



# **SECTION IX ATHLETICS**

**Robert Thabet, Executive Director**

## **Minutes**

### **Section IX Athletic Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 22, 2008**

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet Time: 9:30 a.m.  
All members present except: Don Andrews, Jeff Hartman
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Financial Report – Jim Osborne  
Motion to approve by Al Wojtaszek, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni Woody. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Approval of December 4, 2007 Minutes  
Motion to approve by Pete Meoli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Corvino. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Wrestling: Neil Duncan – TW Promotions  
Mr. Duncan presented binders to the Athletic Council and Athletic Directors. He provided information regarding wrestling mats, wall padding and custom padding for wrestling rooms. He reviewed the cleaning patterns of wrestling mats. The disinfection of wrestling mats was discussed especially because of the problems associated with bacteria, mold and mildew on the wrestling mats.
6. Todd Heimer, Executive Director, Section VIII Athletics, discussed the merging of the North and South Shore Leagues into Section VIII Athletics with one centralized office. Mr. Heimer distributed the Section VIII Constitution, memorandum of agreement and outline of the Executive Director's position. He answered questions regarding mileage and travel, administration of the Section and how much opposition was there to the merging of the leagues.
7. NYSPHSAA – NYSPHSAA Representative Robert Stulmaker  
Mr. Stulmaker reviewed the Structure and Policy Review Committee and explained each area. He requested that all athletic directors, chairpersons and coaches reference the NYSPHSAA Office Report for January 2008. Items for consideration are Girls Volleyball, Boys and Girls Soccer, Wrestling and Field Hockey. Items that will be addressed by the Executive Committee on February 1, 2008 will be Outdoor Track, Officials Agreement and Sportsmanship.
  - 7a. Structure & Policy Review Committee: Recommendations
    1. Transfer Coordinators Meeting to occur yearly.  
Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni Woody.  
Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

2. Sports Season Committee to reconvene:  
 Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Wojtaszek.  
 Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

3. Non Public Schools Recommendations.  
 Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni Woody.  
 Discussion: Frank Carrozza stated the OCIAA athletic directors were not in favor of reviewing the recommendations.  
 Vote: 4 Yes            8 No            The motion did not carry.

4. Governance – Refer to Committee handout by Toni Woody.  
 Motion to approve by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Meoli.  
 Discussion: Frank Carrozza stated the OCIAA athletic directors were not in favor of any changes in Governance.  
 Vote: 3 Yes            9 No            The motion did not carry.

8. Three person system of officiating – Section IX Girls Soccer Finals  
 Motion to approve by Frank Carrozza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Wojtaszek. All were in favor. Motion carried.

9. “B” Team – should games count towards seeding.  
 Section IX Sport Committee should not consider using contests played against varsity “B” teams for seeding and selection criteria.  
 Motion by Frank Carrozza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Landro.  
 Discussion: Dennis Burkett asked about selection criteria. Frank Carrozza revised his motion and John Landro revised his second to state “Varsity “B” teams for seeding criteria.” School districts are allowed to play bonafide varsity “B” teams.  
 Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried. Every effort will be made by our respective league offices to help schools find non-league games when asked. Schools must make their requests in a timely fashion.

10. Medical Coverage on Site for Sectional Championship.  
 Motion by Frank Carrozza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett. School districts should follow the NYSPHSAA Handbook regarding medical coverage.  
 Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

11. Section IX recommendation to host 2009 Field Hockey Championship.  
 Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete Meoli. Section IX approves the proposal to use the Hudson Valley Sports Dome for the 2009 NYSPHSAA Field Hockey Championship.  
 Discussion: Linda Krause stated the 2008 Tournament will be held in Syracuse.  
 Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

12. Section IX 2008–09 Budget Proposal  
 Motion to approve by Bob Siracuse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Carrozza. Vote: All were in favor.  
 Motion carried.

13. Times Herald Record – Varsity 845 – Bob Thabet  
 Refer to letter written by Bob to Matt Pepin, Sports Editor, also Mr. Pepin’s response.

Discussion: Please distribute letters to your School District Superintendent. The Times Herald Record has complied with our request for modifications to the web site called Varsity 845.

14. Track Proposal Division I & II Standards (League input)

No new information or discussion.

15. Section IX Meeting Dates for 2008-2009. (Back to leagues for discussion.)

All meetings start at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

16. Winter Chair Reports:

a. Girls Basketball

Fred Ahart asked all athletic directors and coaches to review the deadline for application to be sent to the Committee.

b. Boys Basketball

Fred Ahart was asked about the coaching Box Regulation. Fred will review the issue and send out an e-mail regarding the regulation.

c. Ice Hockey

No Report.

d. Girls and Boys Indoor Track

George St. Lawrence reviewed the Championship dates and thanked Dan Morse from the Athletic Coordinator's office for his hard work in getting the results on-line.

e. Boys Swimming

See report enclosed and refer to Section IX website for Diving information and details.

f. Wrestling

Jeff Culty discussed the Regional concept that was handed out at this Section IX Meeting. Proposed plans for Division I & II were discussed. Refer to handout for specific details regarding advantages, disadvantages and cost considerations. This needs to go back to the leagues for a vote. Section IX will vote on a Regional concept at the March 4, 2008 meeting.

g. Gymnastics

Toni Woody distributed to the participating school districts the Section IX Handbook. If you have questions regarding the meet format please contact her.

h. Nordic Ski

See report enclosed.

i. Alpine Ski

No report at this time.

j. Rifle  
No report at this time.

k. Bowling  
No report at this time.

17. Chair Reports:

a. Modified Sports  
No report at this time.

b. Safety  
No report at this time.

c. Chemical Health  
No report at this time.  
Dennis Burkett is going to check into the May 6, 2008 Chemical Health Conference that was scheduled at Wallkill High School from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

d. Officials Coordinator  
No report at this time.

e. Eligibility  
No report at this time.

f. Sportsmanship  
No report at this time.

18. Old Business

Motion by Bob Siracuse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al Wojtaszek, to move Chapel Field from Class D to Class C in Softball starting in 2008-2009. The movement in classification would be for two years. Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

19. New Business

- A. Section IX Chairpersons should change in their Handbook:  
Appendix B – New Monthly Mileage Report  
Appendix D – New Event Insurance Endorsement & Certificate
- B. Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Ahart, to purchase an ad to support the Section IX coaches being inducted into the New York State Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- C. Soccer – Girls Suspended Game Procedure. Diane Wanser requested Athletic Council support for the current policy / procedure that Section IX is following. Bob Thabet stated Girls Soccer has the support of the Athletic Council.
- D. Bob Thabet requested Pete Ferguson and Diane Wanser meet to review the boys and girls procedures for length of the contest, overtime procedures, regular season and

Sectional and State Tournament games and suspended game. A report will be given to the Section IX Athletic Council at the March 4, 2008 meeting. Boys and Girls Soccer are not consistent with each other in policies and procedures.

- E. Bob Stulmaker stated the NYSPHSAA position on a soccer player that is red carded in a suspended contest: The player must sit out the suspended game when it is played and then serve the game suspension for their next contest.
- F. Awards: Al Wojtaszek reported that this year NYSAAA Award Winners are: Glen Maisch, Kingston; John Russo, Warwick; and The River Reporter newspaper.

## 20. Adjournment

Motion by Frank Carrozza, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Corvino. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at Walkkill High School at 9:30 a.m.