



# Section IX Athletics

Gregory Ransom, Executive Director

## Section IX Athletic Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

### Minutes

1. Greg Ransom called the Meeting to order – All present. Greg welcomed Jason Closs to the Section IX Athletic Council.
2. Review of Meeting Materials -The meeting materials were emailed to the Athletic Council.
3. Approval of the September 10, 2020 Minutes. Motion to approve by Tim Bult, seconded by Dave Coates. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report – Linda Trapani – Motion to approve by Brian Monahan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. Motion carried.
5. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe Section IX items needed from today's Meeting.
6. NYSPHSAA Office Report: Dr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director  
Robert reported that NYSPHSAA has been requesting clarification on “High Risk Sports”. According to the Governor’s Office further information will be provided prior to December 31, 2020. NYSPHSAA is advocating and asking questions to help the School Districts get the information they need. Tom Cassata – asked if Physicals were going to be waived for the Winter Sports Season. Robert reported that SED has no intention of waiving the regulation. Chris Mayo asked about “incidental contact”. Robert stated that NYSPHSAA will not interpret the health and guidance directions of DOH and SED. Sports are allowed to do drills but should not have contact. NYSPHSAA is looking for additional guidance. Dave Coates asked about reconditioning football helmets. If the helmets were not used in the Fall 2020 could they be used for Fall 2 in 2021. NYSPHSAA will provide updated guidance. Robert also reported that Section I requested an earlier start date for the Fall 2 Season, from March 1, 2021 to February 22, 2021.
7. Combining of Teams – Tim Bult and Kermit Moyer – No report at this time.
8. Back from the Leagues – NYSPHSAA
  - a. Boys and Girls Tennis – Adopt a Team State Championship. Motion to approve Dave Coates, seconded by Ken Hack. Motion defeated.
  - b. Girls Gymnastics – Adjust value part for uneven bars. Motion to approve Steve Boucher, seconded by Dave Coates. Motion approved.
  - c. Cheer – Make permanent the pilot for a structure, training and scoring of the NYSPHSAA State Championship. Motion to approve Sue Lenzian, seconded by Tim Bult. Motion approved.
  - d. Cheer – Modify scoring areas of the State Scoresheet. Motion by Sue Lenzian, seconded by Tom Cassata. Motion approved.
  - e. Cheer – Plan Game Day Cheer for Fall 2021. Motion by Sue Lenzian, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. Motion approved.
  - f. Wrestling Implement Automatic Qualifier Procedure for the State Tournament. Motion by Ray Castellani, seconded by Tim Bult. Motion approved.
  - g. Fall Championships – Grant an additional year for venues. Motion by Brian Monahan, seconded by Dave Coates. Motion approved.
  - h. Regional Rotation – Advance 2020 Regional and State Tournament Rotations to 2021 for all Fall Team Sports plus Girls Tennis. Motion by Dr. Ivan Katz, seconded by Tom Cassata. Motion approved.
  - i. Ice Hockey – Annual approval of sites to Host Boys Ice Hockey regional contests. Motion by Brian Monahan, seconded by Dr. Ivan Katz. Motion approved.
  - j. Fall #2 start date moved from March 1, 2021 to February 22, 2021. Motion by Dave Coates, seconded by Brian Monahan. This would be inclusive of all sports with Sectional approval. Motion approved.
9. Fall Chair Reports:  
Greg Ransom reported that he was going to set up a Zoom meeting with the Fall sports chairpersons.  
Winter Sports Chairpersons had a Meeting with Greg Ransom, Dennis Burkette, Chris Mayo, Linda Trapani and Jim Osborne. In the meeting the Section IX and NYSPHSAA Winter Sports Championships were discussed. The Chairpersons were to prepare the Sport Handbooks and prepare for Sectional Championships.

10. Chair Reports

- a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports – No new action items are proposed at this time.
- b. Safety – The Committee is looking at return to protocols for Physical Education, more details are needed regarding Thunder/Lightning policy and Athletic Directors should look at the program “Anyone can save a Life”.
- c. SAAC – No report at this time. Kermit Moyer did report on the NYSAAA.
- d. Eligibility – No meeting after the meeting.
- e. Officials Coordinator Dennis Burkett reported the Sections are conducting Fall Sports report no significant amount of Officials option out of officiating contests.
- f. Sportsmanship – Adam Kless reported that today is Fall Sports Coaches Appreciation Day.
- g. Unified Sports – Rich Silverstein reported he has been in contact with schools that are interested in Bowling and Basketball.

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business:

Representation Rule – Motion by Tim Bult, seconded by Sue Lendzian to reduce the number of contests from 6 to 3 for all Winter Sports 2020-2021. Motion approved.

Athletic Trainer Meeting – Greg Ransom will be setting up a Zoom Meeting to discuss the protocols in regards to Athletics. Please send your Athletic Trainer’s email address to Greg Ransom.

Chris Mayo Reported on an Indoor Track Meeting with Dan Morse and Mike White regarding the use of West Point, Ocean Breeze and the Armory.

Tim Bult asked about the reconditioning of Spring helmets for Lacrosse, Basketball, and Softball. Greg Ransom will follow up with Dr. Robert Zayas.

13. Motion to adjourn by Robbie Greene, Seconded by Steve Boucher. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date:**

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 9:30 am via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

*James M. Osborne*

Section IX Secretary/Treasurer