



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Thursday, May 23, 2019
Orange-Ulster BOCES – 9:30 am**

Minutes

1. Call to Order: Greg Ransom
All members present except: Jim Wolfe, Ken Hauck, Tom Bongiovi, Dr. Ivan Katz and Michael Bellarosa
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Greg Ransom
At this time Greg Ransom reported to the Athletic Council that the Orange County Superintendent Representative, Sean Michel resigned immediately. Greg thanked Minisink Valley Superintendent Brian Monahan for stepping up to be Orange County Superintendent Representative. Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Sean Michel was made by Tim Bult, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Review of Meeting Materials: Jim Osborne
4. Approval of April 11, 2019 Minutes: Motion to approve Marco Lanzoni, 2nd by Hans Sebald. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Financial Report: Jim Osborne
Motion to approve Hans Sebald, 2nd by Steve Boucher. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives: Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe. Greg Ransom reviewed the May NYSPHSAA Meeting Highlights. The approved and discussed items were reviewed.
7. NYSPHSAA Office Report: Todd Nelson, Assistant Director
Girls Tennis Format – Approved – Consideration of approval to implement a two-year experiment for the Girls Tennis Championship format to eliminate consolations and add medal playoffs for the top 8 participants. NOSCAE stamp on Baseballs and Chest Protectors for 2020. Dennis Burkett noted that Athletic Directors should keep the Invoices for proper record keeping. Mr. Nelson also reported that the Practice Requirements were revised; check the NYSPHSAA Handbook for changes.
8. Combining of Teams: Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer
Review of the Combining of teams Report was submitted. Motion to approve the report was made by Tim Bult, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.
Tim also reported the Committee was asked to review with the Swim Sports Chairpersons a change to the number of participants to qualify to be combined. The Swim Chairpersons reviewed the request and discussed the issue. The Chairpersons recommendation is to keep the numbers the same at this time. The Committee and the OCIAA recommend no changes at this time. The MHAL is reviewing a possible recommendation. Greg will respond to a letter he received requesting a review of the Swimming numbers and the Combining of Teams.
9. Back from the Section IX Attorney:
 - a. NFHS Media Policy with Section IX:
Greg reported that the policy was reviewed and the policy is fine but enforcing could be a problem. It was recommended that the NFHS enforce the Policy. Motion by Tim Bult, 2nd by Robbie Greene to approve the Policy starting in the Fall of 2019.
10. Spring Chair Reports:
Greg thanked the Chairpersons for all their hard work and dedication. The Spring Sport Chairpersons reports were distributed to the Athletic Council. Girls Golf needs the Leagues to review the Team Championship format. Back to the Leagues.
Fall Chair Report – David Coates
 - a. Football Rules Interpretation Meeting June 11th, 4:00 pm at Middletown High School
 - b. USA Football Clinic June 20th 8:00 am – 1:00 pm at Warwick High School

11. Chair Reports:

- a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports – Greg Warren and Michelle Henn. The Modified Report was reviewed by Michelle Henn. The report is online and included in the Athletic Council folder.

12. New Business:

- a. BSN Agreement – Section IX Online Provider Back to the Leagues
- b. Senior All Star Contest Girls Lacrosse
Motion to approve by John Landro, 2nd by Marco Lanzoni. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Wrestling Report – Robbie Greene discussed that the report needs to be reviewed by the Leagues. The new Weight Certification procedure needs to be discussed.
- d. Diving Proposal – Back to the Leagues
Pat Ryan asked that Section IX review and discuss the proposal. Greg asked Dennis Burkett, Officials Coordinator, to review the impact on Officials Fees.
- e. Mid Hudson School Study Council – Robbie Greene
Robbie reported the Annual School Law Conference on August 2, 2019 is to be held at Mount St. Mary College.
- f. Dr. William Moran – Mike Kroemer presented to Greg Ransom the 2019 Dr. William Moran Award. Congratulations Greg!

13. Old Business:

- a. Robbie Greene reported that anyone who still has not signed up for the Athletic Administration LTC 631 and is interested to send an e-mail to the Mid Hudson School Study Council.
- b. NFHS – the cutoff date to sign up has been changed from May 30, 2019 to June 15, 2019.

14. Adjournment of Section IX Meeting

Motion by Tim Bult, 2nd by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 8:00 am, Apple Greens Restaurant

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

Section IX Secretary/Treasurer