



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2018
Orange- Ulster BOCES @ 9:30 am
Carl P. Onken, Conference Room B & C**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. Motion to approve minutes on November 14, 2017:
Motion to approve by Ivan Katz, second by Rosario Agostaro. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Greg Ransom
3. Review of meeting materials: will be reviewed at a later date
4. Financial Report: Section IX monthly statement and budget
Motion to approve financial report by Joe Phelan, second by Marco Lanzoni
Motion to approve budget by Joe Phelan, second by Hans Sebald
There was discussion about teams dropping impacting the overall budget.
5. NYSPHSAA Office Report: Roberta Greene reported that everything is needed by 2/2/18 for their next meeting with the state.
There was no state representative at this meeting due to the date change because of weather. If there are any questions please contact Roberta Greene.
6. Combining of Teams:
Girls Alpine Skiing Fallsburg (host) and Tri Valley
Girls Varsity Lacrosse Highland (host) and Marlboro
Boys Varsity Lacrosse Highland (host) and Marlboro
Motion made by Mike Williams, second by John Landro. All three approved. Motion carried.
7. Back to the Leagues:
Section III has a charter school looking for placement. Section III cannot get approval for League placement. This is coming to the NYSPHSAA executive committee for a vote. Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe approved this to vote conscience.
Application from Spackenkill
Boys Basketball for Cancer request for games to be held on January 28th @ SUNY New Paltz and February 3rd at Dutchess Community College
Motion to approve by Tom Cassata, second by Hans Sebald. Motion approved. Motion carried.

Football Application for exceptional senior game @ NFA for 11/14/18

Motion to approve by Rosario Agostaro, second by Stephen Boucher. Motion approved. Motion carried.

Discussion about Section IX T-Shirt Team order- Fall Champions get these, if an extra is needed for the manager please contact Jim Osborne. The cost is \$10 per shirt and will be billed to school districts.

8. Section IX Football: 8 Man Team – there was a meeting at Sullivan West in December, details from this meeting are below:

- 7 teams in Section 9 are interested in playing
- Robbie Greene discussed individual sections gaining approval for different field sizes and motion is currently written to be presented to the state
- Greg discussed the rules allow you to play on alternate size fields with NYSPHSAA approval

Motion edited (see attached)
Motion made by Dave Coates, second by Dave Franskevicz. Motion Approved.
Motion carried.

9. Winter Chair Reports:

Information to be submitted back to athletic council will now be forwarded to all chairs prior to meetings. This will be implemented for the upcoming March 13th meeting. A template will be sent to all sport chairs with the request of information regarding their sport for the upcoming meeting.

Mileage has increased for 2018 to \$0.545/mile for council and sport chairs.

- a. Boys Basketball: Fred Ahart discussed the Rule Book
 - b. Girls Basketball: Stephen Boucher discussed (NCAA vs Federation Rules) and asked that all schools submit their rosters online.
 - c. Ice Hockey: Frank Allessandrino – no report
 - d. Alpine Skiing : Janet Carey – no report
 - e. Nordic Skiing: Nick Mancuso – no report
 - f. Boys Swimming: Scott Warner – no report
 - g. Indoor Track: Mike White – no report
 - h. Wrestling: Jeff Culty discussed the Section IX duals scheduled and are running this week to the end of month. Winners will go to Syracuse to the state tournament. Several teams have dropped due to insufficient wrestlers.
 - i. Bowling: Theresa Eckert and Erena O'Brien – no report
 - j. Cheerleading: Cherie Walker had a flier distributed explaining the Section IX Championship on 2/17 @ Sullivan County Community College. All cheerleaders need 2 meets before this championship in order to qualify for it.
 - k. Gymnastics: - no report
12. Chair Reports:
- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports: Greg Warren & Michelle Henn - no report
 - b. Safety: Janet Carey – no report
 - c. Chemical Health: Kermit Moyer said the next NYS meeting is scheduled for 2/25/18
 - d. Eligibility: Fred Ahart- no report
 - e. Officials Coordinator: Dennis Burkett – no report
 - f. Sportsmanship: Adam Kless – no report
 - g. Unified Sports:-Rich Silverstein – no report

Bill Earl – Girls Golf Committee is against paid help (marker) for the state tournament. Bill would like to keep scoring “as is” during season, and allow each section and league to score on their own. Section IX is “double per rule.” Discussion on the grey area of how girl’s coaches can coach their athletes but boys coaches are not permitted. This is an issue and it creates problems with markers as coaches want to “coach” their kid.

13. New Business:

Pawling has requested to join Section IX for football 8 man.

Motion to approve by Ivan Katz, second by Sean Michael.

There was discussion on officials from Section 9 and Section 1 and their rights to games.

Jim Wolff- membership on Athletic Council to renew term.

Motion to approve made by Roberta Greene, second by Dave Coates. Motion carried.

Dave Coates Football Committee – Tom Cassata for co-chair for Section 9 Committee

Motion made by Tim Bult, second by John Landro. Motion approved.

- Greg Ransom – Discussion on use of sport specific # (classification) when combining, rather than simply 5 class sport #s. Variation Sport vs. 5 class #s ask state executive committee to ask for change of NYS policy. This process involves going to Leagues, then the Section meeting in March, then the NYS meeting in May and a possible vote in May at the NYSPHSAA level. There are questions about track and field, wrestling, ice hockey, and which #s will be used and will they be 5 class #s?

-Coleman/Saugerties Boys Soccer Combining of Teams Request will be in the future

- Leslie Ahlborn the new Girls Lacrosse Chair person was introduced to the council

- Tom Cassata- Soccer All-Star certification is available

- Neutral site policy- no interest in either league to change

- Stephen Boucher- Softball Sectional Final will be Memorial Day Weekend, Regionals will be June 2nd this is a SAT date that will not be changed

- Chris Mayo reported that Scott Warner has expressed shadowing issues and is awaiting recommendations from the chair. There are now extra expenses for host schools due to shadowing schools attending meets. This is a reminder to all schools to inform the leagues and sections if they have a school shadowing them.

14. Old Business

-Rosario Agostaro inquired about an update for the Middletown facility for indoor track. Chris Mayo said he is hoping for the 2019-2020 season. Greg Ransom explained the group building this facility is a non-profit group and they are trying to raise funds for this facility.

The next Section IX Athletic Council Meeting is Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at John Coleman Catholic High School, at 9:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ivan Katz, second by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

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Section IX Secretary/Treasurer



New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Executive Committee Meeting – February 2, 2018

8 Man Football Field Dimension Waiver

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___* Discussion/ Information Item

Presenter: Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director

Proposal: To allow sections to play 8 man Football with an alternate field dimension from NFHS Rules with Section / League Approval.

Rationale: Sections that are starting 8 man Football Teams need the flexibility to alter the playing field dimensions so as not to incur additional expenses while getting their programs up and running. Schools moving to 8 Man Football already have permanent structures such as goal posts set in the ground and or field markings. Giving Sections the ability to set their own dimensions would alleviate any issues with their current fields.

Budget Impact: None

Notes: The recommended change is to take effect in the 2017-2018 school year.