



Section IX Athletics

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 2015
Monroe-Woodbury High School at 9:30 a.m.**

1. Call to Order: Bob Thabet
All members present except: Dave Bernsley
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Bob Thabet

Bob Thabet introduced Toni Woody, member of the Section IX Awards Committee, who distributed certificates of service to Athletic Directors Tom Cassata, Adam Kless and Ron Montalto. Ms. Woody announced the recipient of the Dr. William Moran Award for 2015, but first requested a moment of silence for all those athletic directors who have passed away. Ms. Woody read a prepared statement regarding Section IX recipient the former athletic director from Pine Plains, Mike Kohut. A plaque was presented to the family of Mike Kohut and Pine Plains athletic director, Jeremy Weber spoke about the positive influence the deceased Mike Kohut had on his fellow athletic directors.

3. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - A. Section IX Agenda
 - B. Section IX budget information
 - C. NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting Highlights for May 1, 2015
 - D. NYSED Physical Education, Health Education and Athletics Update
 - E. Athletic Placement Process for Interschool Athletic Program (APP)
 - F. Fingerprinting changes
 - G. 2015-2016 Approved NYSPHSAA Championship Dates/Sites
 - H. Added Language to Sportsmanship Standard #27
 - I. Modified Start Dates – Standard Calendar Weeks
 - J. Protective Hard Shell Helmets Adult Base Coaches
 - K. Ice Hockey Proposal for Consideration
 - L. Indoor Track request for a 2nd relay team
 - M. Use of multiplier 1.5 procedure for Non-Public and Charter Schools
 - N. Section IX Sports Dues Form
 - O. Section IX Golf Outing Form
 - P. NYSPHSAA Action Items, Standing Committees and Discussion
4. Approval of April 21, 2015 Minutes – Bob Thabet
Motion to approve by Tim Bult, 2nd by Sean Michel. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Rosario Agostaro. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Election of Officers for July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017 – Tom Cassata
Motion by Tim Bult, 2nd by Toni Woody, to appoint Fred Ahart, Eligibility Chairperson, Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator and Officials Negotiator and Chris Mayo, Assistant Officials Negotiator. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bob Thabet assured the Section IX Athletic Council that he would be available to help via email or phone after June 30, 2015.

7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Jim Wolfe reviewed the highlights of the May 1, 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting which was included in the Athletic Council folder and online. Robbie Greene reviewed the items that needed to go Back to the Leagues.
 - A. Reduction in the minimum number of individual practices for Football
 - B. Helmets for Adult Base Coaches in Baseball and Softball
 - C. Added Language to Sportsmanship Standard #27
 - D. Modified Start Dates – Standard Calendar Weeks
 - E. Ice Hockey request to play a 22 game schedule
 - F. Boys and Girls Winter Track request for an at-large Relay entry
 - G. Section VII proposal to use a 1.5 multiplier for NYSPHSAA non-public and charter schools
8. NYSPHSAA Report – No representative
9. Combining of Teams – Jim Osborne
Jim Osborne reviewed the combining of teams applications that have been submitted. Chris Mayo discussed the number of applications that have been submitted for 2015-2016. Dennis Burkett stated he hoped the mergers that were approved in the past would be approved. Budgets are ready to be approved and not approving the combining of teams would be a problem for the school districts.
10. Back from the Leagues
 - a. Boys Lacrosse classification numbers
 - b. Modified Cross Country runners wearing spike shoes
 - c. Boys and Girls Soccer Exceptional Senior Game
 - d. Unified Sports discussion
 - e. Extension of ineligibility for a player or coach
 - f. Starting with 2016 season all adult base coaches in both Baseball and Softball. Motion to table until the June 11, 2015 Section IX Athletic Council Meeting was made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. Spring Chair Reports:
 - a. Baseball T.D. Mills
No report.
 - b. Boys Golf Tom Howe
Mike Kroemer reported that information was sent to the coaches. The Section IX Tournament will be held at the Powelton and Casperkill Country Clubs.
 - c. Boys Lacrosse Bob Slate
Review of the upcoming Seed Meetings, Section IX Tournament and the NYSPHSAA Semi-Finals.

- d. Boys Tennis Urvashi Gupta and Luann McCarthy
No report.
 - e. Track & Field Matthew Hemmer and Natasha Kennedy
Matt Hemmer reviewed the upcoming Section IX Class A/D and B/C Meets. The State Qualifier will be held at Monroe-Woodbury and Dietz Stadium.
 - f. Girls Golf Bill Earl
Bill Earl discussed the upcoming Tournament to be held at apple Greens Golf Course.
 - g. Girls Lacrosse Wendy Crandall
Reviewed the Class A-B-C Tournament to be held at Dietz Stadium.
 - h. Softball - Steve Boucher & Tom Cassata
Tom Cassata discussed the Tournament to be held at Rhinebeck and Middletown.
12. Chairpersons Reports:
- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports - Jeremy Weber & Michelle Henn
No new information to report.
 - b. Safety - Janet Carey
No report.
 - c. Chemical Health - Marco Lanzoni
No report.
 - d. Officials Coordinator - Dennis Burkett
This is the final year of the Section IX Contract. Dennis has contacted Brad White to begin negotiations for the next contract.
 - e. Eligibility - Fred Ahart
The Committee will be meeting after the meeting.
 - f. Sportsmanship - Glen Maisch
Glen thanked the Athletic Directors for completing the survey forms from NYSPHSAA.

13. New Business

- A. Michelle Henn reported that the Catskill Zone will host its first Elementary/Middle Physical Education Leadership Award Ceremony on Saturday, May 16th at 10:00 a.m. at Washingtonville High School.

The Catskill Zone will be meeting Tuesday, May 19th at the Taft Elementary School in Washingtonville. The 2015 Mini Conference will be held on one (1) of the following dates: October 9, 2015, November 3, 2015 or November 25, 2015. The Planning Committee would like to know which date works best for your staff. Please contact mhenn@ws.k12.ny.us with your response.

- B. Deb Beam – Section IX Field Hockey Chairperson will be presenting information for school districts to review.
- C. Alpine Skiing – Janet Carey Section IX Chairperson reports that the new FIS stamped helmets are mandatory for the 2015-2016. For questions contact Janet at jcarey1789@aol.com
- D. Jim Osborne discussed the need of the Section IX Sports Chairpersons to review their Emergency Action Plans. The plans need to be updated and reviewed each year. Jim will be requesting “Anyone Can Save A Life Workbooks” for the school districts.

14. Old Business

- A. Mike Bellarosa reported that NYSPHSAA has answered his question regarding Cheerleading. If teams are stunting or tumbling they are part of a Competitive Sport. Section IX has established cheerleading as a winter sport. Chris Mayo asked how NYSPHSAA can dictate that it is a sport if the school district establishes Cheerleading as a club activity. Bob Thabet stated that clarification is needed from NYSPHSAA.

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

Next Section IX Meeting Date:

Breakfast Meeting - Thursday, June 11, 2015 at Apple Greens Golf Course at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

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