



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Video Conference Call at 9:30 am

1. Call to Order- Greg Ransom
All members present except Jim Wolfe and Ken Hauck who were absent with notifications.
2. Review of Meeting Materials
Meeting information was sent to the Athletic Council and to the Athletic Directors. Information was also posted on the website.
3. Approval of January 5th and March 3rd, 2021 Athletic Council Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve Brian Monahan, seconded by David Coates. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report – Linda Trapani
Motion to approve by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried. Greg Ransom also reported that Section IX was approved for a second round of funding through the PPP Loan Program.
5. Greg Ransom welcomed John Giametta, Athletic Director of Beacon School District to the Athletic Council Meeting. The Section IX schools voted to approve Beacon School District to become a member of Section IX Athletics beginning July 1, 2021. John Giametta thanked Section IX for the support and assistance in applying for membership. John's email address is giametta.j@beaconk12.org
6. Robbie Greene, NYSPHSAA representative reviewed the Meeting Highlights from its recent meeting. Discussion Items have been sent to the Leagues for discussion and a vote.
The 5 Class Classification following 20% and the D1/D2 classifications recommendations were defeated. NYSPHSAA has formed a Committee to review any changes to the Classification process/procedure.
7. Dr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director of NYSPHSAA
Dr. Zayas thanked Greg Ransom and all the Athletic Directors for their hard work and dedication. Dr. Zayas stated that there will be State Championships in 2021-2022. The NYSPHSAA Classification Committee will have its first meeting Wednesday, March 17, 2021. NYSPHSAA is working to change the guidelines regarding spectators at contests. The guidelines of two (2) per player has not changed.
*** Please note Dr. Zayas has recommended all school districts submit their football helmets for reconditioning, immediately after the season has ended.
8. Combining of Teams: Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer
Motion by Tim Bult, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz to approve Livingston Manor, Host with the Roscoe School District for Girls Soccer, Modified and Varsity for the Fall 2 Season of 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Winter Chair Reports:
Greg thanked the Sports Chairperson for their hard work. Jeff Culty – Wrestling would like to establish All-Star placing by Seeding for the 2020-2021 Season. Greg referred back to the Leagues.
Fall 2 Sports: Greg reminded everyone that the Home School is responsible for contacting the County DOH, the ROIA and the Teams participating if someone at the contests gets COVID-19. The Fall 2 Sports culminating events are being reviewed and when/if approved will be sent to Athletic Directors. The sports of Girls Tennis and Cross Country will not be hosting culminating events.
Greg will be hosting a Spring Sports Chairperson meeting in the next couple of weeks. A question/concern will be how late in the June calendar will contests be allowed to play. A discussion is taking place regarding which Regent Exams will be given. The Chairpeople are looking at when the schedules will have to be completed. Currently, the date of June 12, 2021 is being looked at.
10. Old Business:
Greg Ransom reviewed the Section IX Contest Guidelines Fall Two – 2020-2021 specifically dealing with Spectators.
 - i. No Spectators will be allowed at any indoor venue on or off school district property.
 - ii. Based on DOH Guidelines a maximum of two spectators per athlete will be permitted for outdoor venues. The MHAL has decided only Home spectators are allowed. The OCIAA has decided that some schools will allow Visitors while other schools will only allow Home spectators. Check with your opponent.

Guidelines for Section IX Championships may need to be reviewed. Kermit asked about allowing 2 spectators per Coach. The DOH Guidelines allow 2 spectators per athlete. The Athletic Council discussed DOH Guidelines.

11. New Business

NYSPHSAA Foundation committee was looking for a Section IX representative. Greg Ransom announced at a previous Athletic Council Meeting that anyone interested to please contact Greg. Motion by Tom Bongiovi, seconded by Brian Monahan to nominate Eric Hartmann, Port Jervis School District. All in favor. Motion carried.

Pat Ryan has submitted a letter resigning as Section IX Girls Swim Chairperson. Motion to accept with regret Brian Monahan, seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried. Many of the Athletic Council wanted to express their thoughts about Pat being an outstanding person. Section IX thanks Pat for his service.

Section IX will be reviewing nominations for the Section IX Girls Swimming Chairperson.

Dr. Zayas has requested information from SED regarding if a student-athlete graduates is she/he still eligible to compete because of the Bona Fide Student Rule. Robbie Greene expressed the need to narrow the focus on this issue.

Motion to adjourn, Dr Ivan Katz, seconded by Tom Bongiovi. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 via Zoom at 9:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,
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