



Section IX Athletics

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B&C

Minutes

1. Call to Order by Robert Thabet, Executive Director
All members present except: Jim Wolfe, Rosario Agostaro and David Bernsley
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Robert Thabet
3. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - a. Section IX Agenda
 - b. Financial Report
 - c. General Action Items, Discussion Items and Committee Reports from NYSPHSAA
 - d. Discussion Item regarding Balancing the Maximum number of contests
 - e. 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 NYSPHSAA championship Dates/Sites
 - f. Meeting Reports from NYSPHSAA
 1. Budget/Audit and Handbook Committee
 - g. NYSPHSAA Transgender Guidelines – Draft
 - h. Cheerleading – Sport Standards, Championship and Dual Season Competitive Cheerleading
 - i. NYSPHSAA Modified Committee and Life of an Athlete
 - j. Section IX Sponsorship
 - k. NYSPHSAA Wrestling Skin Disease Form
 1. NYSAAA Chapter IX Report
 - m. Memo to Sport Coordinators and Athletic Council Members
4. Approval of September 16, 2014 Minutes
Motion to approve September 16, 2014 Minutes was made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
Motion by Sean Michel to accept Section IX Financial Report, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
 - a. NYSPHSAA General Action Items
 - b. Fairness in High School Athletic CompetitionBoth issues will be discussed at the October 23, 2014 at NYSPHSAA Meeting.
7. NYSPHSAA: Joe Altieri, Director of Media and Marketing – No report.

8. Section IX Reserve Fund /Investment Policy Committee Report
Review of the partnerships (sponsorships) with Section IX Athletics. Information regarding platinum, gold, silver and bronze sponsorships was reviewed as well as the Corporate Sponsorship Agreement. Anaconda Sports has stated they will provide Section IX Athletics with \$12,500. in products and \$7,500. in cash if approved as a platinum sponsor. Motion to accept by John Landro, 2nd by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried. The Athletic Council discussed developing a Philosophy on who Section IX accepts and develops a relationship as a sponsor.
9. Cheerleading – Cherie Ramsey
A review of the Competitive Cheerleading Sport Standards, Cheerleading Championship and Dual Season Competition for Competitive Cheerleading was done for the Athletic Council. The Athletic Council expressed concerns and asked questions regarding the Dual Season Competition and the pay of judges for competition. The Athletic Council expressed concern regarding the Dual Season Competition.
10. Back from the Leagues
 - a. Academic Advantage Waiver (Educational Waiver)
Motion by Toni Woody, 2nd by Dennis Burkett, for Section IX to support the elimination of the academic advantage waiver corresponding of residency and changes to the legal separation. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Exceptional Senior Game
Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody to approve a Boys Lacrosse Exceptional Senior Game with the same option of an Exceptional Senior Game for Girls Lacrosse. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. Track & Field – Classification Numbers
The MHAL and OCIAA will discuss this issue further with the Athletic Directors.
11. Use of Drones for Athletic Scrimmages and Games – Michael Bellarosa
The Athletic Council discussed the problems of the use of drones. Motion by Mike Bellarosa to ban the use of drones for athletic scrimmages and games, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. Section IX Softball Chairperson Resignation – Bob Thabet
Motion to approve with regret the resignation of Bruce Guyette – Softball and Jon Stern – Nordic Skiing. All in favor. Motion carried. Back to Leagues – Softball Chairperson

Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody, to approve Nick Mancuso from Wallkill High School as Section IX Nordic Ski Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Fall Chair Reports:
 - a. Cross Country Jim Glover and Joe Cahill
Matt Hemmer reported on the upcoming Section IX Championship to be held at Bear Mountain.
 - b. Football Dave Coates and Glen Maisch
The Committee will be meeting Thursday, October 23, 2014

- c. Boys Soccer Pete Ferguson
- d. Girls Soccer Diane Wanser
The Committee will be meeting Wednesday, October 22, 2014 to set up the Section IX Tournament.
- e. Field Hockey C.J. Bull-Knuth
Jon Zenz outlined the Section IX Tournament which begins October 28, 2014 at the Hudson Valley Sports Dome.
- f. Girls Swimming Pat Ryan
Pat Ryan outlined the upcoming OCIAA and Section IX Tournament. Information is online. If you have any questions please contact the Chairperson.
- g. Girls Tennis Selina DeCicco
The Tournament begins Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at Matchpoint in Goshen, NY.
- h. Volleyball Toni Woody
The Section IX Finals will be held Sunday, November 2, 2014 at SUNY New Paltz. The Regionals will be held November 6th for Class AA & C and November 7th for Class B & A at SUNY Ulster. The Class D Champion plays in Section I on November 4, 2014.

