



Section IX Athletics

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 6, 2015
Orange-Ulster BOCES at 9:30 a.m.
Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B/C

1. Call to Order: Tom Cassata
All members present except: Bob Thabet, Executive Director
Bob Thabet was on the phone during the Athletic Council Meeting.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Tom Cassata
Tom welcomed Ron Montalto as a new member of the Section IX Athletic Council replacing Scott Courtier. Tom also welcomed Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director.
3. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - 2014-2015 Section IX Financial Report
 - 2015-2016 Section IX Proposed Budget
 - NYSPHSAA Fairness in High School Athletic Competition
 - A. Balancing the maximum number of contests
 - B. Creating a common starting date utilizing NFHS Calendar
 - Senior All-Star Contest Application – Baseball
 - Information on the Coaching Courses
 - 2015 Monthly Mileage Report
 - New Section IX Address – P.O. Box 656, Goshen, NY 10924
 - 2014-2015 Section 9 Duals Information
4. Approval of November 25, 2014 Minutes
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Toni Woody, 2nd by Robbie Greene. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Budget 2015-2016 – Bob Thabet – Back to the Leagues
Bob Thabet reviewed the proposed budget reviewing expenditures and income. The Section IX Dues charge per varsity team will be \$225. Robbie Greene asked about cheerleading as a Section IX Sport for 2015-2016. Jim Osborne reported that the OCIAA and MHAL need to decide if Cheerleading will be either Fall / Winter sport or both seasons. The Leagues will decide which season and the Section IX budget will be revised after a discussion with Cherie Ramsey, Section IX Chairperson.
7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
NYSPHSAA Winter Meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2015.

8. NYSPHSAA – Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, reporting on:
 - a. Cheerleading Initiatives
 - b. Coaching Certification - NFHS
 - c. Ball Adoption and the RFP's
 - d. SED – Selection Classification – New and Revised for the fall 2015 – Advanced Athletic Placement Process

9. Back from the Leagues
 - a. Maximum Number of Contests – MHAL and OCIAA Not in favor
 - b. Standard Week Calendar – MHAL and OCIAA Not in favor

 - c. Transgender Guidelines – Motion to approve the NYSPHSAA Policy by Dave Bernsley, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.

 - d. Field Hockey Chairperson – Motion to approve Deb Beam, Red Hook/Pine Plains, was made by Toni Woody, 2nd by Amy McArdle-Rausenberger. All in favor. Motion carried.

 - e. Application for Admission – Tuxedo Charter Conversion School – No action at this time.

10. Baseball Exceptional Senior Game – Jeremy Weber – Back to the Leagues
 Jeremy Weber reported to the Athletic Council that Baseball is looking to develop an Exceptional Senior Double Header. Handout to the Athletic Council to be reviewed by the Leagues.

11. Winter Chair Reports:
 - a. Girls Basketball Steve Boucher Booklet Online
 - b. Boys Basketball Fred Ahart Schools need to report rosters
 - c. Ice Hockey Frank Alessandrino No report
 - d. Girls & Boys Indoor Track-Mike White Information is online – No changes at this time
 - e. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner
 Pat Ryan reported on the OCIAA and Section IX Championship
 - f. Wrestling – Jeff Culty
 Mike Kroemer reported on the Section IX Duals
 - g. Gymnastics Lee Ann Pazoga
 The school districts participating in the NYSPHSAA Championship should note that it will be held in Buffalo, New York. The Section will coordinate the transportation and hotel costs and bill back to the school districts.
 - h. Nordic Ski Nick Mancuso
 Reported that the NYSPHSAA Championship will be held in Lake Placid. The Section will coordinate the hotel costs and bill back to the school districts
 - i. Alpine Ski Janet Carey
 Reported on the Section IX and NYSPHSAA Championship. Dave Bernsley asked about the scrimmage format that was used in Alpine Skiing. Janet Carey reported that it was optional for the schools to attend but it gave the school districts an opportunity for the athletes to participate before a meet took place. Dave Bernsley asked if the meet could start after 3:00 p.m. but Mrs. Carey stated the Ski Mountain closes at 4:00 p.m. and other venues do not have sufficient lighting which would be a safety issue. The local sites do not open for business until after the holidays.

