



# Section IX Athletics

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

## **Section IX Athletic Council Meeting**

**Thursday, June 11, 2015**

**Apple Greens Golf Course at 8:00 a.m.**

1. Call to Order: Bob Thabet  
All members present except: Roberta Greene, Dave Bernsley, and Michael Bellarosa
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Thabet
3. Introduction of Orange County Trust Company CEO and President, Mr. Michael Gilfeather by Bob Thabet.  
Mr. Gilfeather discussed the positive relationship that Orange County Trust was developing with Section IX Athletics. Mr. Gilfeather reviewed Orange County Trust Company involvement.
4. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
  - A. Section IX Agenda
  - B. Section IX Budget details
  - C. Boys Lacrosse Classification
  - D. Section IX Girls & Boys Exceptional Senior Game
  - E. Unified Sports Discussion
  - F. Protective Hard Shell Helmets Adult Base Coaches (Baseball-Softball)
  - G. Sportsmanship Standard #27
  - H. Modified Start Dates
  - I. Ice Hockey 22 game schedule
  - J. 2<sup>nd</sup> Relay Team Indoor Track
  - K. 1.5 Multiplier to determine Annual Classification
  - L. Section IX Athletics Agreement with Anaconda Sports/Lids East
5. Approval of May 13, 2015 Minutes – Bob Thabet  
Motion to approve by Amy McArdle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Phalen. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Financial Report: Jim Osborne  
Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sean Michel. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. Election of Officers for July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017 – Tom Cassata  
Motion to approve Jim Osborne as Secretary/Treasurer was made by Tom Cassata, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Greg Ransom as Interim Executive Director for at least one year was made by Tom Cassata, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Montalto. All in favor. Motion carried.

At this time Tom Cassata presented Bob Thabet with a gift card and plaque from the Athletic Council.

Bob Thabet thanked the Athletic Council and Athletic Directors for their support and help over the last 16 years. Bob reviewed with the Athletic Council the need to:

- A. Stay in contact with the Section I schools
- B. Seek Attorney Representation
- C. Review the Section IX Merger Policy and Procedures
- D. Establish a Conflict of Interest Policy
- E. Review the Section IX Constitution

8. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe  
No report to the Athletic Council at this time.

9. NYSPHSAA Report – Robert Zayas, Executive Director

Robert reviewed the approval of the new limited contact in football, the vote to be taken on the reduction of football practices, review of the bid proposal that has changed and the new NYSPHSAA positions that will be created due to the retirement of Bob Stulmaker.

10. Combining of Teams – Jim Osborne

Motion by Rosario Agostaro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett, to approve the following Combining of Teams:

Rondout and Kingston for Alpine Skiing, Highland and Marlboro for Boys Lacrosse, Roscoe and Downsville for JV Girls Soccer, JV Baseball and Girls/Boys Golf, Downsville and Roscoe for Modified/Varsity Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Girls and Boys Cross Country, Modified/Varsity Baseball, Softball, Girls and Boys Track, Webutuck and Pine Plains for Boys Golf, Kingston and New Paltz for Gymnastics, Tri-Valley and Fallsburg for Wrestling, Marlboro, FDR and Highland for Boys Swimming, Marlboro and Highland for Girls Swimming, FDR and Millbrook for Girls Swimming, Liberty, Eldred and Sullivan West for Wrestling. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Dr. Katz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Ahart, to approve the combining of schools Roscoe, Downsville and Livingston Manor for Football. This motion is pending the Leagues approval. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Rosario Agostaro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy McArdle, to approve the following combining of schools Kingston and Rondout for Boys Swimming, Kingston and Rondout for Girls Swimming. 6 Yes 7 No The motion did not pass.

Dennis Burkett discussed the committee that reviewed the combining of teams information. Chris Mayo stated it was a lengthy discussion with the topic of “shadowing” reviewed by the OCIAA. Pat Ryan and Scott Warner discussed the athletic advantage. Rosario Agostaro asked the Athletic Council to review the merger procedure and policy. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni Woody to waive the Section IX fee 1 year (2015-2016) for the Rondout School District in Girls and Boys Swimming. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Back from the Leagues

- a. Boys Lacrosse classification numbers – The Leagues see no need to change at this time
- b. Modified Cross Country runners wearing spike shoes  
Motion by Tim Bult to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Ahart. All in favor. Motion carried. The Leagues need to contact Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director to review the requirements of this motion.
- c. Boys and Girls Soccer Exceptional Senior Game for 2016.  
Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy McArdle. All in favor. Motion carried.

