



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
Marlboro High School, Media Center at 9:30 a.m.
April 8, 2014

1. Call to Order – Bob Thabet
All Athletic Council Members were present except:
Mr. Ray Castellani and Mr. Fred Ahart

Guests of Section IX in attendance:
Mr. William Hecht, District Superintendent, Orange-Ulster BOCES
Mr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director, NYSPHSA
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Rosario Agostaro. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Approval of March 4, 2014 Minutes
Motion to approve was made by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - A. Section IX Agenda
 - B. NYSPHSA Participation Survey Worksheet
 - C. 2013-2014 Section IX Financial Report
 - D. Report – Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics
 - E. 2014-2015 Section IX Sports Dues Form
 - F. NYSPHSA Intent to Participate 2014-2015
 - G. Football Senior All-Star Contest Application
 - H. Girls Basketball recommendations for 2014-2015
 - I. Minutes of Modified Sports Committee
6. Robert Zayas, Executive Director, NYSPHSA
Mr. Zayas reported on the possible Transfer Rule changes that have been discussed by the Handbook and Transfer Committees. The recommendation from the Committees is to eliminate the Academic Waiver – Back to the Leagues

The possibility of restoring the games for 2014-2015 was discussed. Bob Thabet stated that this issue has no support from Section IX. The next NYSPHSA Athletic Directors Workshop will concentrate on the Rules and Regulations of NYSPHSA.

The future ball adoption was discussed with Section IX supporting moving the discussion forward. The “Revenue Sharing” possibilities will be reviewed by the Athletic Council before making a final decision. The Mixed Competition Committee has reviewed the need for consistency and will present guidelines to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee for discussion. Adam Kless asked about the need to review and discuss the possible issue of student/athletes who are currently enrolled in a private or parochial school but may not have been cleared to participate by the Section’s Transfer Committee. The discussion of “grandfather” status for those student-athletes was discussed.

7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
The next meeting of the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee is Friday, May 2, 2014.
8. Mergers for 2014-2015 – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve the following mergers was made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.

Spring 2014

- Livingston Manor Central School District with the Roscoe/Downsville School Districts for Boys Golf.

2014-2015 School Year

- Eldred Central School District and Fallsburg Central School District with the Liberty Central School District for Modified, JV and Varsity Wrestling.

Roscoe and Downsville School Districts for:

- Football, Girls and Boys Soccer, Girls and Boys Cross Country, Girls Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Girls and Boys Spring Track and Girls and Boys Golf.

Mergers for 2014-2015, pending submission of completed application.

- Highland Central School District and Marlboro Central School District for Girls Swimming.
- Webutuck Central School District and Dover Central School District for Football.
- Hyde Park Central School District (F.D.R. High School) and Millbrook Central School District for Boys Swimming

9. Back from the Leagues – Bob Thabet
A. NYSPHSAA Ball Adoption
Motion by Toni Woody, 2nd by Dave Bernsley to approve Section IX interest in further reviewing the NYSPHSAA Ball Adoption initiatives. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Field Availability

Motion made by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Dennis Burkett, Athletic Directors whose field is not playable for a Sectional contest must look for the use of a “neutral field.” If a “neutral field” is not available the Committee will be contacted for help in securing a facility. This is for the sports of Softball and Baseball for 2014. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Code of Conduct for Spectators:
Dennis Burkett and Doug Murphy are currently working on a proposal for the Leagues and Athletic Council to review. Mr. Zayas was asked to discuss the spectator issue that happened at a Sectional Basketball game in Westchester County between the boys teams at Mahopac and Mt. Vernon. The NYSPHSAA will be looking to add the DASA regulations to the Handbook.
11. Intent to Participate 2014-2015
The commitment to participate was signed and returned to NYSPHSAA.
12. NYSAAA Conference – Mike Kroemer
Chapter Awards were presented to:
Community service – SUNY New Paltz
Judith A. Martens Secretarial Award – Roxanne Phillips, Wallkill
Chapter Distinguished Service – Roberta Greene
Apple Appreciation – Antonia Woody
Athletic Administrator – James Osborne

