



SECTION IX ATHLETICS

Robert Thabet, Executive Director

Section IX Athletic Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
Orange-Ulster BOCES, Carl P. Onken Conference Center, Room B&C
Tuesday, November 29, 2011

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet
All members present except: Mrs. Toni Woody
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Financial Report – Jim Osborne
Motion to approve by Mr. Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Mr. Doug Murphy. All in favor.
Motion carried.
4. Sponsorship – Bob Thabet
Sponsorship Package – Back to the Leagues.
Mr. Thabet reviewed the information with the Athletic Council. The Section IX Chairpersons should begin pursuing sponsorship partnerships with compatible and appropriate partners.
5. Review of Meeting Materials – Jim Osborne
Section IX Financial Report
NYSPHSAA Central Committee Meeting October 23-24, 2011
Modified committee Minutes Fall 2011
Section IX Budget 2012-2013
Section IX Sports Chairpersons Email Addresses
Livingston Manor & Roscoe request to not be merged for Boys and Girls Basketball all levels
6. Approval of October 4, 2011 Minutes
Motion to approve by Mr. John Landro, 2nd by Mr. Jim Wolfe. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. NYSPHSAA Report – Mr. Robert Stulmaker, Assistant Director, NYSPHSAA, reported on the date that school districts needed to apply for the Team Scholar Athlete and the December 15, 2011 date for the Section to submit any names for the Hall of Fame. Mr. Stulmaker thanked and congratulated Section IX on the Boys Soccer State Tournament and the Football Semi-Finals. Regarding the Girls Golf Committee, the committee will be asking to use non-motorized carts. The Section will receive more information in the near future. Back to the Leagues.

Mr. Stulmaker also reviewed the Girls Basketball waivers and Wrestling National Federation High School weight classes.

8. Section IX NYSPHSAA Representatives – Roberta Greene and Jim Wolfe
Mr. Wolfe congratulated the schools, coaches and athletes on their participation in the Section IX and NYSPHSAA Tournament. All Athletic Directors should review the Central Committee Meeting Highlights. Ms. Greene reviewed with the Sports Chairpersons the process in voting items that are brought before the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee. Ms. Greene also asked all Athletic Directors to review the current maximum number of contests allowed per sport and eligibility rules and regulations.

9. BEDS Numbers for 2012-2013 – Jim Osborne
A BEDS Day verification report was sent to all public and charter schools on November 15, 2011. The verification report is due back to SED by December 5, 2011. The NYSPHSAA will receive a copy of the SIRS report on January 15, 2012.

The NYSPHSAA office staff will report to the Executive Directors and then a final recommendation will be provided to the Executive Committee for the January Executive Committee Meeting.

10. Section IX Budget 2012-2013
Motion to approve by Mr. Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Mr. Dave Bernsley. All in favor.
Motion carried.

11. NYSPHSAA Boys Soccer Championships – Pete Ferguson
Mr. Ferguson thanked the committee, Mr. David Coates and the Middletown School District and the volunteers who made the Tournament successful. Mr. Thabet stated the pride and energy of all those in attendance and the participants was very evident. Congratulations on a job well done.

12. Section IX Wrestling – Division II Tournament – Report Back from the Leagues
Motion to approve Rondout Valley as the Division II Wrestling Championship site was made by Mr. Tim Bult, 2nd by Mr. Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Sectional Transportation – Bob Thabet
The issue of Sectional Transportation has been discussed and reviewed. Sectional transportation could help school district budgets. Mr. Thabet will continue to review this issue with the Athletic Council.

14. Dover Application into Section IX for 2012-2013
Motion to approve beginning July 1, 2012. The motion was made by Mr. Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Mr. Doug Murphy. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Mr. Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Mr. Ray Castellani, to place the Dover School District in the MHAL.

15. Section IX Softball – Bruce Guyette
The State Softball Committee has reviewed the Class D Regional Tournament. The new format will be discussed with a possible vote in January. The new regional format could begin as early as this spring 2012. The format will balance the regions. The modified

pitching distance 40 feet vs. 43 feet was discussed. The new modified scoring procedure was also discussed.

16. Fall Chair Reports:

a. Cross Country – Jim Glover and Steve Loturco

The report will be online to be reviewed. The State Cross Country Committee is reviewing the affect that the reduction of classes from 5 to 4 had on the Sections.

b. Football – Dave Coates and Glen Maisch

Congratulations to the Sectional winners and our two NYSPHSAA finalist Newburgh and Chester. Mr. Coates reported the coaches have met to discuss the Exceptional Senior contest. The information will be reviewed and discussed by the Football Committee.

c. Boys Soccer – Pete Ferguson

Report to be reviewed online.

d. Girls Soccer – Diane Wanser

Report to be reviewed online.

e. Field Hockey – C.J. Bull-Knuth

Written report submitted – report will be online.

f. Girls Swimming – Pat Ryan

Report to be reviewed online.

g. Girls Tennis – Selina DeCicco

Written report submitted – report will be online.

h. Volleyball – Dennis Burkett reported that he will supply the report to the Athletic Council.

