



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Orange- Ulster BOCES @ 9:30 am

Minutes

1. Call to order: Greg Ransom
All members present except:
Antonia Woody, Jim Wolfe, David Bernsley, Roberta Greene and Marco Lanzoni
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Greg Ransom
3. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - a. Section IX Budget Information
 - b. NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting Highlights- January 27, 2017
Attachments include:
 1. NYSPHSAA Championship Fall 2016- Spring 2020
 2. NYSED Update- Darryl Daily – Associate on Physical Education
 3. USA Football Heads Up Coaching Program
 4. NYSPHSAA Handbook Committee
 5. NYSPHSAA Student –Athlete Development and Student Athlete Advisory Committee
 6. Classification Information
 7. 12th & 13th Sectional Concept – Back to the Section
 8. Pitch Count Information
 9. Girls Golf- NYSPHSAA Markers per Section – Back to the Section
 10. Girls and Boys Swimming/ Diving- Team Champion – Back to the Section
 11. Softball- International Tie Breaker Waiver- Back to the Section
 12. Draft- Section IX Athletics Meeting Dates, Site Time and Times
 13. Combining of Teams Information
 14. Section IX Classification of Schools
 15. Section IX Football 2017
 16. Section IX Championship Shirt Team Order
 17. Drone Policy Update
4. Motion to approve the January 5, 2017 Minutes was made by Tom Cassata, second by Rosario Agostaro. All in favor. Motion Carried.
5. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Joe Phelan, second by David Coates. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Jim Osborne reviewed the NYSPHSAA Meeting Highlights. Robert Zayas, Executive Director discussed possible on NYSED regulation changes. Home School Legislation and Combining of Teams. Mr. Osborne reviewed the subcommittee that formed to review Modified Sports. Information regarding the Drone Policy for 2017- 2018 and the Section 12 & 13 Concept Document were discussed. NYSED Darryl Daily update was

distributed so all Director of Physical Education could review. Handbook Committee topics were discussed. The additional 12th & 13th Section for non-public schools concept was discussed.

Items to go to the Leagues to come back to Section IX

- a. Girls Golf – 3 Markers per Section
- b. Girls & Boys Swimming and Diving- Team Champion
- c. Softball- International Tie Breaker Waiver

7. Robert Zayas NYSPHSAA Executive

Mr. Zayas discussed the Board of Regents meeting that he attended. He reported on the Home Schooled Legislation and the revised Drone Policy. The Handbook Committee will be discussing the Transfer Rule and changes to the Handbook regarding the SED information.

8. Combining of Teams- Antonia Woody and Tim Bult

Tim Bult reviewed the information in the Athletic Council folder regarding the requests from School Districts to merge or shadow. Motion by Tim Bult, second by John Landro to approve the schools and sports. (Chart was supplied by the committee).

Sean Michele discussed the Times Herald Record Newspaper reporting of the issue especially the reporting that Section IX Athletic Council is a “rubber stamp” of action coming from the Leagues. It was agreed that the reporting in the Times Herald Record was inaccurate and that the official business notification should come from the Executive Director. Chris Mayo stated that it would be difficult to control the information since the League Minutes are online. Jim Osborne suggested the Executive Director contact the Times Herald Record with information regarding the vote of the Combining of Teams. Executive Committee was in favor of the Executive Director contacting the Time Herald Record.

9. Back from the Leagues:

Fall start dates 2017- Motion by Tim Bult to approve the August 14, 2017 as the start date for all Freshman, JV and Varsity Sports with the understanding that School Districts could start later, except Varsity Football, second by David Coates. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Winter Chair Reports:

- a. Boys Basketball and
- b. Girls Basketball-
Congratulations to the Section IX Champions and thank you to the sites that hosted the Section IX and Regional contests.
- c. Ice Hockey – Frank Allessandrino, No report.
- d. Alpine Skiing –Janet Carey reported the weather cooperated with the running of the Sectional Championship. The weather was not as cooperative for the NYSPHSAA Championship.
- e. Nordic Skiing- Nick Mancuso, No report.
- f. Boys Swimming- Scott Warner
Monroe-Woodbury was the OCIAA and Section IX Champion. A written report was submitted to be filed online.

