



Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

**Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
Minutes**

1. Call to Order – Greg Ransom all Members present except Ray Castellani and Michael Bellarosa.
2. Review of Meeting Materials
3. Approval of April 13, 2021 Minutes
Motion to approve amended Minutes was made by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report – Linda Trapani
Motion to approve Brian Monahan, seconded by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried. All Section IX Dues Forms have been sent to the Athletic Directors. If School Districts would like to pay their 2021-2022 Section IX Dues before July 1, 2021 please submit your form immediately.
5. NYSPHSAA Office Report, Dr. Robert Zayas
 - a. NYSPHSAA is planning on Hosting ALL State Championships for the 2021-2022 school year.
 - b. Athletic Directors Mandated Workshop is scheduled for Monday, September 13, 2021 site is TBA.
 - c. Boys Lacrosse – for the 2022 Season all shoulder pads will need to meet the NOSCAE standard.
 - d. Greg Ransom introduced Mark Koski and Matt Abramson, from the NFHS Network, who made a presentation to the Athletic Council. The NFHS Network will provide 2 Pixellot cameras and installation at no cost. If interested please contact Matt.abramson@nfhsnetwork.com
6. NYSPHSAA Meeting Report from May 5, 2021
Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
A review of the Meeting Highlights with Items to go back to the Leagues for discussion
 - a. Consider approval to revise the language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook regarding the TASC (GED) students.
 - b. Boys/Girls Volleyball: Modify the Selection Process of Officials for the NYSPHSAA State Tournament
 - c. School Based Official – OCF recommends NYSPHSAA allow schools to use a School Based Official.
 - d. Consider approval of the Friends and Neighbor application process
 - e. Consider approval to adopt a new Lineup Rule for Girls and Boys Team Tennis Championship competition at the Regional and State Tournament.
7. Combining of Teams Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer:
Tim Bult announced that Marlboro Girls Lacrosse will not be combining with Highland for 2021.
8. Fall 2 Chair Reports:
Greg praised the Chairpeople for all the hard work that they did during the season. The culminating events for the athletes were fantastic. Thank you.
9. Spring Chair Reports:

Golf – Greg Ransom asked the Girls Golf Chair Bill Earl and Boys Golf Chair Tom Howe to review the format of the Golf Matches. Boys Golf had no discussion on keeping the groups in the cohort. In Girls Golf it was not mandated to change the format. Dave Coates asked about virtual Golf Matches. As reported by the Chairpersons it is not occurring.

Track and Field – Greg Ransom discussed the culminating event proposal to the School Districts. Chairperson Matt Hemmer outlined the discussion he had with Brian Monahan, Tim Bult, and David Coates. The Athletic Council discussed spectators attending the Class A/B/C/D events. Motion by Tom Bongiovi, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz to approve the 4 Class Meets with No Spectators allowed. If the DOH Guidance is changed the Athletic Council will revisit the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Chair Reports:

a. Modified Sports – Sue Lenzian and Greg Warren

Motion to approve overtime in Modified Girls Field Hockey with the League and Section IX approval. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Safety- Janet Carey

The Committee is reviewing data and discussing Girls Lacrosse head gear. If you have any questions please contact Janet.

d. Unified Sports:

The Pine Plains School District has requested that they be allowed spectators at their Unified Basketball events. Robert Scott, Athletic Director stated that Pine Plains will follow all DOH Guidelines. A motion was made and seconded to approve but after much discussion by the Athletic Council, the motion and second motion were withdrawn. The Athletic Council took no further action.

11. Old Business:

a. Girls Swim Chairperson:

Motion by Brian Monahan, seconded by Tim Bult to approve Chris Sammons, Kingston as the Girls Swim Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Bowling Chairperson:

Motion by David Coates, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz to approve with regret the resignation of Rich Silverstein. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. New Business:

a. Motion by David Coates, seconded by Roberta Greene to reappoint Jim Wolfe as the Section IX Male Representative to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Girls Tennis – Motion to approve the resignation of Gina Imperiale with regret was made by Brian Monahan, seconded by Tom Cassata. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by David Coates, seconded by Brian Monahan to move Urvashi Gupta from the Boys Tennis Chairperson to the Girls Tennis Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried. Section IX needs a Boys Tennis Chairperson.

c. Boys Golf – Motion to approve with regret the resignation of Tom Howe.

Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Tom Cassata. All in favor. Motion carried.

d. The TPG has sent information to Section IX regarding a potential sponsor. The information will be sent to the Athletic Council.

e. Steve Boucher – Classification Committee

The Committee is reviewing 6 Classifications and is looking to send the information to the Philosophy Committee. Steve will send details to the Athletic Council. Greg praised Steve for his hard work.

f. Greg asked if the Athletic Council has any interest in having the Wednesday, June 16, 2021 Meeting in person. Athletic Council Members please contact Greg.

13. Motion to move into Executive Session Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by David Coates. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to move out of Executive Session. Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Brian Monahan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the Athletic Council Meeting Brian Monahan, seconded by Sue Lenzian.

Respectfully submitted,
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