



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletics
Wednesday, May 20, 2009
Mt. St. Mary College at 9:30 a.m.

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet at 9:25 a.m.
All members were present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Mt. St. Mary College – John Wright and Fr. Kevin Mackin
Bob introduced Fr. Mackin and his staff. John Wright thanked and welcomed everyone to Mt. St. Mary College. In his remarks Fr. Mackin stated sports are an integral part of the college experience. They develop good sportsmanship and enable everyone to identify with something larger than themselves. The programs at Mt. St. Mary College have demonstrated academic excellence.
4. Financial Report - Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Al Wojtaszek, 2nd by Frank Carrozza. All in favor. Motion carried. The Section IX 2009-2010 Sports Dues form was distributed.
5. Review of Meeting Materials: Jim Osborne
The Athletic Council were given handouts for review. All information can be found on-line at the Section IX website. The leagues can copy the documents as needed for discussion.
6. Approval of April 22, 2009 Minutes. Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Pete Meoli. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. NYSPHSAA May Office Report
The report is on-line. Check the Section IX website. Discussion item for the Leagues to bring back to the next Section IX Meeting. Boys Lacrosse with mutual agreement, the use of top officials from competing sections for Regionals.
8. NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
 - A. NYSPHSAA Emergency Cancellation and Declared Emergency Policy – Approved by the Executive Committee can be found on the Section IX website.
 - B. Participation Survey was sent to all school districts. If you have questions or problems contact NYSPHSAA.
 - C. Mandatory Athletic Director Workshop for Section IX is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2009 immediately after the Section IX Meeting.

D. NYSED – Ms. Trish Kocialiski

The Proposed Commissioner’s Regulations with the changes to the Temporary and Professional Coaching Certificates were discussed. Don Andrews asked about the speed and turnover. The Office of Teaching Initiatives will be processing all temporary and Professional Coaching Certificate applications through the Teach System. The incorporation of coaching license data on the Teach System makes it more complete for parents and the general public to confirm school district employees are properly credentialed.

E. Action Items – Refer to the Section IX website for details.

Approved – Field Hockey overtime procedure

Not Approved – Track & Field request to include 5000 m. Run

Not Approved – Football request for a 10th game

Approved – Girls Soccer – Three person officiating crews in the Girls Soccer State Championship beginning in the 2010-2011 school year

Approved – Ice Hockey proposal to the CAC for classification by enrollment

Approved – Boys Lacrosse – change in schedule format beginning in the 2011 season

9. Mergers for 2009-2010 – Bob Thabet

Motion by Pete Meoli, 2nd by Toni Woody, to approve the merger of Tri-Valley and Fallsburg in the following sports for 2009-2010: Girls Tennis, Girls and Boys Alpine Skiing, Boys Tennis and Girls Golf. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Meeting Sites for 2009-2010 – Bob Thabet

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009	Wallkill High School for Section IX and Mandated Athletic Director Workshop
Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009	Orange-Ulster BOCES
Tuesday, December 1, 2009	Ulster BOCES
Tuesday, January 12, 2010	Orange-Ulster BOCES
Tuesday, March 2, 2010	Ulster BOCES
Tuesday, April 13, 2010	Orange-Ulster BOCES
Wednesday, May 19, 2010	Mt. St. Mary College
Tuesday, June 15, 2010	TBA

11. 2nd Vice President for 2009-2010 – Dennis Burkett

No nominations at this time.

12. Gymnastics Sports Chairperson – Dennis Burkett

No nominations at this time.

13. League Input on Sportsmanship Rule Changes

The appeals of Sportsmanship Rule was tabled by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee for further review. A motion for Section IX to table for future discussion on this topic was made by Frank Carrozza, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. Fiscal Concerns – Input from Chairpersons - Bob Thabet

Bob commented that he had received a few recommendations from Sports Chairpersons.

The way we have been doing business must be changed. This topic will continue because fiscal concerns will need to be reviewed.