17. Winter Chair Reports:

a. Girls Basketball – Brian Devincenzi

Booklet is online.

b. Boys Basketball – Fred Ahart

Booklet is online.

c. Ice Hockey – Paul Bacsardi

No report.

d. Girls & Boys Indoor Track – Mike White

Booklet and information will be online. Any questions please contact Mike White.

e. Boys Swimming – Scott Warner

Pat Ryan reported the Rules Interpretations Meeting went well. Any questions please contact Scott Warner.

- f. Wrestling – Jack Mager reported for Jeff CUILTY.
The final days of weight certification are taking place at Pine Bush. The Section IX Duals take place the 1st week of December.
- g. Gymnastics – Lee Ann Digsby
The Sections will take place February 8th at F.D.R. High School. The States are March 3rd at Shaker High School.
- h. Nordic Skiing – Jon Stern
No report.
- i. Alpine Skiing – Janet Carey
Section IX Championship is February 14th at Hunter Mountain.
- j. Girls Bowling– Erena O’Brien
- k. Boys Bowling – Theresa Eckert
Report given by Theresa Eckert. Section IX Championship is February 7th in Poughkeepsie. State Tournament is March 3-4th in Binghamton. A discussion regarding Sectional transportation took place with more information and further discussion by the Athletic Council.
18. Chair Reports
- a. Girls & Boys Modified Sports –Helenanne Gillinder
Motion by Mr. Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Mr. Don Andrews, to appoint Mr. Steve Boucher, Rhinebeck Athletic Director, as the Male Representative to the Modified Sports Committee.
- Back to the Leagues
Football – “With Sectional/League approval, a two-year pilot program in modified football will be used allowing use of the kick-off at the 35 yard line, with no return.”
- Awards – “Modified General Eligibility Rule #10 shall be edited to allow multi-school contests/invitationals/tournaments to award place ribbons and order of finish to the top competitors.”
- Pitch Count for Modified Baseball Pitchers – Should the Modified Committee propose that we examine a pitch count, rather than limit the number of innings?
- b. Safety – Janet Carey
The Athletic Council discussed the issue of changing the number of nights rest from 2 to 4 for scrimmages on the high school level. Mrs. Carey and Mr. Maisch discussed the Safety Committee concerns regarding concussions. Mr. Ahart asked about the data that would show that these athletes are at risk. Mr. Franskevicz asked about the concussions concerns and the second impact of athletes related to other sports i.e. Soccer which can play with only one night’s rest.

Mr. Burkett asked about the impact of inter squad scrimmages and how they would affect this discussion. Mrs. Carey stated the information was being sent to the Football Committee for review.

c. Chemical Health – Marco Lanzoni

Mr. Lanzoni reported on the telephone conference call with the committee. He will have any reports and minutes published online.

d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett

Mr. Burkett has been meeting with the Federation of Officials and will report to the Athletic Council when he has more information.

e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart

There will be a meeting after the Section IX Meeting.

f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch

Mr. Maisch reported on the telephone conference call with the committee. A Sportsmanship Brochure is in the developing stages. More information to follow.

19. New Business – Back to the Leagues

The following schools have expressed an interest in joining Section IX as a member or Friend and Neighbor.

Our Lady of Lourdes	Section I
Faith Christian	Spackenkill
Mt. Academy	Walden

Mr. Thabet has invited a representative from these schools to address the Athletic Council at the January 10, 2012 meeting.

Ms. Kelly Doherty, Section IX Awards Chairperson, announced the following award recipients for the NYSAAA 2011-2012:

Athletic Administrator	Mr. Tim Bult – Fallsburg
Distinguished Service	Mrs. Missy Iatauro – Tri-Valley
Community Service	Dietz Stadium, City of Kingston
Secretarial Award	Kathy Cosman - Marlboro

Mr. Doug Murphy discussed how the Council of Administrators, Physical Education and Health Representatives could meet before or after Section IX Meetings to discuss the various topic areas that need to be addressed.

The Livingston Manor and Roscoe School Districts have decided NOT to merge for Girls and Boys Basketball all levels for 2011-2012 school year. Motion to approve was made by Mr. John Landro, 2nd by Ms. Kelly Doherty. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Lou Cioffi, Cornwall Athletic Director, thanked the Marlboro and Newburgh Athletic Directors and school districts for their help and cooperation on the use of athletic fields during the Sectional playoffs.

20. Old Business
None

21. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Dennis Burkett, 2nd by Mr. John Landro. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at Marlboro Intermediate School at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Osborne

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Section IX Athletics

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