



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
Marlboro High School
Tuesday, April 16, 2013

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet
All members were present except: Roberta Greene, Don Andrews and Tim Bult
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Doug Murphy, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - A. Section IX opening and closing balance
 - B. Section IX Athletics Gate Receipts Procedure
 - C. NYSPHSAA Synopsis of Actions & Executive Committee Minutes
 - D. Section IX Athletics – Application for Combining of Teams
 - E. Application for NYSPHSAA Membership
 - F. Section IX Nominations for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015
 - G. Volunteer Application for 2013 Girls & Boys NYSPHSAA Track & Field
5. Approval of March 5, 2013 Minutes
Motion to approve by Ray Castellani, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Review report in Athletic Council folder or on-line.

Robert Zayas, Executive Director, NYSPHSAA

Mr. Zayas talked about meeting with all the members of the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee by visiting the 11 Sections of NYSPHSAA. Mr. Zayas has met with Section IX Superintendent Representative Ray Castellani, Female Representative Roberta Greene and Male Representative Jim Wolfe. Other topics Mr. Zayas reviewed were:

- A. Restructure of the NYSPHSAA office staff and adding a Media Content Coordinator position.
- B. Website development
- C. SED topics: NFHS course on Concussion Management, the problems and issues of mixed competition and selection classification.
- D. Awards and equity at the NYSPHSAA Championships
- E. Contract with Time Warner and revenue sharing

- F. NYSPHSAA is in compliance with all state and federal regulations with regard to auditing and reporting forms.
7. Combining of Teams – Back from the Leagues
Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Doug Murphy, to approve the application process with the following change – page 3 - Letter of Intent
Fall date to coincide with the NYSPHSAA approval of the classification numbers. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Regina Coeli Application for Membership – Back from the Leagues
Dennis Burkett discussed his conversation with a Regina Coeli representative regarding merging programs with F.D.R. Athletic Director Amy McArdle-Rausenberger stated no official communication has occurred with Regina Coeli. The Section IX Athletic Council took no action regarding the application for membership of Regina Coeli.
9. Approval of the Family School (Section IX) with Hancock (Section IV) for Baseball all levels in 2013. Motion by John Landro, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. Section IX Terms of Office 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 – John Landro
Motion by Doug Murphy to approve the people and positions as presented to the Section IX Athletic Council, 2nd by Dave Bernsley. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. Winter Chair Reports:
- a. Girls Basketball – Steve Boucher and Tom Cassata
Request to change the Regional NYSPHSAA Basketball format. The change for Regionals would begin in 2013-2014. The change would be Section IX vs. Section IV and Section II vs. Section X. Back to the Leagues.
- b. Boys Basketball – Fred Ahart
Congratulations to NYSPHSAA participants: Boys Class C - Pine Plains and Class A – Burke Catholic. Girls Class D – Livingston Manor
- c. Cheerleading – Cherie Ramsey
Secretary Jim Osborne reviewed the recent Cheerleading Committee meeting. The East-West Invitational 2012-2013 was very successful.
1. The Cheerleading Committee requested NYSPHSAA to ask the New York State Education Department to recognize Cheerleading as a sport for 2013-2014. Back to the Leagues.
 2. If SED does not move forward with the NYSPHSAA request than the Cheerleading Committee requests the NYSPHSAA Central Committee to vote to approve Cheerleading as a sport using the recommended guidelines from the Cheerleading Committee. Back to the Leagues.
 3. Request the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approve for 2013-2014 an East-West Invitational. Back to the Leagues.

Robert Zayas will be meeting with New York State Education Department to discuss recognizing Cheerleading as a sport. Doug Murphy asked about the Selection Classification process.

12. Spring Sport Chairs

- a. Baseball – Dave Onusko
No new report.
- b. Boys Golf – Tom Howe
Report given by Mike Kroemer. The NYSPHSAA is discussing the use of Range Finders. Tom Howe would like the Leagues to discuss the use of Range Finders during the Section IX Tournament. Back to the Leagues.
- c. Boys Lacrosse – Bob Slate
No new report.
- d. Boys Tennis – Urvashi Gupta and LuAnn McCarthy
No new report.
- e. Track & Field – Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaud
Handbook is on-line. Bob Thabet thanked Joe and Eric for their service to Section IX Athletics. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody to approve Natasha Kennedy as Girls Spring Track Chairperson and Matt Heller as Boys Spring Track Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- f. Girls Golf – Bill Earl
No new report.
- g. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall
Request of the coaches to look at girls schedule for 2013-2014.
- h. Softball – Bruce Guyette
No new report.