15. Section IX Meeting Site for June 16, 2009 Meeting – Jeff Hartman

Mr. Hartman reported that Apple Greens in Highland, New York will be the site for the final Section IX Meeting of the year. The breakfast meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m. If you have any questions contact Jeff at 895-7158.

16. Election of Officers and Positions for 2009-2010

Bob Thabet reviewed the positions to be voted upon with a two-year term. John Landro, Section IX President, reviewed the sample ballots that were sent out to the Athletic Council. He stated that he discussed the ballot with League Representatives and those listed on the ballot.

The positions of Executive Director, Treasurer, Officials Coordinator, Male Representative of Athletics, and Eligibility Chairperson were unanimously approved by the Athletic Council. The Secretary position was approved with 10 votes for and 5 Athletic Council members abstaining. All nominees were approved for a 2 year term for Section IX Athletics 2009-2011:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
Executive Director	Robert Thabet
Treasurer	James Osborne
Secretary	James Osborne
Officials Negotiator	Dennis Burkett
Eligibility Chairperson	Fred Ahart
Male Representative of Athletics	Jim Wolfe

17. Spring Chair Reports:

- a. Baseball - Dave Onusko
Seed Meeting Thursday, May 28, 2009
- b. Boys Golf - Dick O'Neill
Tournament is ending today May 20, 2009
- c. Girls Golf – Given by Scott Warner
Tournament ends Tuesday, May 26, 2009
- d. Boys Lacrosse - Bill Miller
Seed Meeting is Tuesday, May 26, 2009. Tournament Finals will be held Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at Dietz Stadium. Tournament brackets will be on-line.
- e. Girls Lacrosse - Wendy Crandall
Tournament Finals will be held Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at Dietz Stadium. Check website for brackets
- f. Boys Tennis - Bob Siracuse
Congratulations to all those who will represent Section IX at the NYSPHSAA Championship that will be held at the USTA Complex.

- g. Track & Field - Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaud
Volunteers needed from each school. Athletic Directors should review the online entry procedure with their coaches. Jim Wolfe asked about using Middletown for future NYSPHSAA Championship. Mr. Iatauro responded that he will review the process with the State Committee for Section IX next opportunity to host the Championship.
- h. Softball - Bruce Guyette
An e-mail was sent to the athletic directors and coaches to review all criteria and to return their point cards.

18. Chair Reports:

- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports - Brian Devincenzi and Helenanne Gillinder
The committee report and surveys are on-line.
- b. Safety - Janet Carey
The committee is collecting information with regard to Girls Lacrosse and helmets. The committee is also reviewing a Heat Index Policy. The main discussion was regarding Concussion Management. The Section IX Committee believes the school districts should have a team approach. The Athletic Trainers from Marlboro, Jeff Stent and Middletown, Craig Olejniczak discussed protocol and guidelines for injury or concussions on the field. This issue needs to go back to the leagues for discussion. The Safety Committee fully supported the recommendations made by the Wrestling Advisory Committee.
- c. Chemical Health - Marco Lanzoni
No report.
- d. Officials Coordinator - Dennis Burkett
No report.
- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
A short committee meeting after the Section IX Meeting.
- f. Sportsmanship - Glen Maisch
No report.

19. New Business

- A. Harold Fried, NYSAAA President for 2009-2010 reported on the AAA Annual Conference Committee.
- B. Fred Ahart, Boys Basketball Chairperson, asked the Leagues to discuss the use of video replay following the National Federation Rule. If approved it would be used at the NYSPHSAA Semi Final and Final contests.
- C. Directory – Copies of School District and Chairperson information were mailed or e-mailed. Please respond before June 16, 2009.
- D. Joint Management Team: A proposal was made by Mr. Martin Ruglis, District Superintendent, Ulster BOCES to the JMT regarding representation on the Section IX Athletic Council. Bob Thabet reviewed the process to be followed by a member of Section IX requesting to have an amendment proposed.

20. Old Business

None.

21. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Frank Carrozza. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at Apple Greens, Highland, New York, starting at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Osborne
Section IX Secretary

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