



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

John Coleman High School

Minutes

1. Call to Order- Greg Ransom

All members present except: Dr. Ivan Katz, Dave Bernsley, Michael Bellarosa, Antonia Woody

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Greg Ransom

3. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne

- a. Section IX Agenda
- b. Section IX Budget Information
- c. Letter from Nugent and Haeussler
- d. NYSPHSAA Annual meeting highlights (posted online)
- e. NYSHPSAA Membership Committee information
- f. Friends and Neighbors application

4. Approval of June 16, 2016 Minutes. Motion to approve Mr. Tim Bult, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Financial Report – Jim Osborne

Motion to approve by John Landro, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Director, Greg Ransom, reviewed Gary Theodore, Nugent & Haeussler letter to the Athletic Council.

6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe

A review of the NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting highlights with specific reference to the action items. Committee Reports and Discussion items. Ms. Greene also talked about the Interpretation of the transfer rule for APP Students beginning in the 2017-18 school year.

Back to the Leagues:

- a. NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Rubrics.
- b. Wrestling Dual Meet Championship.
- c. Girls Golf Team Championship.
- d. Girls & Boys Swimming Team Championship.
- e. Girls & Boys Bowling – 2 Division.
- f. Indoor Track – 2nd Relay.
- g. Section IX Boys & Girls – Swim Awards.
- h. Unified Sports Chairperson for Section IX.

7. NYSPHSAA Office Report –

Jim Osborne, NYSPHSAA President, mentioned to the Athletic Council that NYSPHSAA will be reviewing Discussion & Action Items through the following committees: Championship Philosophy, Combining of Schools, Membership & Transgender Committees.

8. Combining of Teams - Antonia Woody and Tim Bult
Tim Bult has been appointed to serve on the Combining of Schools Committee. Tim discussed his power point presentation to the NYSPHSAA Central Committee at the summer meeting. Jim Wolfe congratulated Tim on a great presentation.

9. NYSPHSAA Membership Committee report – Tom Cassata
Tom stated it was a productive meeting. The Committee is reviewing what is best for NYSPHSAA. The committee has formed two sub committees to look at (1) Statewide classification, (2) Parallel State Championships, more information to follow.

10. Back from Leagues:
a. West Point Middle School- Friends and Neighbor.
b. Faith Christian Academy – Friends and Neighbor

Motion to approve, John Landro, 2nd by Tom Cassata. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Fall Chair Reports:

a. Cross Country – James Glover & Joe Cahill
The Cross Country Handbook is online. The Section IX Championships will be held at Bear Mountain on Friday, November 4, 2016.

The State Committee discussed the Code of Conduct and Weatherbug.

Rosario Agostaro asked about accommodations for a special needs student. It was noted that on the NYSPHSAA Website under “forms”, there is information on any request for a “special accommodation”.

b. Football – David Coates reported that the by-law changes are online and that the Rules Interpretation Meeting went very well.

c. Boys and Girls Soccer – Pete Ferguson and Diane Wanser reported that the Section IX Seeding Committee will meet on October 19, 2016 at the HudsonValley Sports Dome. The Section IX Senior All-Star Game will take place on November 6, 2016 @ Newburgh High School. If you have new coaches in your school district, please email Diane Wanser their name and email address.

d. Field Hockey – Tom Cassata gave the report for Debbie Beam. The handbook is online with important dates; please have your Coaches review it. October 2, 2016 at Dietz Stadium, at noon, will be the Coaches Play for CURE. On November 10, 2016, the Senior All Star Game will be played at Dietz Stadium. SUNY New Paltz will host the A Final on October 22, 2016 at 9am. No B Final, congratulations to Red Hook. The C Semi Final and Finals will be held at Dietz

Stadium on October 25 and 27, 2016. The Section winners will play November 5, 2016 at Section I, remember this is an SAT day.

Contact Debbie Bean (518) 819-9813 or dbeam@rhcsd.org regarding any questions.

- e. Girls Swimming- Pat Ryan
Information for the OCIAA and Section IX is online. Discussion regarding awards for the most outstanding swimmer and diver for boys and girls – Back to the Leagues.
- f. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco – No report
- g. Volleyball – Antonia Woody – No report

12. Chair Reports:

- a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports – Jeremy Weber and Michelle Henn
New schedule for the number of practices required prior to scrimmages/ games has been approved.

Modified Football has been approved to play 3 games in 14 days. The 3 point shot will be discussed and brought back to the sections at a later date.

- b. Safety – Janet Carey
Discussion on Weatherbug. Schools can be more restrictive.
- c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni
The Committee minutes of the meeting will be posted online as soon as they are available. Discussion on Scholar Athlete, Captains Club, Hazing Prevention, Battle of the Fans and Leadership Conference took place.
- d. Eligibility- Fred Ahart
The committee will have a meeting after the meeting.
- e. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
Report on the current contract negotiations with the officials. Motion to approve the extension of the language of the current contract for 1 year with a \$1.00 increase to pay the officials for all sports except soccer which will be \$2.00. Motion by Tim Bult, 2nd by Dave Franskevicz. All in favor. Motion carried.
- f. Sportsmanship – Adam Kless
Adam is looking for directions from Section IX and/or NYSPHSAA. The NFHS has excellent coaching courses regarding Sportsmanship, more information to follow.

13. New Business:

- a. Executive Director, Greg Ransom along with Robbie Greene discussed the November 8, 2016 Transgender Workshop at Monroe- Woodbury, more information to follow.

- b. Greg Ransom asked Jeremy Weber, Athletic Director at Rondout Valley about his Combining of Schools request. Jeremy reported he is waiting for more discussion on the topic at this time.
- c. A review of the items are to be discussed by the NYSPHSAA Championship Philosophy Committee which could be voting items at the October NYSPHSAA meeting will go back to the leagues. The Chairperson discussed their sport requests.
- d. Rosario Agostaro asked for the information regarding the Unified Sports Program. Chris Mayo reported that Todd Nelson, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director, will be meeting with interested Athletic Directors after the Mandated Workshop on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. Back to the Leagues Section IX needs a Chairperson.
- e. Deborah Haab, Highland School District Superintendent discussed reviewing the Combining of Schools issue. Shadowing while it is currently working she asked if it is the best alternative for the student/ athlete. The Athletic Council and Athletic Directors discussed the topic which included Bylaw changes, scoring and the OCIAA Championship. Greg Ransom stated that student/athletes are given better opportunities with the changes but that the issue still needs to be worked on by everyone involved.
- f. Dennis Burkett reported that the MHAL will be having their meetings at John Coleman High School. The New Paltz site is not available.

14. Old Business
None reported.

The Mandated Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 9:30 am at Wallkill High School.

The next Section IX Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2016, 9:30 am at the Orange-Ulster BOCES.

15. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Motion to adjourn by Tom Cassata 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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