



# ***SECTION IX ATHLETICS***

**Robert Thabet, Executive Director**

## **Minutes**

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

**Tuesday, March 4, 2008**

1. Call to order – Bob Thabet at 9:30 a.m.  
All members present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Bob Thabet
3. Financial Report – Jim Osborne  
Motion to approve by Jeff Hartman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Burkett. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Approval of January 22, 2008 Minutes  
Motion to approve by Bob Siracuse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Corvino. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Executive Director, Secretary and Treasurer Meeting Report: Jim Osborne  
Jim reported that Ms. Van Erk will be forwarding information regarding sponsoring cheerleading as a Sectional activity. Discussion by the Executive Directors regarding Regional sites for selection classification.
6. NYSPHSAA February Meeting Report: Jim Wolfe  
The MHAL and OCIAA leagues should refer to the Agenda Highlights and handouts that were given to the Athletic Council. The leagues should copy, distribute and discuss the areas that Mr. Wolfe reported to the Athletic Council.
7. Fall Mergers for 2008-2009  
Motion by Al Wojtaszek, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank Carrozza, to approve the merger of Roscoe and Livingston Manor for all levels of football. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Wrestling Regional Concept:  
The Section IX Athletic Council is not in favor of Regional Concept for Wrestling.
9. Section IX Wrestling Alignment for 2008-2009  
The Athletic Council was presented with Divisional format for Wrestling based on the approved BEDS numbers for 2008-2009. The only possible change at this time would be the merger of Millbrook and Rhinebeck which is being discussed.
10. Classification of Schools Meeting: Bob Siracuse  
The minutes of the February 28, 2008 meeting will be sent to the Athletic Council as soon as possible. A concept was presented which was based on a Sectional Committee review that would be passed onto a State Committee. It would be an annual review.

## 11. Section IX Meeting Dates for 2008-2009: Bob Thabet

Tues., Sept. 9, 2008	at Ulster BOCES	9:30 a.m.
Tues., Oct. 21, 2008	at Goshen Administration Building	9:30 a.m.
Tues., Dec. 2, 2008	at Goshen Administration Building	9:30 a.m.
Tues., Jan. 13, 2009	at Ulster BOCES	9:30 a.m.
Tues., March 3, 2009	at Ulster BOCES	9:30 a.m.
Tues., April 7, 2009	at Goshen Administration Building	9:30 a.m.
Wed., May 13, 2009	at Mt. St. Mary College	9:30 a.m.
Tues., June 16, 2009	at TBA	8:00 a.m.

## 12. Winter Chair Reports:

- a. Girls Basketball – Fred Ahart  
Sectional Winners – Class AA – Kingston, A – Cornwall, B – Burke Catholic, C – S.S. Seward, D – John A. Coleman
- b. Boys Basketball – Fred Ahart  
Sectional Winners – Class AA – Minisink Valley, A – New Paltz, B – Red Hook, C – Millbrook, D – John A. Coleman
- c. Ice Hockey – Paul Bacsardi  
George St. Lawrence congratulated Burke Catholic for being the 2008-2009 Section IX Champion.
- d. Girls and Boys Indoor Track – Mike White  
Congratulations to the Boys Class A Champion–Warwick, Girls Class A Champion–Warwick, Boys Class B Champion–Ellenville, Girls Class B Champion–Tri-Valley. The NYSPHSAA State Indoor Track Meet is being held on March 8, 2008 in Ithaca, New York.
- e. Boys Swimming report given by Pat Ryan. New Paltz was the Section IX Champion. Dan Strothenke, New Paltz, was awarded the Officials Association Most Outstanding Swimmer Award. Jessie Bicknel, Minisink Valley, was awarded the Officials Association Most Outstanding Diver Award. 41 athletes qualified for the NYSPHSAA Swimming and Diving Championship.
- f. Wrestling  
Jeff Culty will make his report at the April 8, 2008 meeting.
- g. Gymnastics – Toni Woody  
Thank you to F.D.R. for hosting the Championship. Kingston won the Section IX Championship. Section IX had its best performance at the NYSPHSAA meet.
- h. Nordic Ski – Jon Stern  
No report at this time.
- i. Alpine Ski – Janet Carey  
The Section IX championship was held at Belleayre Ski Area on February 14, 2008. The Girls Section IX Team Champion was Onteora and the Boys Section IX Team

Champion was Monticello. The Section IX individual Champions were Marlise Combe - Onteora and Jessie Anser – Warwick.

