handout and Section IX website. A summary of the Spring NYSPHSAA meeting follows:

- A. NCAA Eligibility Center – [ec-clientrelations@ncaa.org](mailto:ec-clientrelations@ncaa.org)
  - B. CSIET Advisory list – [www.sciet.org](http://www.sciet.org)
  - C. Outside Agency approval application
  - D. Action Items:
    - Wrestling and Outdoor Track Proposals – Approved
    - Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving Proposal – Approved
    - Boys and Girls Soccer Overtime Procedures – Approved
  - E. Very Important – SED Report – Ms. Kocialski  
Please review Legislative Resolution Update on Physical Education Compliance, Coaching qualification and Selection Classification. Refer to Handout.
  - F. Membership and Classification Implementation Committee
    - Item 1 – NYSPHSAA motion to approve concept for October review.
    - Item 2 and 3 – NYSPHSAA motion to postpone until Classification of Non-Public Schools Committee final report is received.
    - Item 4 – The elimination of Friend and Neighbor status at the high school level. The leagues needs to discuss and be prepared to vote at the June 10, 2008 Athletic Council Meeting.
  - G. Modified Sports – Need leagues input for June 10, 2008 Athletic Council Meeting on changing the modified sports standards increasing the team and individual maximum number of contests.
    - Modified Wrestling – Need league input on reducing the rest period from one hour to 45 minutes between bouts.
  - H. Concussion Management Workshop  
June 5, 2008. Registration is 8:00 a.m. at Wallkill High School Auditorium.
8. Revised Meeting Date – Bob Thabet asked everyone to change their meeting date calendar from May 13, 2009 to May 20, 2009.
9. Section IX Sports – Bob Thabet had asked the MHAL and OCIAA to look into a transition plan for the future. The Executive Director position is more demanding today than yesterday. In the meeting that Mr. Thabet had scheduled with representatives from the MHAL and OCIAA he asked both leagues to consider the future. The OCIAA outlined what sports teams alignment might look like if we had Section IX sports. The MHAL was interested in more competition between the leagues.

The outcome of the meeting came down to the fact that we have three leagues they are MHAL, OCIAA and Section IX.

Mr. Andrews asked to speak about Section IX sports and the Secretary position. He stated the position is rightfully the MHAL and if Dr. Moran was available to speak with the members of the Athletic Council he, Dr. Moran, would be making that statement. If the

position is not given to the MHAL it would be a major deterrent for Section IX. The MHAL does not want a Sectional League.

10. NYSPHSAA Regulations and Consequences – Bob Thabet  
Ms. Nina Van Erk, Executive Director, NYSPHSAA, would like feedback from the Athletic Directors. Refer to handout.
11. NYSPHSAA Membership and Classification Meeting – Toni Woody  
Mrs. Woody reviewed the minutes of the meeting with the Athletic Council. Section IX Athletic Council needs input from the leagues regarding Item # 4 Friend and Neighbor – high school level.
12. Procedures for weather delays or cancellations. Bob Thabet  
Bob read his statement regarding the procedures he would like the leagues to discuss. Please review the handout with the leagues bringing back their concerns to the June 10, 2008 Athletic Council Meeting.
13. Girls Soccer Regional Brackets – Diane Wanser  
Diane reviewed the match-ups for the Class B Brackets 2008. Diane also discussed the Hall of Fame All Star Game. If anyone has questions they can contact wither Diane or Pete Ferguson.
14. New York State Wrestling Dual Meet Championship – Jeff Cuiilty  
Jeff reported the format would change this year. The first day of competition would be for Division II schools, the second day would include the Division II winner competing against the Division I schools. The Semi Finals and Finals would be scheduled for the third day of competition. Motion to approve by Jeff Hartman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Meoli. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. Section IX Double Entry for 2008-2009 – Jeff Cuiilty  
Jeff reviewed the proposal with the Athletic Council. Dennis Burkett discussed the possible financial implications.  
  
Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Wojtaszek to approve the proposal as a (1) one year experiment for 2008-2009. The Athletic Council will then review the program.
16. The Awards Committee has selected Mr. Rick D’Addio, former Newburgh Athletic Director as this year’s recipient. In a motion by Bob Corvino, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Carrozza, to invite former award winners to attend each year’s ceremony. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Nominating Committee – Bob Siracuse  
Bob Thabet referred this agenda item to new business.
18. Spring Chairs Reports
  - a. Softball – Bruce Guyette  
Point Cards are to be submitted and any information you need is on-line.
  - b. Baseball – Dave Onusko

Seed meeting is Tuesday, May 27, 2008. The games will begin Thursday, May 29, 2008.

- c. Boys Golf – Dick O’Neill – No report
- d. Girls Golf – Bill Earl – No report
- e. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall – No report
- f. Boys Lacrosse – Bill Miller

The seed meeting is scheduled to be at Burke Catholic High School Friday, May 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The tournament begins Thursday, May 29, 2008.

- g. Boys Tennis – Bob Siracuse – No report
- h. Track and Field – Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaud  
Information is on-line. If you have issues or questions please contact either chairpersons.

#### 19. Chair Reports:

- a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports – Heather Carman and Brian Devincenzi  
Increase in team and individual contests. Need league input.
- b. Safety Committee – Janet Carey  
Concussion Management Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2008 at Wallkill High School. Registration is at 8:00 a.m.  
The committee also discussed the following topics: head gear for soccer, Softball metal cleats, mouth guards, protective eye wear, drug testing and turf fields. The committee also discussed head gear for girls lacrosse. If you have any questions contact Janet.
- c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni  
Marco e-mailed his report to the Athletic Council. Next year’s workshop will be titled “Putting It All Together” If anyone has suggestions and/or comments contact him at [marco.lanzoni@spackenkillschools.org](mailto:marco.lanzoni@spackenkillschools.org)
- d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett  
At the OCF meeting the Committee discussed a code of ethics for officials and the liability problems for officers and directors.
- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart  
Fred attended a meeting at NYSPHSAA that was beneficial to the Section Coordinators. They exchanged ideas and discussed the problems Sections are having regarding eligibility issues.
- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch  
Congratulations to Spackenkill High School. They were chosen as one of two schools throughout New York State to be recognized as having an exemplary sportsmanship program.

#### 20. New Business

Merger – Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Hartman to approve the merger of Tri-Valley and Fallsburg in the following sports for 2008-2009: Girls Tennis, Girls and Boys Alpine Skiing, Boys Tennis and Girls Golf.

Boys Basketball – Fred Ahart distributed rule changes for 2008-2009. At the Committee Meeting they discussed 3-man officiating for 2008-2009 which is supported by Ms. Nina Van Erk, NYSPHSAA Executive Director.

Nominating Committee – Bob Thabet

Motion by Al Wojtaszek, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Carrozza, to approve Ms. Roberta Greene as Section IX Female Representative to NYSPHSAA. All in favor. Motion carried.

Section IX Secretary position – Bob Thabet distributed ballots to the Athletic Council. The results of the vote are: Mr. Bill Hecht 6 Mr. Jim Osborne 7 with 2 abstentions. Since no one received the necessary two-thirds vote of ten the situation will remain the same until the next vote is taken.

21. Old Business

No report.

22. Adjournment

Next meeting date: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at the Walkill Golf Club at 8:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by Frank Carrozza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Corvino. All in favor. Motion carried.