- g. Indoor Track- Mike White
A written report was submitted. Mike thanked the Athletic Coordinator, Chris Mayo and staff for their help during the season. Robert Zayas thanked Mike White for his help at the NYSPHSAA Championship held at Ocean Breeze.
- h. Wrestling- Jeff Culty
Written report sent to the Athletic Directors with items that need review by the Leagues and Section IX.
- i. Bowling – Theresa Eckert and Erena O’Brien reported on the Section IX Championship to be held in Syracuse, New York with the new format of Division I and II.
- j. Cheerleading – Cherie Walker
Championship was held at SCCC on February 18, 2017. The Division winners were DI- Large- Warwick, DI- Small- FDR, no DII Large, DII Small- Goshen and Coed. The tentative date for Sections for 2018 will be February 17, 2018 at possibly SCCC. If a school district is interested in hosting please contact Cherie Walker.

Back to the Leagues- Video replay to be used in the Section IX Tournament for 2018

11. Spring Chair Reports:

- a. Baseball – Jeremy Weber and James Ryan reported that the handbook is online. Important items are Coaches Helmet, Pitch Count and NYSPHSAA 2 day Championship format.
- b. Softball- Tom Cassata and Steve Boucher reported the handbook is online. Please review the dates.
- c. Boys Golf- Tom Howe has published the dates, sites and times for 2017.
- d. Girls Golf- Bill Earl, report was submitted
- e. Boys Lacrosse- Bob Slate
Handbook is inline and information was distributed at the coaches Rules Interpretation Meeting.
- f. Girls Lacrosse- Wendy Crandall
Handbook is online.
- g. Boys Tennis- Urvashi Gupta
Information is online and distributed at the coaches meeting.
- h. Track and Field- Matthew Hemma and Brian Halling
Matt reported that everything is online.

12. Chair Reports:

- a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports- Jeremy Weber and Michelle Henn
Meeting coming up, they will report back to the Athletic Council after the meeting.
- b. Safety- Janet Carey
Meeting coming up. Janet will report back to the Athletic Council after the meeting.
- c. Chemical Health- Marco Lanzoni- No report.
- d. Eligibility- Fred Ahart
No meeting after the meeting.
- e. Officiating Coordinator- Dennis Burkett
Nothing to report.

- f. Sportsmanship- Adam Kless- No report.
- g. Unified Sports – Rich Silverstein
David Coates reported a Coaches Meeting will be held March 30, 2017, 4:30 pm at NFA High School.

13. New Business:

- a. NYSAAA representative Mike Kroemer congratulated Mike Bellarosa for receiving the Section IX Athletic Director Award. Mike congratulated and awarded Dennis Burkett the NYSAAA Apple Award.
- b. The IAABO Board 114 submitted the Financial Report for the Official vs. Cancer High School Basketball Tournament.
- c. The Section Soccer Committee filed their Financial Report for the November 6, 2016 Senior All-Star Contest.
- d. Section IX Championship, T-Shirt order
- e. Winter billing for the Section IX Wrestling, Boys Swimming, Gymnastics and Alpine/Nordic Skiing has been sent to the School Districts.

Back to the Leagues for review and vote:

1. Drone Policy for 2017-2018
2. Section IX start dates, meeting dates and sites
3. 2017 Soccer Senior All-Star Contest
4. Section IX Wrestling- Section Chairperson, DI Finals @ MW for day 1 and 2, 2018, Hire a dermatologist for skin checks at the DI/DII Sectionals, pay a Certified Trainer to attend NYS Tournament, increase the number of teams allowed to participate in the Section IX Duals. In DI allow the top 14 of the 15 teams to participate. DII expand the number of teams allowed to participate from two to four teams, add Wrestle backs to the DII Sectionals.

14. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting-
Motion to adjourn by John Landro, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Next meeting date Tuesday, April 18, 2017 @ Orange- Ulster BOCES @ 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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