

Athletic Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2015
Vista/Van Patten Country Club
10:00 a.m.

Please share this information with your Chief School Officer!

Attendance:

Patrick Diggin; Wayne Bertrand; Nick Fitzgerald; Chris Culnan; Kathy Ryan; Ed Dopp; Al Roy; James Schlegel; Jamie Rockhill

Leagues:

Adirondack: Jason Humiston; Hillary Haskell; Scott Smith

CHVL: Pat Light; Jodi Mazzeo; Rick Arket

Colonial: Tom Kostrzebski; John Gallo; Dale Wotherspoon

Foothills: Scott Stuart; Brian Mazza; Mike Calvello

Patroon: Scott Steltz; Terry Nash; Dominick Pitaniello

Suburban: Peter Sheehan; Joe Scalise; Regan Johnson

Wasaren: Donna VanZandt; Eric Papandrea; Deb Lauver

Western: Charlie Karker; Phonsey Lambert; Penny Hardenstine

Minutes

- ❖ Seat the Council
- ❖ Establish and Set the Agenda
- ❖ Additions to the Agenda
- ❖ President's Report - Nick Fitzgerald
 - Welcome
 - Section Finances - Patrick Diggin
 - Review of year end independent audit and current finances
 - Since September, Marvin and Co. completed its audit for 2014-2015. The organization received a clean report for the year.
 - The tax returns have been prepared and filed last month.
 - September financial statement:
 - More accurate information for fall sports will be reported on at the next Athletic Council meeting.
 - Weather has been better and will reflect in the results.
 - Questions: None
 - Sport Coordinator Appointments - FYI
 - Boys Volleyball
 - (Fall) Coordinator – John Coletta (Shenendehowa)

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 - (Winter) Coordinator – Adrian Michalski (Voorheesville)
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 - Baseball Coordinator – Mike DeMagistris (Gloversville)
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 - (G) Bowling – Hugo McGroty and Bill Neumann will assist Gary VanDerzee.
- ❖ Executive Director’s Report - Wayne Bertrand
 - Scrimmages
 - Received a call regarding a basketball scrimmages that occurred before the approved date.
 - We will be looking into this. Today is the first official date. Anything else is in violation of the NYSPHSAA rule. You need to have conversations with your coaches.
 - We will be reaching out and asking questions and hope you have answers.
 - Review of Fall Post Season
 - Bus Dilemma –
 - Although the lack of buses was a problem that had to be solved, it is a great accomplishment and cooperation from office and member schools to resolve.
 - Boys Soccer – Fort Ann
 - Congratulations for the first State title.
 - 4 of our 5 classes went to States. Congratulations to all of them.
 - Girls Soccer
 - 3 of 5 classes went to States.
 - Girls Volleyball –
 - All 5 classifications will be competing in States. Good Luck!
 - Boys Volleyball –
 - Shenendehowa will represent Section 2 in Division I.
 - Field Hockey –
 - 2 of 3 classes participated in States. (Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake and Shenendehowa)
 - Football –
 - 4 classifications are still alive.
 - Cross Country – Section 2 always does well.
 - (G) Swimming – good luck this weekend.
 - Thank you to those that have stepped up and hosted Sectional and Regional contests. This is what makes the section work

- Shenendehowa, Guilderland, Schuylerville, Stillwater, Gloversville, Mohonasen, Rensselaer, Colonie, Lansingburgh, Niskayuna, Burnt Hills/Ballston Lake, Saratoga, Ballston Spa and Voorheesville
- Cross Country On-Line Store – Report
 - This was a great success. We do not have the final figures yet. There are a few flaws and we will improve on the model.
 - We will use the same model for Cheerleading. Outdoor track would also like to use it. It is modeled after the NYSPHSAA uses.
- Outdoor Track Proposal - Mark Therrien
 - We have had Mark and Dave present to the Executive Committee and League Presidents.
 - There is a real issue with the way we transport athletes to the NYSPHSAA meet. (attached)
 - This policy (school districts/parents) will be responsible for transporting their athletes and will be effective this year.
 - We are exposed to a huge liability issue. We do this model already for the Federation meet for Cross Country.
 - Kids sleep in bath tubs and we have no idea if they stay on the premises during the meet.
 - Next meeting we will be providing the final format.
 - Questions
- Indoor Track Facility Dilemma
 - No program is growing more than indoor track.
 - We have more athletes/events than facilities to host. Hosting meets is a problem. We may have difficulty even getting the four (4) meet representation regulations.
 - We may not be able to have a State Qualifier.
 - Use of the Utica facility involves the officials' territory.
 - We are exploring options with the coordinators.
- Girls Basketball Rule Changes (attached)
 - FYI
- Cheerleading –
 - Officials Contract – (negotiated fee schedule is attached)
 - ◆ \$118.50 for Regular Season and \$158.00 for Sectionals.
 - The fee is the problem with getting officials.
 - We have been asked, can we tip the judges. The answer is NO!!!!
 - If you have a competitive meet you MUST have certified judges.
 - ◆ Contact either the Section 2 office or
e-mail section2cheerjudges@gmail.com
 - Clinic this weekend (Saturday) at 9:00 am at the NYSPHSAA office in the downstairs conference room. (9:00 am to noon) The Section will pay the cost of the instructor. If you are going to be competitive, please send your coach.
 - ◆ Scoring rubric will be reviewed and will answer any questions you may have.

