



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
Marlboro Intermediate School
Tuesday, April 17, 2012

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet
All members present except:
Mrs. Antonia Woody, Ms. Kelly Doherty and Mr. Don Andrews
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Approval of March 6, 2012 Minutes with correction on page 4, number 12. Chair Reports: Modified Sports # 3 should read Baseball – Pitch Count vs. Inning Limitations. The Athletic Council favors innings limitations. Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Jim Wolfe. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Ray Castellani, 2nd by Fred Ahart. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
 - a. Audit conducted by Nugent & Haeussler
 - b. Gate Receipts Procedure submitted by the Athletic Coordinator's Office
 - c. April 2012 NYSPHSAA Monthly Update
 - d. Items to be brought back to the Sections for discussion
 - e. NYSPHSAA Intent to Participate 2012-2013
 - f. NYSED Physical Education & Athletics Update
 - g. January/February Executive director Calendar 2012
 - h. Section IX Classification of Schools adding Mount Academy and Dover
 - i. Transfer Appeal Guidelines
 - j. NYSPHSAA Scholar/Athlete Team Award
6. Audit Report – Bob Thabet
Bob Thabet reviewed the report submitted by Nugent & Haeussler to the Section IX Athletic Council. The Independent Auditor's report and financial statements as written were reviewed. The Athletic Coordinator's Office provided a gate receipts procedure to go with the Audit Report.
7. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
NYSPHSAA Spring Meeting is scheduled for May 4-5, 2012. Items brought to the Sections for discussion:

1. Status of State Championships
Section IX is not in favor of placing a two-year moratorium on all state championships beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and not in favor of curtailing the number of state championships.
 2. Sites of State Championships
Section IX is in favor of continuing the current policy of NYSPHSAA.
 3. Section IX Athletics would be in favor of letting athletes wear their school uniform at State Championships.
 4. Section IX does not have any new suggestions for cost reductions or increasing revenue at this time.
 5. Section IX currently does not have any charter schools.
 6. Camp Rule for High Schools and Athletic Shopping – Back to the Leagues
 7. Academic Hardship Waiver – The topic has been tabled for the time being.
8. Back from the Leagues - Bob Thabet
- A. Bowling – Section IX to assist school districts in participating in the NYSPHSAA Championship by billing the school districts for their participation. Section IX will cover the expenses and then bill back to the school districts. Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - B. Football Rules Interpretations Meeting
Dave Coates, Football Co-Chairperson, requested a change to the August meeting date. Motion to approve a date change to June was made by John Landro, 2nd by Ray Castellani. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - C. Eligibility of Financial and Academic Hardship Waivers. Fred Ahart reported that the current Guidelines will be followed for 2012-2013.
9. Mergers for 2012-2013
Motion to approve Livingston Manor and Roscoe's request to dissolve their already approved merger for the spring 2012 was made by John Landro, 2nd by Ray Castellani. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Tim Bult, to approve the merger of Ellenville and Wawarsing Christian Academy. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. Winter Chair Reports:
- Any final comments regarding the 2011-2012 Season. Bob Thabet read the letter sent by Ms. Van Erk to Senator David Carlucci regarding concerns of Regional Basketball contests Mt. St. Mary College.
- Wrestling recommendations regarding 2013 Division I and II – Back to the Leagues.
11. Spring Sport Chairs:
- a. Baseball – Dave Onusko
Check all bats for BBCOR certification.

- b. Boys Golf – Tom Howe
No report.
 - c. Boys Lacrosse – Bob Slate
No report.
 - d. Boys Tennis – Urvashi Gupta and LuAnn McCarthy
No report.
 - e. Track & Field – Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaud
No report.
 - f. Girls Golf – Bill Earl
No report.
 - g. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall
No report.
 - h. Softball – Bruce Guyette
No report.
12. Chair Reports
- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports –Helenanne Gillinder and Steve Boucher
Action Items by the NYSPHSAA Modified Sports Committee.
 - 1. Awards in Modified Multi School Contests passed by the Committee goes to NYSPHSAA Executive Committee.
 - 2. Modified/JV Pilot Program passed by the Committee goes to Safety and then Executive Committee.
 - 3. Football Pilot Program was defeated by the Committee.

Items to go back to the Leagues
Modified Wrestling Program – 2 weights refer to handout.
 - b. Safety - Janet Carey
No report.
 - c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni
No report.
 - d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett
Negotiations are continuing
 - e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart
No meeting after the meeting.

f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch

A handout was given to the Athletic Directors regarding R-E-S-P-E-C-T. Glen Maisch talked about the Sportsmanship Survey and Awareness. Sportsmanship Awards were presented to Franklin D. Roosevelt High School Athletic Director, Amy McArdle-Rausenberger and Middletown High School Athletic Director, David Coates. The Athletic Directors spoke about the programs they are running in their school districts.

13. New Business

Jim Osborne spoke about NYSED Handout from the NYSAAA Conference.

Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Tom Cassata, to approve the monthly Executive Director calendar. All in favor. Motion carried.

Congratulations to Section IX Scholar Athletes.

Request for updated information regarding the 2012-2013 Section IX Directory was sent to all Athletic Directors.

Ms. Roberta Greene's term of office as Section IX Female Athletic Representative to NYSPHSAA needs to be renewed. Motion by John Landro, 2nd by Jim Wolfe, to approve Ms. Greene for another term. All in favor. Motion carried.

Cheerleading was discussed regarding "The Event" of 2013. The Cheerleading committee has had two meetings regarding the possible structure if approved by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee. Cherie Ramsey, Chairperson, will be asked to make a presentation to the Athletic Council at the May meeting. Back to the Leagues.

14. Old Business

Roberta Greene reminded Athletic Directors that the ballots for NYSPHSAA Constitution referendum be sent to her office by Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

16. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May16, 2012 at Mt. St. Mary College at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

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