- j. Bowling – Girls Erena O’Brien No report
Bowling – Boys Theresa Eckert No report

12. Chair Reports:

- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports Jeremy Weber & Michelle Henn
Next meeting is March 27, 2015.
Section IX is a NO vote on the Volleyball rotation.
Section IX is a YES vote on the Wrestling 12-14 points as long as it does not mandate an extra match and starts in the 2015-2016 season.
- b. Safety Janet Carey
Todd Nelson reported on Football limiting the number of contact days. The Football Committee will be making a recommendation to the Safety Committee for a May 2015 vote by NYSPHSAA Executive Committee. Glen Maisch discussed the need for athletic trainers for prevention and organization.
- c. Chemical Health Marco Lanzoni March meeting
- d. Officials Coordinator Dennis Burkett
Nothing to report at this time.
- e. Eligibility Fred Ahart
Short meeting after the Athletic Council Meeting
- f. Sportsmanship Glen Maisch
- Time Warner stay in the game
 - Five Star Leadership Program
 - Battle of the Fans – School districts interested must have their video completed and submitted to NYSPHSAA by January 12, 2015.
- Glen also discussed the possibility of increasing the penalty to spectators.

13. New Business

- a. Bob Thabet reported to the Section IX Athletic Council that the attorneys representing the Middletown School District and John S. Burke Catholic High School have been invited to attend the March Section IX Meeting, both attorneys have accepted the invitation and will attend the meeting.
- b. Tom Cassata reported that the Soccer All-Star Awards are in the back of the meeting room to be picked up.
- c. Cheerleading – Motion by Mike Bellarosa, 2nd by Dennis Burkett, for Section IX to support competitions for cheerleading in the winter sport season. Cheerleading will be a winter sport in Section IX. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. Michelle Henn reported on the Catskill Zone. Information will be sent to the school districts.
1. Get Moving New York video contest. Health and Physical Education teachers will be asked to submit a video under 5 minutes of their students and what they do to “get moving...” Local prizes will be awarded as well as state-level prizes.

2. Elementary/Middle School Leadership Awards. Health and Physical Education Teachers can nominate students with good character and leadership. Recognition Ceremony in early May.
- e. Toni Woody reported the Section IX Awards Committee would like to award the 2015 Dr. William Moran Award to former Athletic Director Mike Kohut. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Amy McArdle-Rausenberger to approve. All in favor. Motion carried.
- f. Chris Mayo asked about the OCIAA Cheerleading Championship and the possibility of a Section IX Championship. It was discussed that Cherie Ramsey would need to be involved with how Section IX would determine its Champion to the 2016 NYSPHSAA Championship. Chris and Jim Osborne will contact Ms. Ramsey to discuss the Cheerleading Championships.
- g. Roberta Greene asked Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director, to discuss the NYSPHSAA Winter Meeting agenda items that would be voted by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee at the January 30, 2015 Meeting.
 1. Combining of Teams – Graduated Scale
Section IX does not have an issue with the present policy. Motion to approve the current Combining of Teams Policy was made by Dr. Ivan Katz, 2nd by Sean Michel. All in favor. Motion carried.
 2. Softball Committee is requesting a two year change starting with the 2015-2016 season to eliminate the International Tie Breaker Rule – Back to the Leagues.
Chris Mayo and Dennis Burkett will contact Ms. Greene and Mr. Wolf on the Leagues position.
 3. Track and Field (Outdoor Track) Back to the Leagues
The Track Committee is requesting additional participants if the athlete meets the qualifying standard during the year. The Championship Advisory Committee (CAC) has defeated this request.
 4. The Golf Committee is requesting permission on non-school days to be able to play two (2) nine (9) hole matches. Back to the Leagues.
- h. Bob Thabet wanted the Athletic Council to be aware that he will be sending a letter to Tri Valley Athletic Director, Derek Adams, regarding the use of an ineligible player. The action was self reported and the Athletic Council as in the past has approved this action.
- i. Jim Wolfe discussed Diane Wanser’s Girls’ Soccer concern and will follow it up if necessary.

14. Old Business

None reported.

15. Motion to adjourn the Section IX Athletic Council Meeting and move into Executive Session was made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Section IX Meeting Date:

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at John A. Coleman Catholic High School at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

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