



# ***SECTION IX ATHLETICS***

**Robert Thabet, Executive Director**

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting  
Minutes of Meeting  
Mt. St. Mary College  
Wednesday, May 16, 2012

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet  
All members present except: Mr. Ray Castellani and Mr. Dave Franskevicz
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Approval of April 17, 2012 Minutes  
Motion to approve by Tim Bult, 2nd by John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.  
Bob Thabet introduced John Wright, Athletic Director at Mount St. Mary College who welcomed Section IX to Mt. St. Mary College. John Wright discussed the athletic programs at Mt. St. Mary College and he introduced Mike LeMann who is in charge of student-athlete recruitment at Mt. St. Mary College. Mike LeMann talked about helping Division III athletes who may want to continue participating in athletics.  
  
Bob Thabet announced that Ms. Nina Van Erk will be retiring from NYSPHSAA effective August 31, 2012. Bob Thabet also announced that Jim Osborne has been nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of NYSPHSAA.
4. Financial Report – Jim Osborne  
Motion to approve by Roberta Greene, 2nd by Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
  - A. NYSPHSAA Inc. Executive Committee Highlights – May 4-5, 2012
  - B. NYSPHSAA voted upon items – Approved/Not approved/Back to the Sections
  - C. NYSPHSAA Sports Participation Survey
  - D. 2012-2013 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates and Sites
  - E. 2013-2014 Classification cut-off numbers
  - F. NYSPHSAA Items to be brought back to the Sections
  - G. Cheerleading Minutes and Information on NYSPHSAA Sponsored Event
  - H. Modified Sports Committee Synopsis
  - I. NYSPHSAA Safety Committee Report
  - J. Section IX Coaches Code of Conduct
  - K. Summer 2012 – Coaching Courses
  - L. NYSED Physical Education and Athletics Update
  - M. March 2012 Executive Director Calendar

6. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe  
Jim Osborne referred to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Highlights (refer to copy in folder) and the NYSPHSAA voted upon items – Approved/Not Approved/Back to the Section items.

The Athletic Council discussed:

- A. Combining of schools/merged programs (Back to the Leagues)
- B. Cheerleading East/West Invitational

At this time Mr. Todd Nelson was asked about the combining of schools/merged programs regarding opportunities to participate. Ms. Greene discussed merging sports programs (Football) vs. whole programs.

7. Back from the Leagues - Bob Thabet

- A. Camp Rule for High Schools
- B. Athletic Shopping

Both Leagues MHAL and OCIAA have no issues regarding these topics.

- C. Section IX Wrestling Recommendations:  
Back to the Leagues for further review.

- D. Modified Wrestling Program 2 Game Rule # 1

Motion to approve the “variances” was made by Dennis Burkett, second by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Mergers for 2012-2013

Motion to approve FDR and Rhinebeck for Football for all levels for 2012-2013 school year was made by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Andrews. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Tri-Valley and Fallsburg for Girls Tennis, Boys and Girls Alpine Skiing and Boys Tennis for 2012-2013 school year was made by John Landro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Bult. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Cheerleading – Cherie Ramsey

Refer to Minutes and Draft of the NYSPHSAA Sponsored Event. Cherie Ramsey discussed how the Committee would outline the competition with a follow-up meeting by the end of May. Dennis Burkett asked about the “standards” that will be established. Todd Nelson talked about the sportsmanship displayed by cheerleaders and how it is important to recognize the athletes that participate in Competitive and Spirit Cheerleading.

10. Spring Sport Chairs:

- a. Baseball – Dave Onusko  
Seed Meeting – Tuesday, May 24, 2012. The Tournament begins on May 28, 2012.
- b. Boys Golf – Tom Howe  
Section IX Championship begins Monday, May 21, 2012.

- c. Boys Lacrosse – Bob Slate  
Seed Meeting – Thursday, May 17, 2012 at Saugerties Jr. High School. The Tournament begins Saturday, May 19, 2012 with the Finals on Friday, May 25, 2012 at Dietz Stadium. The NYSPHSAA Championship will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Middletown High School. On Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> legendary Coach Richie Moran will speak at 6:00 p.m. followed by an exhibition game at 8:00 p.m. Irish Lacrosse Foundation Team vs. Section IX All Stars.
  - d. Boys Tennis – Urvashi Gupta and LuAnn McCarthy  
The Section IX Tournament begins Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at Valley Central High School starting at 9:30 a.m.
  - e. Track & Field – Joe Iatauro and Eric McLaud  
Entries are due online.  