NYSAAA fundraising coins are being sold for a monthly drawing of \$200.00. Coins are being sold for \$20.00 each. Please email Mike Kroemer at kroerm@cornwallschools.com if you are interested.
13. Section IX Budget 2014-2015 – Bob Thabet
No changes.
14. Cheerleading
Cherie Ramsey reported on the Eastern Regional Championship held at Sullivan County Community College. Forty teams in 4 divisions participated. The East and West Regionals could be the stepping stones to a NYSPHSAA Championship. Robert Zayas stated that NYSPHSAA is working on Cheerleading becoming a sport. Ms. Ramsey thanked the Pine Bush volunteers for their help.
15. Spring Sport Chairs:
 - a. Baseball – T.D. Mills
The MHAL baseball coaches would like to discuss changes to their schedule and the Section IX seeding criteria. The MHAL will review their concerns.
 - b. Boys Golf – Tom Howe
No report.
 - c. Boys Lacrosse – Bob Slate
No report.
 - d. Boys Tennis – Urvashi Gupta & Luann McCarthy
The Section IX Tournament is scheduled for May 20-21, 2014 at Matchpoint Tennis in Goshen, New York.

e. Track & Field – Matt Hemmer and Natasha Kennedy
No report.

f. Girls Golf – Bill Earl
No report.

g. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall
No report.

h. Softball – Bruce Guyette
No report.

16. Chair Reports:

a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Jeremy Weber & Michelle Henn
Report submitted and discussed – Back to the Leagues

b. Safety – Janet Carey
No report.

c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni
No report.

d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
The officials and the school districts may have problems in purchasing shells to be used at Track events. School Districts should review for the future the use of electronic starters.

e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
No report.

f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch
Mr. Maisch handed out information and asked the Athletic Directors to submit the Sportsmanship Survey. Discussion was made on two of the programs supported by NYSPHSAA:
A. Battle of the Fans
B. Stay in the Game

17. New Business

A. Mr. Bill Hecht spoke to the Athletic Council regarding the Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics. The billing process for 2014 was reviewed. Bob Thabet thanked Mr. Hecht for his leadership in moving forward with the development of the Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics.

The Section IX Athletic Council reviewed the 2014-15 Sports Dues form. Motion to approve the form was made by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

- B. Football Exceptional Senior Contest:
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Dave Bernsley. All in favor. Motion carried.
Dave Coates spoke about the possibility in the future, of a Section I vs. Section IX contest with AA and A Classes and Classes B, C & D..
- C. Waiver of Lacrosse Jerseys
Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Jim Wolfe to waive the jersey rule for 2014 Boys Lacrosse season. All in favor. Motion carried. Bob Thabet asked Robert Zayas for a review by NYSPHSAA.
- D. Harmony Christian School Friend and Neighbor Application. Motion by Doug Murphy, 2nd by John Landro, to approve Friend and Neighbor status for Harmony Christian School. All in favor. Motion carried.
- E. NYSPHSAA Admission for Hall of Fame Inductees
The Athletic Council was presented with a proposal regarding permitting NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Inductees and a guest free admission to all NYSPHSAA Championships. Motion by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried. NYSPHSAA representatives Ms. Greene and Mr. Wolfe will bring this proposal to the next Executive Committee Meeting.

Bob Thabet congratulated Mrs. Mary Onken on being selected by the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Committee for 2014. The following names have already been inducted into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame: Dr. William Moran, Mr. Ron Montalto, Mr. Art Jessup, Mr. John Trautman and Mr. Greg Ransom.
- F. Basketball Committee Recommendations
Steve Boucher presented the following recommendations from the NYSPHSAA Basketball Committee:
1. Recommend a new Class D rotation for 2015. Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Rosario Agostaro. All in favor. Motion carried.
 2. Recommend that the Class C and Class D Girls NYSPHSAA Basketball contests be played at 10:00 a.m. and 11:45 p.m. on Sunday beginning in 2015.
- Motion to approve by Jim Wolfe, 2nd by Antonia Woody. All in favor except Bob Thabet and John Landro. Motion carried.
- G. Coaching Courses for the summer 2014 are being set-up. The Washingtonville Central School District will be offering DASA classes in the summer.
- H. Bob Thabet discussed the USA Today Girls Sport Survey that is going around to the school districts. Section IX Athletics will not be making any recommendations regarding the survey.
- I. Bob Thabet read Chris Mayo's letter of resignation as Section IX Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. Motion to accept with regret by John Landro, second by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

18. Old Business
Nothing to report at this time.

19. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Tim Bult, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday May 14, 2014 at Mt. St. Mary College at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

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