



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center
Tuesday, March 5, 2013

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet
All members were present except: John Landro and Dave Franskevicz
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Sportsmanship: Glen Maisch
Report later in the meeting.
4. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Ray Castellani, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dues for 2012-2013 is \$319. per varsity team. 2013-2014 the Athletic Council voted and approved the dues to be \$322. Jim Osborne stated the dues could be lowered to \$315. because we have more teams participating on the varsity level. Motion to approve by Toni Woody, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - A. Agenda
 - B. NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Highlights from the January 29, 2013 Meeting.
 - C. NYSED Physical Education, Health Education and Athletics Update
 - D. Combining of Teams approval as a pilot program for 2013-2014
 - E. “Tentative” 2013-14 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates & Sites
 - F. 2013-2014 Current Classification of Schools
6. Approval of January 8, 2013 Minutes
Motion to approve by Tim Bult, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Ms. Greene and Mr. Wolfe reviewed the printed highlights of the Executive Director and Assistant Directors of NYSPHSAA. A discussion of the Action Items took place.
8. School Enrollment Numbers – NYSPHSAA Report
Todd Nelson, Assistant Director of NYSPHSAA asked the Sections to review:
 - a. School enrollment numbers for two years.
 - b. Eliminate the ungraded and just use 9-10-11 grade school enrollment numbers.
A. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Ray Castellani, to keep the school enrollment numbers at one year. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Scott Courter, 2nd by Tim Bult, to eliminate the ungraded. All in favor.
Motion carried.

9. Combining of Teams

Section IX needs to determine for schools to:

- a. Merge programs
- b. Demerge programs

Back to the Leagues. The application format to merge programs was given to Dennis Burkett (MHAL) & Doug Murphy (OCIAA) for the Leagues to review and come back to the Athletic Council with recommended dates. The Football Committee has recommended January 15th as the fall date for approval.

10. Winter Chair Reports:

Bob Thabet requested from the Athletic Directors to please present request for their waivers in a more timely manner.

- a. Girls Basketball – Steve Boucher and Tom Cassata
- b. Boys Basketball – Fred Ahart

The Section IX winners were congratulated. The Regional tournament begins today with those winning advancing to the NYSPHSAA Championship.

- c. Ice Hockey – Paul Bacsardi – No report.

- d. Girls & Boys Indoor Track – Mike White

A review of the NYSPHSAA Meet took place with Valley Central winning the Sportsmanship Award. A discussion took place regarding the West Point site with Mr. White looking at other facilities for dates and times. Dave Bernsley requested information about the cancellation of the Section IX Boys and Girls Meet due to the weather. Don Andrews asked about Sullivan County Community College and Ron Montalto talked about the political pressure it took to get dates and compete at Gillis Field House. Mike was asked to look at other dates, times and sites reporting back to the Athletic Council.

- e. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner

The OCIAA, Section IX and Dual Meet Champion was Pine Bush. Many records were broken at the NYSPHSAA Championship Meet.

- f. Wrestling – Jeff Culty

Report will be sent to Athletic Directors.

- g. Gymnastics – Lee Ann Pazoga

Thank you to F.D.R. and Amy McArdle-Rausenberger for hosting the Section IX Meet. Kingston was the Section IX Champion. Meet information will be posted on-line. Request to send an “Alternate” to the NYSPHSAA Meet. Back to the Leagues.

- h. Nordic Skiing – Jon Stern

The NYSPHSAA Meet was held at Bristol Mountain. Section IX was represented by New Paltz, Wallkill and Rondout Valley.

- i. Alpine Skiing – Janet Carey
It was a very challenging season. Division I Girls winner was Monticello, Boys winner was Oteora. Division II Girls winner was Warwick, Boys winner was Warwick. The Section IX Meet was held at Hunter Mountain on February 12, 2013. The coaches are planning a meeting the first week of May.
- j. Girls Bowling - Erena O'Brien
Boys Bowling - Theresa Eckert
Kingston was the Sectional team to NYSPHSAA. Report is on-line.
- k. Cheerleading – Cherie Ramsey
No report at this time.

11. Spring Sport Chairs

Chris Mayo reviewed on the Section IX website all the spring sport websites and handbooks.

- a. Baseball – Dave Onusko
Seed Meeting is Wednesday, May 22, 2013 with all entry forms received by 2:00 p.m. on the 22nd of May. Regional play will begin around June 4, 2013 with the NYSPHSAA Championships held in Binghamton on Saturday, June 8, 2013.
- b. Boys Golf – Tom Howe – No report.
- c. Boys Lacrosse – Bob Slate
The sport of Lacrosse has seen a lot of growth in the last couple of years. Any questions regarding the report on-line please contact Bob Slate.
- d. Boys Tennis – Urvashi Gupta and LuAnn McCarthy
The tournament will be held on Monday, May 20th and Tuesday, May 21st at the Goshen Sports Complex.
- e. Track & Field – Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaud
Handbook will be posted on-line. Wednesday, May 22nd is Class A/D at Middletown, Thursday, May 23rd is Class C/B at Kingston.

Bob Thabet read the resignation letter of Eric McLaud and stated that Joe Iatauro had also sent an email stating that both would resign as Chairpersons of the Boys and Girls at the end of the 2013 school year. Motion to approve both Eric McLaud and Joe Iatauro resignations, with regret, was made by Ray Castellani, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried. Thank you Eric and Joe.

- f. Girls Golf – Bill Earl – No report.
- g. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall – No report.
- h. Softball – Bruce Guyette
The report was given by Steve Boucher with a request to review the handbook on-line.

12. Chair Reports

- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports –Helenanne Gillinder and Steve Boucher
 1. Re-entry Rule for Baseball – Back to Leagues.
- b. Safety – Janet Carey
The Committee has a meeting on April 16, 2013. Please take the survey on-line.
- c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni – No report.
- d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
The Officials Association has a concern that is a Health and Safety issue. The school districts that have weekend Wrestling Tournaments should be providing hot water for the officials to shower after the tournament.
- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
No meeting after the meeting.
- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch
Sportsmanship Promotion – On-line submission
Mr. Maisch distributed the school self-assessment for New York. He requested all Athletic Directors review, complete and submit the on-line form by April 15, 2013.

13. New Business:

- a. Request by Upton Lake Christian School to become a NYSPHSAA Friend & Neighbor. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. Regina Coeli requests to become a member of Section IX Athletics and NYSPHSAA. Referred back to the MHAL for review.
- c. Request by the Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District to merge with Garrison for Boys Modified Lacrosse. Motion by Ray Castellani, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. Request to replace a computer for Track & Field at a cost of no greater than \$800. Motion by Doug Murphy, second by Jim Wolfe. All in favor. Motion carried.
- e. Rockland and Dutchess County schools
Bob Thabet asked Dennis Burkett and Doug Murphy to discuss and review the presentations that were made to the school districts. Bob talked about the application process and how these schools were still fact finding.

- f. Bob Thabet talked about the mandated Athletic Director Workshop. The proposed date is Tuesday, September 24, 2013 which means the Tuesday September 10, 2013 meeting date could be cancelled. More details to follow.

14. Old Business:

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Roberta Greene, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at Marlboro Intermediate School at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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