



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting John A. Coleman Catholic High School September 17, 2015 Minutes

1. Call to Order- Greg Ransom
Greg Ransom introduced himself to the Athletic Directors and Sports Chairpersons who were in attendance at the Athletic Council Meeting.

All members present except: Dave Bernsley, Ron Montalto, Jim Wolfe, Joseph Phelan and Mike Bellarosa.

Mr. Ransom asked for a moment of silence for a member of the Section IX family who recently passed away. Greg asked that you remember Luann McCarthy and her family in your prayers.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Review of Meeting Materials
 - a. Section IX Financial Report
 - b. NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting Highlights
 - c. Boys Lacrosse – length of season information
 - d. 2016-2021 Section IX Athletic Agreement with Anaconda Sports/Lids East
 - e. Football Classification Proposal for 2016
 - f. Certification of Private/Parochial School coaches
 - g. NYSPHSAA Central Committee approved 10th football game
 - h. Sectional Sites 2015-2016
 - i. Spalding Official Ball List **effective 2016**
 - j. NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee two-day Championship Proposal
4. Approval of June 11, 2015 Minutes
Motion to approve Dr. Ivan Katz, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve Dennis Burkett, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried. Greg Ransom read a letter from Gary Theodore, CPA, Nugent & Haeussler that stated “Our firm has many not-for-profit clients. Your record keeping system as compared to other organizations your size is excellent.”
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Reps – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Ms. Greene reviewed the highlights from the summer meeting.
 - a. Football contact limitations reduced for the individual from 11 to 10 (scrimmage) and 15 to 14 (contest).
 - b. Protective Hard Shell Helmets – Approved for Baseball. Softball is still discussing the issue. Sectional Representatives Ms. Greene and Mr. Wolfe need direction from the Athletic Council.

- c. Selection Classification – Starting in 2017, 7th-8th grade students will be subject to the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule.
 - d. Transgender Guidelines – Should be reviewed by Athletic Directors
 - e. Girls Swimming & Diving Qualifying Standards approved.
7. NYSPHSAA Report – Joe Agostinelli – Director of Communications
Athletics have been highlighted and if anyone has any ideas please contact Joe. The website is constantly updated so please review and let Joe know if you have any questions.
8. Combining of Teams – Greg Ransom
FDR and John Coleman have submitted applications to combine with Kingston and Rondout Valley. Motion to table until the OCIAA meets was made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Rosario Agostaro. All in favor. Motion carried. Rosario discussed the problem with process and application as written. Greg Ransom discussed the new process that is being developed by the Leagues and will be presented at the next Section IX Meeting
9. Back from the Leagues
 - a. Football Exceptional Senior – Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Girls Track & Field Chairperson – Brian Halling, Hyde Park Central School District has submitted a letter of interest in becoming chairperson.
 - c. Baseball Chairperson – Section 9 has received 2 applications if anyone else is interested please contact Greg Ransom by Friday, September 25, 2016.
10. Section IX Directory
Jim Osborne asked if anyone had updates or changes to please email them to Dennis Burkett, Chris Mayo or Jim Osborne.
11. Section IX Sports Dues Form
Jim Osborne asked the Athletic Directors to check with their Business Office to make sure invoices have been submitted for payment. 2nd notices will be sent next week.
12. Section IX Boys Lacrosse – Bob Slate
The Committee is requesting a change in the established calendar from week #48 to week #49. After much discussion the item was directed to go back to the Leagues for discussion and a vote.
13. 2016-2012 Section IX Agreement with Anaconda Sports
Motion to approve Dr. Ivan Katz, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.
14. Football Classification Proposal
The discussion began with Greg Ransom outlining what happened at the CAC and NYSPHSAA summer meeting. Details of the proposal were included in the Athletic Council folder but Ms. Greene asked about the cost factor and other questions about the rationale for approving were discussed. Back to the Leagues.
15. Certification of Private and Parochial School Coaches
Motion to approve Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.

16. NYSPHSAA 10th game for Football
This was approved by NYSPHSAA for contests played by rivals who don't make the Section finals.
17. Application for NYSPHSAA and Neighbor Status
Motion to approve Upton Christian School was made by Amy McArdle-Rausenberger, 2nd by Rosario Agostaro. All in favor. Motion carried.

Highland Residential School applied for League, Section and NYSPHSAA membership. Motion by Tim Bult, 2nd by Dave Franskevicz to accept Highland Residential as a Friend & Neighbor. All in favor. Motion carried.

18. Fall Chairpersons Reports

Cross Country – Jim Glover

Section IX Championship at Bear Mountain on November 6, 2015. Handbook is online. The coaches and Committee were interested in reducing the number of required days for practices and not interested in the modified teams wearing spikes. The State Committee is looking at making a recommendation to 5 classes.

Football – Dave Coates and Glen Maisch

The new playoff structure was reviewed with the coaches. The Modified Football coaches had a meeting to review the By-laws.

Boys Soccer – Pete Ferguson

The Soccer Committee would like the coaches and Athletic Directors feedback regarding the Anaconda/Lids soccer ball. A meeting will be held October 23, 2015 to review the 2016 Exceptional Senior Game.

Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser

Reviewed the Championship dates, sites and times. Due to the match ups possible Class sites could change.

Girls Swimming – Pat Ryan

Reviewed championship dates, sites and times.

Field Hockey – Deb Beam

The coaches have expressed to the Chairperson problems with officiating. Chris Mayo stated availability of the officials is the main problem. Due to a change in the Field Hockey Rules the Dome may not be a site to be used for Sectional or Regional contests in **2016**. Field Hockey would like to host a Senior All-Star Contest. Back to the Leagues.

Girls Tennis – No Report

Volleyball – Toni Woody

Reviewed the Championship date, site and times.

19. Chairpersons Reports

Boys and Girls Modified Sports – Jeremy Weber
No report at this time.

Safety – Janet Carey
Items were included and reviewed in the NYSPHSAA report “Anyone can save a life” and Impact are areas Athletic Directors should review.

Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni
No report at this time.

Eligibility – Fred Ahart
Meeting after the meeting.

Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch
Glen asked Athletic Directors to review Sportsmanship in each school district. If issues develop take care of them immediately.

Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
Dennis reminded the Athletic Directors that safety of the officials is the school district responsibility.

20. New Business

Section IX Sites 2015-2016
Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.

Spalding Official Ball list **effective 2016**.

Baseball has proposed a two day State Championship – back to the Leagues.

Rosario Agostaro suggested the Athletic Directors get together to share ideas and promote a workshop on Leadership and Sportsmanship. Greg Ransom will meet with Rosario to discuss his suggestion.

Dave Coates reported that he is working on proposals for the sports of Track & Field and Lacrosse for possible NYSPHSAA Championships. The Middletown School District, Town of Wallkill and the City of Middletown are involved.

Jim Osborne reported that the NYSPHSAA Budget-Audit Committee is working on the budget for 2016-2017. They are working on the membership dues of \$810. per school and .86 per student above 300 based on the school districts 14-15 BEDS enrollment.

21. Old Business

None reported.

22. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Fred Ahart, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at the Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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