



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 5, 2016
Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl Onken Conference Center at 9:30 a.m.**

Minutes

1. Call to Order- Greg Ransom
All members present except: Dave Bernsley
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Greg Ransom
3. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - a. Section IX Agenda for Jan. 6, 2015
 - b. Section IX Financial Report
 - c. Championship Philosophy Committee Report from NYSPHSAA
 - d. NYSPHSAA - Practice Session Rule Revision
 - e. Definition of Athletic Advantage
 - f. Section IX Athletic 2016-2017 Proposed Budget
 - g. Modified Sports Action Items for NYSPHSAA Modified Committee
 - h. Spalding Official Ball List
 - i. Section IX Athletics Conflict of Interest Policy
4. Approval of November 24, 2015 Minutes
Motion to approve made by John Landro, 2nd by Rosario Agostaro. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Tim Bult, 2nd by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Conference call with NYSPHSAA regarding site approval. Basketball for 2017-18-19 will be played in Binghamton, New York. Track & Field 2019 will be held in Middletown, New York.

Toni Woody wanted the Leagues and Section to discuss Council of Administrators and APHERD dues.
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report – Todd Nelson reported on the following Battle of the Fans, Captain's Club, website, BEDS numbers, United Sports and Boys/Girls Lacrosse bids, Championship Philosophy Committee report. Greg Ransom and Jim Osborne reported that the Committee addressed:
 1. Does NYSPHSAA want an expansion of the State Tournament.
 2. Is the current philosophy working.

The committee voted unanimously to affirm the current philosophy. There was no support on the committee to consider adding an additional classification in the sport of Football. The

committee reviewed the entire philosophy document and made recommendations for minor changes and revisions.

8. Combining of Teams – Greg Ransom
New format is out to the school districts with the discussion of a definition of “advantage.” Greg reviewed the condition and circumstance. At this time several applications have been sent to the Sports Chairpersons. Dr. Katz asked what is the basic criteria. Greg stated objections must be given and defined. The final decision is made by the Section IX Athletic Council. Motion to approve the definition of “Athletic Advantage” and add it to the Combining of Schools application was made by Dr. Katz, 2nd by Rosario Agostaro. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Back from the Leagues
 - a. Baseball Chairperson
Motion to approve Jeremy Weber and James Ryan as Section IX Representatives was made by Toni Woody, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Boys and Girls Lacrosse 4th Classification
Section IX supports 3 classifications.
 - c. Revision to Rule 22 “Practice Session”
Motion to approve by Tim Bult, 2nd by Dr. Katz. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. 2016-2017 Section IX Budget
Motion to approve was made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Fred Ahart. All in favor. Motion carried. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - e. Cross Country 5 Classes (Quantity vs. Quality)
Section IX does not support this action.
 - f. Cross Country – Bidding Process
The NYSPHSAA is looking to put the sport of Cross Country in the bid process. The Cross Country committee is not in favor of this change.
 - g. Cheerleading – NYSPHSAA Championship
Motion to approve the winner of each category to attend the NYSPHSAA Championship was made by Sean Michel, 2nd by Jim Wolfe. All in favor. Motion carried. The leagues changed their vote from the top two in each category to the winner of each category after much discussion and input from Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director.

Modified Sports

- h. Proposed changes in modified starting weeks
Motion by Roberta Greene, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.
- i. Proposed change in Field Hockey – Aerial Ball
Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
- j. Use of 3 point shot in Modified Boys and Girls Basketball
OCIAA Yes, if the gym accommodates it.
MHAL No
Motion to approve by Mike Bellarosa, 2nd by Tim Bult. The motion was defeated.

k. Proposal to reduce required number of practice days. Jeremy and Michelle will review the recommendations with the Modified Committee. Robbie Greene asked if the High School Sport Standards have been reviewed. Todd Nelson reported that the Chairpersons have been directed to review.

l. NYSPHSAA schools will follow the ASA non-approved certification stamped bat beginning with the 2016 season.

m. The penalty for using an altered bat is the player is called out and ejected from the game resulting in a 1 game unsportsmanlike penalty.

Motion by Tom Cassata, 2nd by Steve Boucher, to approve both statements as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Winter Chair Reports:

a. Basketball – Boys – Fred Ahart
The season has begun. Rosters online.

b. Basketball – Girls – Steve Boucher
2/17/16 – Entries 2/18/16 – Seed Meeting Games could begin 2/20/16

c. Ice Hockey – Frank Alessandrino
No report.

d. Alpine Skiing – Janet Carey
No snow is not a good thing, Janet will keep everyone updated.

e. Nordic Skiing – Nick Mancuso
No report.

f. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner
Feb. 5-6, 2016 OCIAA Championship
Feb. 18-19-20, 2016 Section IX Championship
March 4-5, 2016 NYSPHSAA Championship

g. Winter Track – Mike White
Booklet online – Online entries

h. Wrestling – Jeff Cuiilty
Mike Kroemer reported on Section IX Duals
Div. I winner – Monroe-Woodbury
Div. II winner- New Paltz

i. Bowling – Theresa Eckert and Erena O'Brien
No report.

j. Gymnastics – Lee Ann Pazoga
No report.

k. Cheerleading – Cherie Ramsey

- No report.
11. Chair Reports:
- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports – Jeremy Weber and Michelle Henn
All ready reported on items for review.
 - b. Safety – Janet Carey
No report.
 - c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni
No report.
 - d. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
Meeting after the meeting.
 - e. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
Meeting with the negotiator today. Discussion regarding Cheerleading fees.
 - f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch
Reminder regarding Sportsmanship survey. Any issues please contact Glen.

12. New Business:
Mike Kroemer reported on the Athletic Administrator Association Awards.

Greg Ransom discussed the need for Section IX to have an attorney represent the Section. Motion by Tim Bult, 2nd by Tom Cassata to research and seek proposals for representation. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Toni Woody, to approve the PSAL to be part of the NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Championship.

16. Old Business
None reported.

17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn and move into Executive Session made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at John A. Coleman Catholic High School at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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