Class B/C at Dietz Stadium	Wednesday, May 23, 2012
Class A/D at Faller Field	Thursday, May 24, 2012
State Qualifier at Dietz Stadium	Thursday, May 31, 2012
State Qualifier at Dietz Stadium	Friday, June 1, 2012
  - f. Girls Golf – Bill Earl  
The Tournament begins Monday, May 21, 2012 at Apple Greens at 10:00 a.m.
  - g. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall  
Seed Meeting Thursday, May 17, 2012. The Tournament begins Saturday, May 19, 2012 with the Finals on Thursday, May 20, 2012.
  - h. Softball – Bruce Guyette  
Steve Boucher reported that point cards are due Monday, 21, 2012 with the Seed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2012. **Fax your point cards to Steve at (845) 876-8755.**
11. Chair Reports
- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports –Helenanne Gillinder and Steve Boucher  
The synopsis of the Spring 2012 Meeting was discussed as well as the votes taken at the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee Meeting. The following actions were taken:
    1. Awards – NYSPHSAA approved needs Sectional/League approval. Section IX did not approve.
    2. Football – NYSPHSAA approved “editorial addition” 11 Man Football Game Rule #2 following sentence #5 “Motion is allowed. . . .”
    3. Modified/JV Pilot Program – Not approved by NYSPHSAA.

The Athletic Council discussed Selection Classification moving towards Advanced Athletic Placement. Roberta Greene noted that school districts should update the Board of Education policy for approval after the new guidelines are sent.

- b. Safety - Janet Carey  
Todd Nelson reviewed the Safety Committee Report discussing Concussion Management, Nights Rest for Football, Minimum Weight Certification and Anyone Can Save a Life Program. (Refer to handout.)
- c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni  
The minutes of the last meeting are online. John Underwood is conducting a course June 14-17, 2012. Check the website for details.
- d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett  
Nothing to report at this time.
- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart  
No meeting after the meeting.
- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch  
Coaches Code of Conduct review and discussion moved to the next meeting.

12. New Business

- A. Review NYSED Physical Education and Athletics Update.
- B. Kelly Doherty – Section IX Award Chairperson informed the Athletic Council that the Committee had chosen Joe Iatauro to receive the 2012 Dr. William Moran Award.
- C. Community Service Challenge Award  
Bob Thabet congratulated the Washingtonville and James I. O’Neill School Districts for their submission of projects. After review of the applications Bob Thabet recommended James I. O’Neill to the Athletic Council for approval. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
- D. Faith Christian Academy has applied to Section IX Athletics for Friends and Neighbors status. (Back to the Leagues.)
- E. Wrestling schedules for Division II schools were distributed.
- F. Boys Lacrosse is requesting support to conduct the 2012 NYSPHSAA Boys Lacrosse Championship June 9, 2012 at Middletown High School. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Cassata to approve funds not to exceed \$1,000. All in favor. Motion carried.
- G. Section IX Sports Dues Form will be emailed to all Athletic Directors. Please return by June 12, 2012.

H. Summer 2012 Coaching Courses are online.

I. Motion by Tim Bult, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Murphy to approve the Executive Director April Calendar 2012. All in favor. Motion carried.

J. Jim Wolfe asked for suggestions/ideas on ways to honor Nina Van Erk. Back to the Leagues for discussion.

K. Golf Forms were distributed to the Athletic Council, Athletic Directors and Sports Chairpersons.

**13. Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at Thomas Bull Memorial Park, Route 416, Hamptonburgh, NY starting at 8:00 a.m.**

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Andrews. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*James M. Osborne*

James M. Osborne, Secretary  
Section IX Athletics

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Back to the Leagues

- A. Combining of Schools/Merged Programs
- B. Wrestling Recommendations
- C. Coaches Code of Conduct
- D. Faith Christian Academy
- E. Ms. Nina Van Erk's Retirement