- d. Unified Sports discussion – The Leagues have interest in this new program.
  - e. Extension of ineligibility for a player or coach
  - f. Starting with 2016 season all adult base coaches in both Baseball and Softball OCIAA needs to review further.
  - g. Sportsmanship Standard #27 – MHAL not in favor, OCIAA has concerns about the change.
  - h. Modified Start Dates – Standard Calendar Weeks – Leagues not in favor.
  - i. Ice Hockey Proposal – Motion to approve by Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Franskevic results were: 12 Yes 2 No Motion carried.
  - j. Indoor Track Relay Team – Motion to approve Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - k. Use of multiplier 1.5 procedure for Non-Public and Charter Schools. The Leagues are not in favor. Motion by Toni Woody, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosario Agostaro, to not vote in favor of this action. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - l. Anaconda Sports Sponsorship Proposal – Motion by Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Ahart. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - m. Reduction in the minimum of individual practices for Football. Motion to approve by Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Section IX Directory 2015-2016 – Jim Osborne  
If you have not submitted your changes please do so by the end of June 2015.
13. Section IX Sports Dues Form – Jim Osborne  
All forms are due please return by June 15, 2015.
14. Non-Public School Classification Committee – Tom Cassata  
The Committee recommends no change for 2015-2016. Motion by Tom Cassata, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.  
Boys Basketball  
Class AA – Burke Catholic  
Class C – John Coleman Catholic  
Girls Basketball  
Class B – John Coleman Catholic
15. Spring Chair Reports:
- a. Baseball T.D. Mills  
Congratulations to the Section IX Champions. TD Mills discussed the problems with the MHAL and OCIAA schedules and the establishment of a competitive balance. Seeding issues with regard to the overall record and umpires ratings were discussed.
  - b. Boys Golf Tom Howe  
Report given by Mike Kroemer with a special thank you to the Powelton Club and Otterkill Golf Courses. Section IX placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the NYSPHSAA Tournament.
  - c. Boys Lacrosse Bob Slate  
Bob Slate submitted his season ending report with a congratulations to the Section IX Champions, especially Rondout Valley which played in the Regional Semi Final contest. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the Exceptional Senior Game that was well attended with over 50 athletes participating.

The 2016 NYSPHSAA Tournament Schedule  
Regional Out bracket – Wednesday, May 25, 2015  
Regionals – Saturday, May 28, 2016 at Faller Field, Middletown  
Semi Finals – Wednesday, June 1, 2015  
Finals – Saturday, June 4, 2016 at Faller Field, Middletown

- d. Boys Tennis                      Urvashi Gupta and Luann McCarthy  
Congratulations to the Section IX Champions who represented Section IX at the NYSPHSAA Tournament in New York City.
  
- e. Track & Field                      Matthew Hemmer and Natasha Kennedy  
The State Qualifiers will be competing at the NYSPHSAA Championship on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 13, 2015. Motion by Toni Woody, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett, to accept Natasha Kennedy's resignation with regret. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
- f. Girls Golf                              Bill Earl  
The Section IX Champions will be competing in Delhi, New York on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
  
- g. Girls Lacrosse                      Wendy Crandall  
No report.
  
- h. Softball                                Steve Boucher & Tom Cassata  
Congratulations to the Section IX Champions, especially Marlboro and Chester who will participate in the NYSPHSAA Tournament.

Thank you to Rhinebeck and Middletown for the use of their sites for the Section IX and Regional Tournament site.

16. Fall Sports Chairs:

- a. Cross Country                      Jim Glover and Joe Cahill  
No report.
  
- b. Football                                David Coates and Glen Maisch  
The Section IX Rules Interpretation Meeting will be held Monday, June 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in Middletown. The new playoff structure and practice schedule will be discussed. Football would like to again have an Exceptional Senior Contest. [Back to the Leagues](#)
  
- c. Boys Soccer                         Pete Ferguson and Tony Martelli
- d. Girls Soccer                         Diane Wanser  
Seed Meeting , October 21, 2015, Section IX Tournament  
October 27-31, 2015 and Regionals scheduled for November 3, 2015
  
- e. Girls Swimming                      Pat Ryan  
OCIAA Championship – October 23-24 at Washingtonville  
Section IX Championship – November 5 & 6 at Valley Central  
NYSPHSAA Championship – November 20-21 at Ithaca, New York

- f. Field Hockey                      Debra Beam  
Information will be sent to the Athletic Directors regarding rule changes.
- g. Girls Tennis                      Selina DeCicco  
No report.
- h. Volleyball                      Antonia Woody  
Handbook is in the final stages of preparation. The Section IX Championship will be held at Mt. St. Mary College.

17. Chairpersons Reports:

- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports - Jeremy Weber & Michelle Henn  
Items have been previously discussed.
- b. Safety - Janet Carey  
A reminder that ImPact Concussion testing is available from NYSPHSAA. Also Planning Guides are available from NYSPHSAA. Jim Osborne has provided 1 copy per school district at each table. Additional copies are available from NYSPHSAA.
- c. Chemical Health - Marco Lanzoni  
Summer Institute regarding Chemical Health information is available by contacting Marco.
- d. Officials Coordinator - Dennis Burkett  
Reminder that contract negotiations will begin soon. Changes to the working conditions or other changes requested please contact Dennis.
- e. Eligibility - Fred Ahart  
No meeting after the meeting.
- f. Sportsmanship - Glen Maisch  
Glen was very proud of the sportsmanship displayed by the athletes who participated in the Boys Lacrosse Exceptional Senior Game.

18. New Business

- a. Congratulations to Monroe-Woodbury Girls Golf and Newburgh Girls Lacrosse for 2015 NYSPHSAA Scholar/Athlete Team Championship.
- b. Drones – It was reported that the Hudson Valley Sports Report use of drones to cover athletic contests. Bob Thabet will contact them regarding Section IX policy.
- c. Amy McArdle reported that FDR will request a combining of schools for Alpine Skiing with Rondout Valley.
- d. Rosario Agostaro welcomed Jeremy Weber to the staff of Rondout Valley as Athletic Director.

19. Old Business  
None reported.

20. Motion to adjourn the Section IX Athletic Council Meeting was made by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Montalto. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Section IX Meeting Date:  
Thursday, September 17, 2015 at Wallkill High School at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*James M. Osborne*

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