14. Chair Reports:

- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports Jeremy Weber & Michelle Henn
Action items for the October 23, 2014 NYSPHSAA Meeting were discussed.
Future items for consideration – [Back to the Leagues](#)
 - Modified Wrestling maximum number of points from 12 contests to 14 points.
 - Volleyball servicing rotation recommendation
- b. Safety Janet Carey
Schools are reminded about concussion Management Update. The Safety Committee is not in favor of changing the NYSPHSAA Jewelry. The Committee is looking at carry over practices in contact to contact sports except football. The Safety Committee is reviewing and discussing a recommendation about football contact limitations.
- c. Chemical Health Marco Lanzoni
The minutes from the October meeting are posted on the Section IX website.
- d. Officials Coordinator Dennis Burkett
No report at this time.
- e. Eligibility Fred Ahart
Fred thanked the Committee for its hard work and there is no meeting after the meeting.
- f. Sportsmanship Glen Maisch
Glen reviewed the Sportsmanship initiatives. Glen has set up a meeting with the Officials Association to better understand what they do and review rules and regulations. Chris Mayo stated that if school districts need to address situations with officials they can contact Dennis Burkett or the Regional Office of Interscholastic Athletics for help.

15. New Business

Mike Kroemer asked the Athletic Council to approve a waiver for all wrestlers involved in post season play be allowed to certify 14 days from the day after their last post season contest. Motion to approve by Mike Bellarosa, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried. The Sectional Tournament dates in case of inclement weather were posted.

Mike Kroemer – NYSAAA Chapter Representative for Section IX reviewed his report which is in the Athletic Council folder. An email has been sent to all Athletic Directors regarding the NYSAAA Scholarship. If you have any questions please contact Mike Kroemer right away.

Michelle Henn reviewed the NYS AHPERD Catskill Zone events starting with the October 25, 2014 Get Moving NY Walk to be held in Washingtonville. The Catskill Zone will be hosting a Mini Conference on Monday, November 10, 2014 at Pakanasink Elementary School / Circleville Middle School. There will be a general session followed by a choice of a secondary, an Elementary or a health session. If you need more information or if you have questions contact Michelle at mhenn@ws.k12.ny.us

Mergers:

Motion to approve Rondout Valley and Kingston in Boys Swimming and also approve Marlboro/F.D.R. and Highland in Boys Swimming, was made by Mike Bellarosa, second by Dr. Ivan Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Dover High School, Section IX, with Pawling School District, Section I, in the sport of Ice Hockey was made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dennis Burkett discussed the site and sound problems in using Wallkill High School and the size of the Marlboro meeting site. He asked to be able to look into another site for the November 25, 2014 Section IX athletic Council Meeting. The Coleman High School was suggested as a possible site.

Dennis Burkett asked for clarification on the Sectional site issue that was approved by the Athletic Council. Bob Thabet stated it was only to be used for the Sectional Finals.

Roberta Greene asked for clarification on how the Section IX representatives should vote regarding the Jewelry Rule. After discussing the issue the Athletic Council supports following what is in the Track & Field Rule Book.

NYSPPHSAA Hall of Fame Nominees:

Motion to approve Ed Hawkins, former Washingtonville Soccer player was made by Scott Courter, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Paula Jones, former Minisink Valley Volleyball Coach, was made by Tim Bult, 2nd by Roberta Greene. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to move into Executive session was made by Tim Bult, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at John A. Coleman High School at 9:30 a.m.
430 Hurley Avenue, Hurley, NY 12443

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

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Section IX Athletics

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