- “Paying Attention”
 - We are getting questions from coaches regarding “red shirting”.
 - School X is doing this and school Y doing that.
 - Transfer Paperwork -
 - Coaches turning in Transfer papers. You as the Athletic Administrators are responsible for the paperwork. Do not leave it up to you coaches.
 - Untimely submission of applications. We are receiving paperwork well after the season has started.
 - Numerous Violations of the Officials Agreement -
 - Despite reminders from the Section office, schools are still missing the deadline for submitting schedules.
 - Despite copies of communications from the Section’s attorney, reminders at Athletic Council and League Presidents meetings, results of a hearing on the subject and various e-mails, schools are still paying mileage for the pre-season scrimmages. Athletic Administrators are preparing the vouchers for the officials with mileage on them.
- Spalding Ball Prices 2016-2017 (attached)
- Important Reminders
 - If you are going to an event involving an outside agency there needs to be a host school. The paperwork must be submitted and we must authorize it. The only one that we have received is Coaches vs Cancer for basketball. So Please Get the Paperwork into the office.
 - A local VFW could be an example.
 - Individuals or organizations cannot benefit off our Section athletes.
 - Deadline for the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame applications is December 15th. They should be completed and submitted to the Section 2 office by December 11th for review and submission to NYSPHSAA in time to meet the deadline. Please include all supporting information and documentation.

❖ Internal Control Officer

- Al Roy

- Paperwork has been much better. However, we still have people that can’t add. (The plus 1 issue.)
- Vouchers – please review to make sure they are eligible. Also, that you include W-9’s.
- From what has been submitted and projected, we should be on budget for the fall.
- Warrants Since Last Athletic Council Meeting
 - #3 – 9/23/2015 – 12 items for \$35,128.68
 - #4 – 10/27/2015 – 16 items for \$7,896.81
 - #5 – 11/2/2015 – 142 items for \$29,106.85
 - #6 – 11/4/2015 – 146 items for \$12,716.00
 - #7 – 11/9/2015 – 151 items for \$11,343.12
 - #8 – 11/10/2015 – 134 items for \$12,344.07
 - #9 – 11/12/2015 – 144 items for \$13,577.53
 - #10 – 11/13/2015 – 160 items for \$12,940.25

❖ State Report

- Kathy Ryan/Ed Dopp

- Minutes from October 22nd NYSPHSAA Meeting (attached)
 - Please review the attachment for the approved items at the October NYSPHSAA meeting.
 - Boys Basketball Bid and Outdoor Track Bid – they will be re-bid thru the new bidding process. It will be a sealed process and no presentation.
 - December, 7 (boys basketball bid opening)
 - December 8 (outdoor track bid opening)
 - December 18 the CAC will review and hopefully be taken care of prior to the holidays.
 - Football Classification Proposal – the Championship Philosophy Committee was reconvened to review the criteria for a 6th classification. Other states have up to seven (7) classifications.
 - 2-day baseball proposal – This will be voted on at the NYSPHSAA January meeting.
 - **Voting Items at the January NYSPHSAA meeting –**
 - **Boys & Girls Lacrosse to go to four (4) classifications as of 2016-2017.**
 - ◆ **We do not have variation numbers yet.**
 - ◆ Criteria – 300 participating schools statewide
 - **Modified Wrestling – Section/league approval for modified wrestlers to have the option to wear an alternative to the traditional singlet. If Section approves, each league that participates in wrestling will have to vote on it for approval.**
 - ◆ *With section/league approval, modified wrestlers shall have the option of wearing an alternative to the traditional singlet. Options may include a form-fitting compression shirt and compression shorts, or a form-fitting compression shirt under the school uniform singlet.*
 - **NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Judges Fee Structure (attached)**
 - **Formation of a Student-Athlete Development Committee (attached)**
 - **Formation of a Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (attached)**
 - **Practice Session Rule Revision (attached)**