13. Chair Reports

- a. Boys and Girls Modified Sports – Steve Boucher & Helenanne Gillinder
Action Items – Back to the Leagues
Refer to handout or on-line report. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody, to accept Steve Boucher's resignation as MHAL Modified Representative and approve Jeremy Weber, Pine Plains Athletic Director, as the Modified Representative. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Scott Courter, to set the Fall Modified start date as the first day of school. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Dave Bernsley, to approve Re-entry Rule for Modified Baseball. All in favor. Motion carried.

- b. Safety – Janet Carey
NYSPHSAA has a Safety Committee Meeting on Friday, April 19, 2013. The Save-A-Life program was discussed. You can go to savealife.com to review the program.
- c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni
No new report.
- d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
Please review and enforce the Thunder & Lightning Policy. The policy is outlined in the NYSPHSAA Handbook page 112.
- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
No meeting after the meeting.
- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch
Glen Maisch distributed a survey to the Athletic Directors that were in attendance at the Section IX Meeting. The survey will be emailed to those Athletic Directors not in attendance. Please complete and fax back to Glen at (845) 331-4161. If you have any questions call Glen at (845) 943-3736.

New Business:

- A. Mr. Tom Hubmaster, Director of Stadium Events, Hudson Valley Renegades, reviewed the benefits of using the Dutchess Stadium. Mr. Hubmaster stated he is offering the stadium for Section IX to use during the Section IX Baseball Tournament. Bob Thabet asked Dave Onusko to review Mr. Hubmaster's offer to use Dutchess Stadium. Mr. Hubmaster also discussed a Section IX vs. Section I Senior All Star game to be played at Dutchess Stadium. There would be two contests, small schools vs. small schools and large schools vs. large schools. Bob Thabet directed this to go back to the Leagues.
- B. Highland Residential Center
Mr. Farooq Mallick and Mr. Bill Connolly, Athletic Director, represented the Highland Residential Center and their application to become a member of NYSPHSAA and Section IX Athletics. The Center is regulated by SED whose youth are placed by the courts. At least 40% of the Residential Center youth are from the local area. All games would have to be played away at this time due to facilities. They are looking to participate in Boys Basketball with Football as a possibility in the future. Back to the Leagues.
- C. NYSPHSAA Track Volunteer Application. Please review and distribute.
- D. Resignation of Steve Loturco as Section IX Girls Cross Country Chairperson. Motion to approve with regret was made by Dave Bernsley, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried. Joe Cahill from Kingston has expressed interest in taking over that position in Section IX. Back to the Leagues.

- E. Doug Murphy congratulated the NYSAAA Award winners for 2013.
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| Jim Wolfe | Distinguished Award |
| Diane Cascarino | Judith A. Martens Secretarial Award |
| David Coates and Middletown
Enlarged City School District | Appreciation Award |

Bob Thabet congratulated Jim Osborne for receiving the NYSAAA Apple Appreciation Award.

- F. Bob Thabet asked to have a memo sent out to the school districts in Rockland and Dutchess Counties inviting them to attend the May 15, 2013 Section IX Meeting.

- G. Mike Bellarosa, Valley Central Athletic Director, discussed the benefits of school districts having athletic trainers. He asked Robert Zayas if NYSPHSAA would please support the school districts effort to have athletic trainers at all schools. Mr. Zayas stated that NYSPHSAA is currently working hard with the school districts and coaches in the area of Concussion Management. This issue could be one that NYSPHSAA looks into in the near future.

Ray Castellani stated that maybe the school districts that have athletic trainers could be given some sort of incentive. Marco Lanzoni, Spackenkill Athletic Director, stated that contacting the media might help with school districts getting athletic trainers.

Old Business:

Jim Osborne reminded the Athletic Directors that girls participating on boy's teams need to have their names submitted to their League and then to the Section IX Athletic Council.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Ray Castellani. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at Mt. St. Mary College at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

James M. Osborne, Secretary
Section IX Athletics

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