



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
Wallkill High School Auditorium
Tuesday, September 24, 2013

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet
All Athletic Council Members were present except: Don Andrews and Fred Ahart

Introduction of New Athletic Directors:
Dennis Burkett – MHAL
Wallkill High School – Nicholas Pantaleone
Highland High School – Pete Watkins

Doug Murphy – OCIAA
Liberty High School – Kurt Buddenhagen
Goshen High School – Greg Voloshin
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - A. Financial Report and letter from Nugent & Haeussler
 - B. NYSPHSAA Meeting Highlights which included:
 1. 2013-14 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates & Sites
 2. Safety – Report from Todd Nelson
 3. Sportsmanship Report from Todd Nelson
 4. Draft of Transgender Guidelines
 5. Modified Committee Report
 6. Darryl Daily – SED Report
 7. General Action Items
 8. Reserve Fund/Investment Policy
 9. Event Security Training
 10. Sectional Information
 11. Section IX Coaches Code of Conduct
 12. Wrestling Assessments
 13. Wrestling Section IX Duals
5. Approval of June 12, 2013 Minutes
Motion to approve was made by Ray Castellani, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor.
Motion carried.

6. NYSPHSAA: Robert J. Zayas, Executive Director
Robert discussed the 10 year agreement/contract that was signed by Time Warner. The NYSPHSAA website was redesigned. Mixed Competition has been a hot topic for the Sections with an Ad-hoc Committee formed to review the policy.

SED has allowed coaches to take the NFHS Concussion Course instead of the CDC Youth Based Course. Physical Education teachers must take the CDC course.

NYSPHSAA is working on standardizing reports and forms for the State Championship.

7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
They reported and reviewed the handout on the NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting. Each of the Fall Sports Chairpersons was asked to discuss issues that were concerns of the coaches.
 - A. Field Hockey – Overtime procedure
 - B. Swimming & Diving – Modifying the manner by which individual divers count their competitions.
 - C. Volleyball – approved waiver of Rule 1.5.4 The following were items for the October 2013 NYSPHSAA Meeting.

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- A. Modified Girls Lacrosse – MHAL & OCIAA – Yes
- B. Modified Track & Field shoes – MHAL & OCIAA – No
- C. Tennis Proposal – Maximum number of games in a day – MHAL & OCIAA – No
- D. Early Season Heat Acclimatization Guidelines – No change
- E. Limiting the number of full contact days prior to a game – No change

Bob Thabet requested Dennis Burkett collect the MHAL and Jim Osborne collect the OCIAA BEDS data.

8. Section IX Reserve Fund/Investment Policy - Back to the Leagues
Bob Thabet reviewed and discussed the policy that covered the purpose, the amount and types of investments.
9. Safety and Security Workshop – Bob Thabet and Jim Osborne
An Event Security Training Workshop was set up by Section IX for Athletic Directors, Sports Chairpersons and School District Security personnel. The sessions will begin immediately following the Section IX Athletic Council Meeting. Refer to application. For questions call 294-5799.
10. Back from the Leagues
 - a. Coaching Workshop
Tabled from the June 12, 2013 Section IX Meeting.
Dennis Burkett suggested the Leagues or Sports Chairperson contact the local colleges in the area to conduct clinics.

b. Application for Membership – Woodstock Day School
The Section IX Athletic Council feels the school is better suited as a Friend and Neighbor. Bob Thabet will contact Curt Evans to let him know. If they are interested in Friend and Neighbor status they can apply.