❖ NYSPHSAA –

- Robert Zayas

- Clarification:
 - Athlete practices will be voted on at the January meeting.
- Items:
 - Coaching Certification: all member schools are required to abide by this regulation. This includes Private and Parochial school coaches. (This is revisiting an existing regulation.)
 - Statewide Calendar:
 - Boys and Girls Lacrosse: from week 48 to 49
 - Girls Golf moving from week 49 to 48.
 - When you qualify for States you will receive an e-mail.
 - Code of Conduct Forms – do we still need them?? Or is the onus on the school districts??
 - Captains Club Meeting– limit to 100 for the first time. January 12th. He will send an email on December 12th. (role, why is it important, etc.)

- Questions:
 - Code of Conduct – if we don't eliminate it, we may need to at least revise it.
 - Yes we will do that.

❖ Committee Reports

➤ Eligibility

- Chris Culnan

- Busy fall.
 - Representation: These come in and we need to do them right away. You need to submit all the necessary information or we will not be able to turn it around in a timely manner. Please be aware of this and do the necessary for action. Medical documentation is one of the biggest issues. We will take medical documentation from your Athletic Trainer that works under your school's Chief School Medical Officer. We do not accept from coaches. We had to take one potential participant off a bus and one off a starting line. Please be cognizant of the time.
 - ◆ Members of the Committee are:
 - ✓ Class AA - Regan Johnson
 - ✓ Class A – Mike DeMagistris
 - ✓ Class B - Burgess Ovitt
 - ✓ Class C - Alphonse Lambert
 - ✓ Class D - Jason Humiston;
 - ◆ You need to discuss the representation regulation with your coaches. They are for the most part not aware of the regulation.
 - ◆ Questions:
 - Shared Services: These are pretty easy to turn around. (A student that is a bona fide student at one school yet attends classes at another school.)

➤ Officials

- Wayne Bertrand

- This is the last year of the agreement.
- We still have schools that have not submitted their basketball schedule.
- Negotiations have begun.
 - Larry will be the chief negotiator. Regan Johnson and Burges Ovitt will assist us.

➤ Constitution/Mixed Competition/Sr. All Star

- Wayne Bertrand

- Mixed Competition
 - Remember the different procedure.
 - Any questions, please call the office. You still have to notify your opponents and the Section 2 office.
 - Questions:
 - ◆ Anything necessary we need to do for cheerleading.
 - ✓ SED says that you still have to go thru the mixed competition process. However, there is a division for teams with boys.
- Sr. All Star –

- Please be cognizant of the deadline. We have been lenient, but the day before an event is not going to fly.
- WAC has already submitted for baseball.

➤ Modified

- James Schlegel

▪ Editorial Changes for wrestling -

- Game conditions #1. b; #6. b and #6. c.
 - ◆ #1 b – Point meets are any competition where a wrestler or wrestlers compete in 3 or 4 bouts.
 - ◆ #6 b – If a contestant competes in two, three or four bouts per contest, the time periods will be either: (1) three 1 minute periods, or (2) 1st period: 1 minutes; 2nd and 3rd periods: 1 ½ minutes.
 - ◆ #6 c – With section/league approval, a sudden victory overtime period shall be permitted in modified wrestling. The method of overtime must be determined at the onset of the event. Wrestlers may start in the standing position or in the “Referees Criteria” based on the NFHS wrestling rulebook for sudden victory. The overtime period shall not exceed 30 seconds.
 - ✓ **This was already approved at the Section level. You must now determine at your league level. You follow the host league’s decision.**
- Alternative Uniform –
 - ◆ With section/league approval, modified wrestlers shall have the option of wearing an alternative to the traditional singlet. Options may include a form-fitting compression shirt and compression shorts, or a form-fitting compression shirt under the school uniform singlet.
 - ✓ **If approved at the Section level, you must determine at your league level.**
- Required number of practices – This will be a discussion item at the next modified committee meeting. More information to come.

