



# **SECTION IX ATHLETICS**

**Robert Thabet, Executive Director**

Section IX Athletics  
Tuesday, September 9, 2008  
Ulster BOCES at 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet at 9:30 a.m.

All members present except: Antonia Woody

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet

3. Financial Report - Jim Osborne

Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Meoli. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approval of June 10, 2008 Minutes

Motion to approve by Al Wojtaszek, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Carrozza. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. NYSPHSAA – Bob Stulmaker, Assistant Director

Mr. Stulmaker reviewed the NYSPHSAA September Office Report. He highlighted the September 18, 2008 Athletic Director Workshop, the October 30, 2008 Wrestling Coaching Clinic and the deadline date for the Fall Scholar Athlete program of Friday, December 5, 2008.

6. NYSPHSAA Mandated Athletic Director Workshop, Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. at Wallkill High School. All athletic directors should be registered.

7. NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe

Should selectively classified students be included in the Transfer Rule? Back to the leagues for discussion. Fred Ahart believes there are issues with record keeping. Roberta Greene discussed that this issue was very important to the Sections of Central New York. John Landro discussed the paperwork that would be involved with this issue. Jim Wolfe asked does Section IX want to get involved.

8. Spackenkill NYS Good Sports Award Winner

Bob Thabet congratulated Marco Lanzoni, Athletic Director of Spackenkill High School. Only two high schools in New York State received this honor. Glen Maisch also congratulated Wallkill High School and Athletic Director, Jeff Hartman on receiving a NYS Good Sports plaque.

9. Web casting Sectional Championship – Bob Thabet

Total Webcasting Inc. has made a proposal to Section IX regarding webcasting selected Section IX Boys and Girls Championships. The issues of exclusive rights and the availability of technical support was discussed by the Athletic Council. Bob Thabet requests

the Section IX Chairpersons and the Sports Committees meet to review and discuss this topic.

10. Section IX Football Chairperson- Bob Thabet

Motion by Bob Siracuse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Landro, to accept the nomination of David Coates, Middletown Athletic Director as Section IX Football Chairperson starting in 2009. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Hartman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Andrews, to accept the nomination of Glen Maisch, Kingston Athletic Director as Section IX Football Assistant Chairperson starting in 2009. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Modified Sports Chairperson – Need League Input

Motion to accept the resignation of Heather Carman as Chairperson made by Pete Meoli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried. Section IX is looking for a Chairperson to fill this position.

12. Boys Lacrosse – Bill Miller

A handout was given to the Athletic Council regarding a proposed realignment. Mr. Miller asked that the athletic directors discuss the alignment and for the topic be put on the October Section IX Agenda for a vote. The Chairperson and coaches are not in favor of the realignment. Mr. Miller also asked for the support of the Athletic Council regarding rotating the bye when Section IX plays Section I and II. Ms. Greene reported the difficulty in changing the format that has been used for years. Mr. Hartman stated that it is not logical that what is fair could be voted down. He asked Mr. Stulmaker where is the oversight by NYSPHSAA. Mr. Stulmaker stated he has talked to the State Chairperson, Mr. Tom Hall and Mr. Miller regarding the situation. The issue will be placed on the Boys Lacrosse Agenda next meeting. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Hartman for NYSPHSAA to review the bye procedure between Sections I, II, and IX. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Soccer – Team Yellow Card – League discussion

The issue does not have the support from either league. The current yellow card policy is working.

14. Heat Index Policy – League discussion

The issue does not have the support from either league at this time. The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee will be reviewing this topic.

15. Ambulances at Section IX Championship Sites – Leagues

The leagues feel that following the current NYSPHSAA Handbook regarding this issue has worked well.

16. Procedures for Weather Delays or Cancellations – Bob Thabet

Mr. Thabet reviewed the handout given to the Athletic Council. Motion to approve the procedure as presented was made by Frank Carrozza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Wojtaszek. All in favor. Motion carried. Section IX Sports Chairpersons should add the procedure for weather delays or cancellations to their Handbook.

## 17. Fall Chair Reports

- a. Cross Country – Jim Glover and Steve Loturco  
The Section IX website has all the information for the Section IX and NYSPHSAA Championship Meet. Athletic directors and coaches need to make sure all invitationals have been sanctioned.
- b. Football – John Ford  
No report.
- c. Soccer – Boys - Pete Ferguson  
All shin guards must be NOCASE approved. Ankle guards are not mandated.
- d. Soccer – Diane Wanser  
Overtime procedures were reviewed and athletic directors should note that contests had to be scheduled on Halloween.
- e. Girls Swimming – Pat Ryan  
Sectional Championship at Valley Central on November 6, 7, 8, 2008. Mr. Ryan thanked Valley Central for allowing Middletown and Washingtonville pool time for practice since their site was under repair.
- f. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco  
No report.
- g. Volleyball – Ken Rubino  
Mrs. Barbarash reporting for volleyball stated all information is online.
- h. Field Hockey – Linda Krause  
Mrs. Krause reported all information will be online. Goggles are mandated and changes to the uniform rule take place in 2011.

## 18. Chair Reports:

- a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports – Brian Devincenzi  
The committee meets in October.
- b. Safety Committee – Janet Carey  
Mrs. Carey discussed the hydration DVD and the Concussion Management Workshop. The Safety Committee meets in October 2008
- c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni  
The date for the Mandated Workshop has been set for Wednesday, April 22, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at Wallkill High School.
- d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett  
The problem with the soccer officials has been worked out. All contests and scrimmages using officials by the school districts must go through the assignor.

- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart  
Meeting of the Committee after the meeting.
- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch  
Mr. Glen Maisch congratulated Spackenkill and Wallkill. He reminded all Athletic Directors about the Mandated Workshop on September 18, 2008.

#### 19. New Business

Mr. Thabet read the correspondence from Nugent & Haeussler. “All the information that we reviewed was in good order and no discrepancies were discovered. Based upon our review, we are happy to report that all of the books and records of the organization are in good shape and we recommend that all current procedures being used by the organization stay in place.”

Mr. George St. Lawrence requested Mr. Ron Montalto’s name be nominated for the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame. Motion by Frank Carrozza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Glen Maisch requested Mr. Tony Badalato’s name be nominated for the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame. Motion by Pete Meoli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Hartman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Wolfe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Wojtaszek, to approve West Point Middle School as Friend and Neighbor. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Osborne reminded the athletic directors that all athletes participating under the mixed competition rule must have the names of those participants submitted to the league and section before any interschool contest in that sport.

Mr. Fred Ahart reviewed Mr. Al Wojtaszek’s retirement ceremony.

Mr. Frank Carrozza presented to the Athletic Council the Class B Softball Regional format. This format follows Class C with Section I vs. IX and VIII vs. XI at the same site with the winners playing immediately after the contest to decide the NYSPHSAA Regional representative. Motion by John Landro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Eric McLaud asked to have the jewelry rule modified for Cross Country and Track to allow watches to be worn by the participants at practices and meets. Motion by Jim Wolfe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Andrews. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Pete Meoli stated Highland is looking for JV girls soccer games.

Mr. Glen Maisch asked all the Chairpersons and Athletic Council to consider sharing on a rotating basis Sectional and Regional contests.

Mr. Osborne reported on the e-mail from Patricia Kocialski regarding the Theory and Techniques Coaching Course.

Motion by Bob Siracuse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Meoli, to approve the sites for 2008-2009 as presented by the Section IX Chairpersons. All in favor. Motion carried.

20. Old Business

None reported.

21. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Al Wojtaszek, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Ahart. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at Goshen Central School District Administration Building at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne  
Section IX Athletics

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Attachments