11. School Mergers – Jim Osborne

Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody to approve the following. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Marlboro and Highland	Girls Swimming
F.D.R. & Millbrook	Girls Swimming
Marlboro, Highland & F.D.F.	Boys Swimming

12. Fall Chair Reports:

a. Cross Country – Jim Glover and Steve Loturco
Dates, time and site for the Section IX Handbook are online. The NYSPHSAA Championship will be in Section IX in 2015.

b. Football – Dave Coates and Glen Maisch
A discussion and review of the Modified and Varsity Rules Interpretation took place. Also a review of the 2013 Football All Star Contest took place.

c. Boys Soccer – Tony Martelli

d. Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser

Review of the dates for the Sectional Tournament.

e. Field Hockey – C.J. Bull-Knuth

The overtime procedure was reviewed. If the coaches or Athletic Directors have any questions, please contact the Chairperson. The seed meeting, Sectional and Regional Tournament dates were reviewed.

f. Girls Swimming – Pat Ryan

The OCIAA and Section IX Tournament dates and sites were reviewed.

g. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco

Written report was sent to the coaches and Athletic Directors.

h. Volleyball – Toni Woody

Revised dates and sites were reviewed. Updated information is online and has been sent to the Athletic Directors.

13. Chair Reports:

a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Jeremy Weber & Michelle Henn

Motion to accept Helenanne Gillinder's resignation with regret made by Ray Castellani, 2nd by Dave Bernsley. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ray Castellani, 2nd by Dave Bernsley, to approve Michelle Henn as Section IX Girls Modified Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.

- b. Safety – Janet Carey
The committee will be meeting next week. If anyone has concerns or questions contact the Chairperson.
- c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni
No report at this time.
- d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
No report at this time.
- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
Toni Woody reported the committee will have a meeting after the Section IX Meeting.
- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch
A copy of the Section IX Coaches Code of Conduct is in the Athletic Council folder. Please have the Leagues and Athletic Directors review the code with the coaches.

14. New Business

- a. Section IX Wrestling approval requested for 2013-2014 assessment dates and assignments and for the 2013-2014 Section IX Duals. Motion to approve by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Roberta Greene. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. Motion by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Jim Wolfe, to support the Track Officials' nomination of Mary Onken to the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Request from Marco Lanzoni, Spackenkill Athletic Director, to approve outside agency approval application for Officials vs. Cancer High School Basketball Tournament. Insurance Certificate must be sent to Section IX before final approval. Motion to approve by Doug Murphy, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. Motion by Ray Castellani, 2nd by Dennis Burkett, to accept with regret Paul Bacsardi's resignation as Boys Ice Hockey Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Ray Castellani, 2nd by Dennis Burkett, to approve Frank Alessandrino as Boys Ice Hockey Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- e. Motion by Roberta Greene, 2nd by Doug Murphy, to accept October 7, 2013 as the changeover from 1 ½ miles to 2 miles for Modified Cross Country. All in favor. Motion carried.
- f. Bob Thabet discussed sponsorships especially an agreement with Time Warner to televise Section IX sporting events.

- g. Sport Committee face to face meetings
Roberta Greene discussed the cost saving measures that have been approved by Section IX and NYSPHSAA.
 - 1. The cost implications need to be reviewed and discussed. If anything should be discussed from that list it should first be the return to maximum number of contests previously allowed.
 - 2. Robert Zayas discussed the meeting he attended with the Superintendents. The Superintendents are not in favor of returning to the maximum number of contests, but the coaches would like to see the contests return.

Robert Zayas stated the Sport Coordinators feel they need to meet face to face. Ray Castellani discussed the need for more sponsorships as a way of reducing costs. Robert Zayas announced that the Budget and Audit Committee will be meeting to review and discuss this situation.

- h. Motion to approve the reduction in contests if necessary due to weather from 6-4 for Alpine and Nordic Skiing, Gymnastics and Indoor Track. Motion by Toni Woody, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
- i. Request by Marlboro High School, Jonnah O'Donnell, Athletic Director, to merge Boys Lacrosse with Highland and merge Boys and Girls Bowling with Highland. Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Tom Cassata. All in favor. Motion carried. (Pending application information.)
- j. Roberta Greene discussed the Regional Advocacy Event for October 2, 2013 to be held at Twin Towers Middle School, 112 Grand Avenue, Middletown, NY at 7:00 p.m. The issue is Fair Funding for Our Schools. Everyone should attend!

15. Old Business
None reported.

16. Motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Ray Castellani. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at Orange-Ulster BOCES at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Section IX Athletics

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