



# Section IX Athletics

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

## Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

John A. Coleman Catholic High School at 9:30 a.m.

430 Hurley Avenue, Hurley, NY 12443

1. Call to Order: Tim Bult

All members present except for Bob Thabet and Tom Cassata. Tim reported that due to a medical procedure Bob Thabet was unable to attend the meeting. Bob is available by phone and is conducting Section IX business as necessary.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Tim Bult

Tim asked Dennis Burkett and Mike Bellarosa to introduce the new athletic directors to the MHAL and OCIAA.

Tim introduced Richard Koegel, Anaconda Sports, who had asked to address the Athletic Council and Athletic Directors. Rich Koegel discussed the positive working relationship with the athletic directors in the past and present and hoped it would continue into the future. Tim thanked Mr. Koegel for all that Anaconda Sports has done for the student/athletes of Section IX.

3. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne

A. NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Highlights from October 23, 2014

B. General Action Items

C. November 2014, NYSPHSAA News

Action Items for January 30, 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee

1. Maximum number of contests

2. Standard week calendar, following NFHS calendar

3. Site Selection – Volleyball, Tennis, Wrestling and Cheerleading Championship

4. “Guidelines” added for transfer hardship and mixed competition to the NYSPHSAA Handbook

5. Transgender Policy

D. Fairness in High School Athletic Competition – Back to the Leagues

1. Maximum number of contests

2. Common start date using the NFHS calendar

E. Transgender Draft – Back to the Leagues

F. Website Hosting Proposal

G. BEDS numbers for 2015-2016 current classification

H. Senior All Star Contest Application Boys Lacrosse

I. Resignation letter as Chairperson for Field Hockey – CJ. Bull-Knuth

4. Approval of October 21, 2014 Minutes  
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy McArdle-Rausenberger. All in favor.  
Motion carried.
5. Financial Report: Jim Osborne  
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Wolfe. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe  
Athletic Directors were asked if they had any questions or comments regarding:
  - a. NYSPHSAA Highlights or General Action Items
  - b. Fairness in High School Athletic Competition – Back to the LeaguesThe Athletic Council discussed the reduction of contests and the issues that the proposed Action Items for the January 30, 2015 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee presented.
7. NYSPHSAA – Roberta Greene reviewed the Executive Committee conference call from Monday, November 24, 2014 that discussed the new RFP which was approved during the conference call. Ms. Greene noted that during Sectional concerns she stated the possible problems the NFHS calendar could present if approved. Ms. Greene asked the Leagues to look at the details of the proposal.
8. Section IX Mailing Address – Tim Bult  
Tim asked Dennis, Chris and Jim to address the situation. Dennis stated that in a meeting it was requested that Section IX change its mailing address. Chris Mayo discussed the BOCES issue of receiving mailing for Section IX while Section IX was attempting to secure sponsorships. As Secretary of Section IX, Jim has discussed the issue with Dan Connor, Superintendent of Goshen School District, who stated Section IX could use the Goshen School District address. Jim had also looked into a P.O. Box. The Athletic Council appreciated Mr. Connor’s offer but didn’t want to create an issue for him in the school district in the future therefore in a motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Bernsley, Jim Osborne was asked to secure a new mailing address for Section IX Athletics. All in favor. Motion carried.  
  
Website Proposal Handout – Chris Mayo discussed the necessity of moving the Section IX website off the Orange-Ulster BOCES system to GoDaddy.com. This would allow Section IX to prominently display sponsor logos to links to their website. Motion to approve by Roberta Greene, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Back from the Leagues
  - a. Track & Field – Classification Numbers  
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Bellarosa. All in favor.  
Motion carried.
  - b. Section IX Softball Chairperson  
Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Phelan to approve Tom Cassata and Steve Boucher as Section IX Co-Chairpersons for Softball. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Section IX Field Hockey Chairperson Resignation – Bob Thabet

Tim Bult read a letter from C.J. Bull-Knuth. Motion to accept C.J. Bull-Knuth resignation as Field Hockey Chairperson with regret made by Toni Woody, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried. Tim thanked C.J. for all her hard work as Chairperson. C.J. Bull-Knuth thanked the Athletic Council for all the help and support throughout the years. Back to the Leagues.

11. Fall Chair Reports:

a. Cross Country Jim Glover and Joe Cahill

The report will be posted online. Congratulations to Section winners and NYSPHSAA participants. Jim discussed the problems with the proposed NYSPHSAA weekly calendar schedule.

b. Football Dave Coates and Glen Maisch

A written report was submitted with a special congratulations to Sectional and Regional winners. Chester Class D and Newburgh Class AA will represent Section IX at the Football Championship.

c. Boys Soccer Pete Ferguson

Written report submitted with Rhinebeck being crowned NYSPHSAA Class C Champion and Mount Academy was the NYSPHSAA Class D Runner-up.

d. Girls Soccer Diane Wanser

Congratulations to the Sectional Champions and a thank you for all the help in running the Championship.

e. Field Hockey C.J. Bull-Knuth

Class A Champion - Kingston, Class B – Rhinebeck, Class C – Pine Plains

The athletic directors and coaches need to review the rules for 2015. Glen Maisch thanked C.J. for all her hard work as Chairperson.

f. Girls Swimming Pat Ryan

Pat reviewed the team and individual Champions. Those representing Section IX at the NYSPHSAA Championship did very well.

g. Girls Tennis Selina DeCicco

Written report submitted.

h. Volleyball Toni Woody

Thank you to SUNY New Paltz and SUNY Ulster for hosting the Tournament. Toni thanked all who helped with the Tournament and a special congratulations to Spackenkill who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the NYSPHSAA Championship.

