



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Monroe-Woodbury Education Center

Minutes

1. Call to order: Greg Ransom
All members present except:
Sean Michel
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Greg Ransom
3. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
4. Motion to approve the April 18, 2017 Minutes was made by Tom Cassata, second by David Coates. All in favor. Motion Carried.
5. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
Motion to approve was made by Dr. Ivan Katz, second by Rosario Agostaro.
All in favor. Motion carried.

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

The items for the next Section IX meeting were reviewed. Ms. Greene and Mr. Wolfe noted the great job done by the Section IX Champions.

7. NYSPHSAA Office Report by Robert Zayas. Mr. Zayas reviewed the recent discussion by the legislature.
 - a. Cardiac Care – Athletes grades 9-12 would need a EKG theirs 1st and 3rd years. Ms. Greene asked isn't there a health risk for all students and shouldn't the medical community be asking this as a requirement for all students?
 - b. Steroid testing – There is not much support but it is being discussed.
 - c. Home School Legislation- In 2015 Legislation passed the Senate, 2016 no vote on the legislation. This spring 2017 more members in the assembly are looking at the legislation.
 - d. NYSPHSAA is looking at a Federal Lawsuit regarding a SED regulation.
 - e. June 12, 2017 is the next regents meeting.
 - 2a. 12th/13th Section the topic will not move forward.
8. Combining of Teams- Antonia Woody and Tim Bult
The committee was given two requests. They did not need a League Sectional approval. The schools will be “shadowing” each other. Fallsburg – Tri Valley Girls and Boys Alpine Skiing.

9. Back from the Leagues:
 - a. Combining of Teams Proposal- Motion by Tim Bult, 2nd by Dr. Ivan Katz to revise the graduated scale for 2018-2019 to be AA/A/B at 100%, C @ 40%, D @ 30%. Also consideration for the scale to be used for mergers with up to 3 teams while team sports merges with 4 or more teams you would use 100% of their BEDS numbers, team sports only. All in favor, motion carried.
 - b. Section IX Wrestling action Items:
 - (1) Hire a dermatologist for skin checks for Division I and II Tournament. The cost factor was discussed. Motion to postpone was made by Ms. Greene, 2nd by Dr. Ian Katz. All in favor, motion carried.
 - (2) Section IX to pay for a certified Athletic Trainer to attend the New York State Tournament. Cost of the Athletic Council would like to more information. Motion to postpone was made by Ms. Greene, 2nd by Mike Bellarossa. All in favor, motion carried. Mike Kroemer was asked to get the answers to these questions and report back to the Athletic Council.
 - (3) Increase the number of teams allowed to participate in the Section IX Duals. Motion made by Dr. Ivan Katz, 2nd by David Coates to include all Division I and II schools to enter the Team Tournament but it is a pre requisite to be able to wrestle in 8 different weight classes. All in favor, motion carried.
 - (4) Add wrestle backs to the Division II Sectional Tournament, only if there wasn't a postponement to the start of the tournament. Motion by John Landro, 2nd by Mike Bellarossa- All in favor, motion carried. Greg Ransom also reported on his meeting with Jeff Culty.
 - c. Football ByLaws- David Coates made a motion, 2nd by Tom Cassata to approve a revision on Modified A/B Bylaw 2.b. All in favor, motion carried.
 - (1) An amendment to address the forfeit situation as it applies to play off of seeding in Varsity Football the Amendment was to address seeding tie breaker #4. Motion made by David Coates, 2nd by Tom Cassata. All in favor, motion carried. These amendments apply to seeding criteria.
10. Spring Chair Report:
 - a. Baseball – Jeremey Weber and James Ryan Teams in the Section IX Tournament. Should go on Max Preps to list your roster. Review the game rules in the Section IX Handbook.
 - b. Softball – Tom Cassata and Steve Boucher. The chair person reviewed the game site, date of times.
 - c. Boys Golf – Tom Howe. The Tournament has started.
 - d. Girls Golf – Bill Earl. Day 1 of the Tournament is completed. Sullivan West was crowned Team Champion.
 - e. Boys Lacrosse- Bob Slate. Review of the Sectional/Regional Game Sites, Dates and Times.

- (1) Senior All-Star Contest for 2017. Motion to approve by David Coates, 2nd by Dave Bernsley. All in favor, motion carried.
- (F) Girls Lacrosse- Wendy Crandall – No Report
- (G) Boys Tennis – Urvashi Gupta
Tournament has started at Match Point, Goshen, NY
- (H) Track and Field- Matthew Hemmer and Brian Halling.
All information has been distributed to the Athletic Directors and Coaches.

11. Chain Reports:

- (a) Girls and Boys Modified Sports – Jeremy Weber and Michelle Henn. The modified report was reviewed. The action items that could be voted upon at the NYSPHSAA meeting were discussed.
- (b) Safety- Janet Carey – No report this time.
- (c) Chemical Health- Marco Lanzoni
Marco reported that Athletic Directors should look into the Hazing Prevention Course. Robert Zayas reported on the Impact Testing.
- (d) Eligibility – Fred Ahart
No meeting after the meeting.
- (e) Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
Section IX could have a proposal by the end of June.
- (f) Sportsmanship – Adam Kless no report at this time.
- (g) Unified Sports- Rick Silverstein
Lori Heck reported on the games at Monroe Woodbury starting at 3:00 pm. Mike Bellarossa and David Bernsley stated the program and it was amazing. The friendships and positive relationships that have been developed through this program has everyone agreeing that more schools should become involved.

12. New Business

- (a) Section IX Positions for 2017-2018 – Tim Bult, motion by Tim Bult, 2nd by David Coates to approve Greg Ransom as Executive Director and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Dennis Burkett as MHAL Coordinator and Officials Coordinator, Fred Ahart as Official Coordinator, Jim Osborne as Secretary and Treasurer. All in favor, motion carried.
- (b) Girls Lacrosse Senior – All star contest. The following information was provided by Goshen Athletic Director Dr. Greg Voloshin.
Date of Contest June 5th, 2017, the officials will be paid by the Goshen School District and since no admission will be charged their will not be a profit. Dr. Voloshin noted that Goshen coach Christina Smith has done all the work putting together the Senior All-Star Contest.

- (c) Mike Kroemer presented NYSAAA awards to Athletic Directors. Toni Woody presented the Dr. William Moran award to Jim Wolfe. A second plaque was given to Goshen Athletic Director Greg Voloshin to put up in the Goshen High School.
- (d) Dave Franskevicz requested that when the team sports seed for the Section IX contests that they review conflicts when school teams play the same date and time but at different sites. Executive Director Greg Ransom discussed it is very tough to accommodate but that consideration should be given, when possible. Greg Ransom also discussed tie breakers for team sports.
- (e) Section IX Football – David Coates reported that the rules interpretation will be held June 13, 2017, 5pm at Middletown High School USA Heads-Up Football Clinic. June 20, 2017 at Monroe Woodbury High School District should register 1 High School and 1 Modified Coach.
- (f) Mid Hudson School Study Council – Ms. Greene reported that the organization will be working with AHPERD to put together a conference day. Anyone who has an idea for a topic please contact Ms. Greene, Michelle Henn or Greg Ransom.
- (g) Michelle Henn asked if the Athletic Council would agree to have Section IX pay for the AHPERD dues and bill back to the school districts. The athletic council agreed.

13. Old Business

14. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting. Motion to adjourn by Dr. Ivan Katz, 2nd by Marco Lanzoni. All in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting date Tuesday, June 20, 2017 @ the Apple Greens Golf Course @ 8:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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