- j. Rifle and Air Rifle – Master Sgt. Willard  
No report at this time.
- k. Bowling – Amy McArdle  
The Section IX Girls Champion was Kingston. The Section IX Boys Champion was Highland.

### 13. Spring Chair Reports:

- a. Softball – Bruce Guyette  
The booklets and information regarding the Tournament can be found on the Section IX website. Bruce has requested the coaches go on-line and review the softball survey. The Softball Committee is in the early stages of discussing at large bids for the State Tournament.
- b. Baseball – Dave Onusko  
The booklet and seeding information/procedures are on-line at the Section IX website. Dave will be present at the leagues Spring Rules Interpretations Meetings to answer any questions. The seed meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2008. The Baseball Committee is proposing a two day tournament, refer to handout, discuss at league meetings and prepare to vote at the April 8, 2008 meeting.
- c. Boys Golf – Dick O’Neill  
Refer to handout regarding the two day tournament to be held on May 19 & May 21, 2008.
- d. Girls Golf – Bill Earl  
No report at this time.
- e. Girls Lacrosse – Wendy Crandall  
Information regarding selection and seeding is located on the Section IX website. A change in the Yellow Card – Red Card Penalty was discussed and Ms. Crandall will review all rule changes with the coaches at the Rules Interpretations Meeting.
- f. Boys Lacrosse – Bill Miller  
The booklet has been posted on the Section IX website. A discussion took place regarding the problem with uniforms. Mr. Miller will research the penalty for an illegal uniform and talk to the coaches at the Rules Interpretations Meeting on Monday, March 10, 2008.
- g. Boys Tennis – Bob Siracuse  
The selection and seeding information has been posted on the website.
- h. Track & Field – Eric McLaud  
Check the website for details. On-line entries are required. A discussion took place regarding the process and procedure of the on-line entries. The Steeplechase will be held at Cornwall check for the date and time.

#### 14. Chair Reports:

- a. Girls and Boys Modified Sports – Heather Carman & Brian Devincenzi  
No report at this time.
- b. Safety  
Janet Carey discussed the development of the Concussion Management Workshop.
- c. Chemical Health  
Motion by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Andrews to nominate Marco Lanzoni, Spackenkill, as Chairperson. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. Officials Coordinator – Dennis Burkett  
No report at this time.
- e. Eligibility – Fred Ahart  
No report at this time.
- f. Sportsmanship – Glen Maisch  
The on-line assessment application was reviewed. The program was established for the promotion of sportsmanship. The assessment needs to be completed on-line by April 15, 2008.

#### 15. New Business

- a. The Sullivan West School District will have a female on the Boys Golf team.
- b. Jeff Hartman, Wallkill, distributed information regarding New Paltz College and thanked them for helping Section IX with the coordination and site availability for tournaments.
- c. Jeff Hartman, Wallkill, requested information regarding Remembrance Day, April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to be distributed to the school districts. A race/walk and dinner are planned.
- d. Roberta Greene, Washingtonville, asked about the process to delay or cancel Section IX Tournaments. The Athletic Council had a lot of discussion on this topic especially concerning liability, who makes the final decision and how are people notified. The Council decided to send this topic back to the leagues for discussion and to develop a central policy and procedure. This item will be put on the April 8, 2008 agenda.

#### 16. Old Business

No report.

17. Motion to adjourn by Dennis Burkett, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toni Woody. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at the Orange-Ulster BOCES at 9:30 a.m.