12. Winter Chair Reports:

a. Girls Basketball Steve Boucher

b. Boys Basketball Fred Ahart

The Championship booklet is online. If there are any questions contact the Chairpersons or Committee.

- c. Ice Hockey            Frank Alessandrino  
No report at this time.
- d. Girls & Boys Indoor Track            Mike White  
“Changes are inevitable.” All changes to the schedule will be sent to the athletic directors and coaches.
- e. Boys Swimming    Scott Warner  
Information is online. Contact the Chairperson with any questions.
- f. Wrestling            Jeff Culty  
Mike Kroemer stated if any wrestler still needs to be certified to contact the Chairperson.
- g. Gymnastics            Lee Ann Pazoga  
The Section IX Championship is scheduled for February 11, 2015 at a site and time to be determined. The NYSPHSAA Championship is scheduled for February 27-28, 2015 in Buffalo.
- h. Nordic Ski            Nick Mancuso
- i. Alpine Ski            Janet Carey  
No report. Schedules are online.
- j. Bowling – Girls    Erena O’Brien  
Bowling – Boys    Theresa Eckert  
No report.

13. Chair Reports:

- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports    Jeremy Weber & Michelle Henn  
Review of Action Items from the Committee for the next Modified meeting.  
Wrestling – Yes to the change from 12 matches to 14 points as long as scheduled matches are not increased and this would not go into effect until 2015-2016. Motion by Mike Bellarosa, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.  
  
Volleyball – No the Leagues are not in favor of any change with regard to the serve rotation.
- b. Safety            Janet Carey  
No report at this time.
- c. Chemical Health    Marco Lanzoni  
Information was just received and needs to be reviewed. A report will be filed later.
- d. Officials Coordinator    Dennis Burkett  
No report at this time.
- e. Eligibility            Fred Ahart  
The Committee will hold a brief meeting after the meeting.

- f. Sportsmanship Glen Maisch  
Glen reviewed the programs sponsored by NYSPHSAA
  - 1. Battle of the Fans
  - 2. Stay in the Game

#### 14. New Business

- a. The BEDS numbers for 2015-2016 supplied by the school districts are in the Athletic Council folders. The athletic directors are asked to check the preliminary numbers and the classifications that each school will participate in for the different sports. These numbers and classifications are not yet approved by NYSPHSAA.
- b. Boys Lacrosse has submitted the application for Senior All Star contest. The application will be submitted to NYSPHSAA.
- c. Mergers: Motion by Amy McArdle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Landro, to approve the merger of Rondout Valley, John A. Coleman and Hyde Park (FDR) with the Kingston City School District for Alpine Skiing, pending Board of Education approval and application to the Section IX Athletic Council. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. NYSAAA Awards – Toni Woody  
Motion to approve Doug Murphy for Athletic Director Award, Hudson Valley Sports Dome for the Community Service Award, James Delmar for the Distinguished Service Award and Margie Bako from Cornwall for the Judith A. Martens Secretarial Award. The motion was made by John Landro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Bernsley. All in favor. Motion carried.
- e. The MHAL and OCIAA request a reduction in contests from 6 to 4 for the following winter sports: Alpine and Nordic Skiing, Gymnastics and Indoor Track. Motion by Rosario Agostaro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
- f. Application for Admission into Section IX

The current George F. Baker High School will be transitioned into a conversion charter school acting independent from the Tuxedo Union Free School District. As a result of this transition, the conversion charter will need to apply to Section IX as a new school for membership in the 2015-2016 school year. While it may be premature for a vote of the Athletic Council, the Leagues should have a conversation regarding the possibility of the George F. Baker High School transitioning into a conversion charter school.

Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy McArdle-Rausenberger, to waive the deadline application date for the conversion charter high school until the school district situation is resolved. All in favor. Motion carried.

- g. Cheerleading – Cherie Ramsey  
If you have boys on the cheerleading team you need to follow the mixed competition guidelines. If you use selective classification, follow the gymnastics grid. If a team is competing without boys at an event they may remain in the all girl division for that event.
- h. Rosario Agostaro, Rondout Valley Superintendent, let the Athletic Council know that on December 12, 2014 at Ulster County Community College, Victor Woods will present a message of hope and inspiration to students and staff. High school students from Orange County can join students from Ulster at this presentation. The program begins at 10:00 a.m.
- i. Outside Agency Approval  
The following school districts have requested approval to participate with outside agencies: S.S. Seward Institute, Spackenkill High School, Monticello High School. Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.

School districts need to complete a financial report within two weeks of the event and make sure a certificate of insurance has been issued.

#### 15. Old Business

Mike Bellarosa and Toni Woody discussed the Transgender Guidelines and how it places the school district in a difficult situation. Mike stated he had an article that he would send to Ms. Greene for review.

#### 16. Motion to adjourn the Section IX Athletic Council Meeting and move into Executive Session was made by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Section IX Meeting Date:

Tues., January 6, 2015 at Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*James M. Osborne*

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