➤ Classification

- Ed Dopp

- All eight (8) leagues were represented. We heard back from all but one sport coordinator.
- Fall sport season recommendations. (attached)
 - Don’t forget the BEDS when received could change things and the boys and girls lacrosse classifications and football if it goes to 6 classifications.
 - **Voting Item**
- Meeting Dates for 2015-2016
 - Winter – February 25th
 - ◆ Thursday, February 18th – deadline for submission of requests
 - ◆ Recommendation March 3rd
 - ◆ Voting April 20
 - Spring – May 20th
 - ◆ Thursday, May

➤ Transfer

- Pete Bednarek

- When the Office receives applications that are straight forward and properly prepared, they will be processed immediately.
- If applications are complicated in nature or raise questions they will be reviewed by the Transfer Committee at designated meetings.
 - We rely on the receiving school's integrity regarding residency being confirmed.
- Applications should be filed in a timely fashion pertinent to the sport season.
- Future Meeting Dates for 2015-2016
 - February 23, 2016
- Sportsmanship (Bad)/Mergers - Joe Sapienza
 - Winter Mergers – (attached)
- Sportsmanship (Good) - Mike Leonard
- Safety/Chemical Health Awareness - Rick Knizek
 - Cheer coaches must take the same courses as other coaches.
 - Updated skin lesions – already been sent out and on the Section website.
 - Wrestling Certifications – this weekend – three sites.
 - Unless you are given permission – you must go to your original site if a re-test is necessary.
 - CPR update – will be the end of January or beginning of February. These are not full courses – only updates.
 - ImPact – One issue is the school finding someone to interpret the ImPact. We are working on a solution. Contact Rick if any questions.
 - Feedback on the medical coverage of sectional events. Please contact Rick or the Section 2 office.
 - Al thanked Rick for his assistance in assigning trainers to the contests.
- Audit Committee - James Schlegel
 - We covered several issues.
 - A policy that deals with how to handle monetary errors on a warrant.
 - A policy that deals with Athletic Directors and other Administrators submitting vouchers for sectional contests for chaperones, etc.
- ❖ Sports Committee Reports –
 - Girls Golf – Eileen Troy
 - Results of the girls golf survey. (attached)
 - We would need ten (10) schools from two (2) different leagues.
 - Looks promising to start next year.
 - Met with the League Presidents already.
 - We would like to run a clinic this spring.
 - Section 2 is one of three (3) that don't have girls golf. (7 & 10 are the other two)
 - Questions: - none
 - Boys Bowling – Gary VanDerzee
 - Mohonasen – Moving Up to Class A

- Hugo and Bill will work behind the scenes with me.
- Issue of the number of schools in each classification. One classification may have difficulty finding a site large enough to host sectionals.
- Girls Volleyball – Peggy Seese (attached)
 - The State tournament will be at GFCC for the next two years.
 - There will be new variation classification numbers next year.
 - First year since 5 classifications that we have had a team in all five classes go to States.
- Football – Bob Dorrance
 - Bob asked all Athletic Directors from the classification winners to get their plaques from him.
 - FYI – The proposal for six (6) classes in football was tabled at the NYSPHSAA meeting in October. It is being sent to the Championship Philosophy Committee for review and criteria for six (6) classes.
- ❖ League Concerns –
 - WAC –
 - Concern regarding NYSPHSAA regional games that are played on Veterans Day.
 - Girls Volleyball – These dates are set by NYSPHSAA. We need to get the games in and still leave time to prepare for the next level of competition.
 - Wasaren
 - Suburban
 - Patroon
 - Foothills
 - Colonial
 - CHVL
 - Adirondack
- ❖ NYSAAA - Scott Stuart/Tom Kostrzebski
 - AAA – Applications for the scholar athlete student are due December 4th – Contact Scott Stuart if you have any questions.
 - AAA - Hall of Fame applications are due December 15th.
 - Awards – Please submit any applications to Blaine Drescher. He is replacing Tom.
- ❖ COA/NYSHPERD
- ❖ **Action Items On The Agenda**
 - **Boys & Girls Lacrosse – 4 Classifications**
 - **Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd by Scott Steltz to approve boys and girls lacrosse to go to four (4) classifications.**
 - **Discussion**
 - **Vote: Passed**
 - **Modified Wrestling – Alternative to traditional singlet**
 - **Motion by Charlie Karker; 2nd John Gallo to approve the use of an alternative to the traditional singlet in modified wrestling.**
 - **Discussion**

- **Vote: Passed**
- **NOTE: Now each league must review for league approval.**
- **Cheerleading – Judges Fee Structure**
 - **Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd Pete Sheehan to approve the NYSPHSAA fee structure.**
 - **Discussion**
 - **Vote: Passed**
- **Formation of Student-Athlete Development Committee**
 - **Motion by Scott Steltz; 2nd by Tom Kostrezbski to approve the formation of the NYSPHSAA Student-Athlete Development Committee.**
 - **Discussion**
 - **Vote: Passed**
- **Formation of Student-Athlete Advisory Committee**
 - **Motion by John Gallo; 2nd by Pat Light to approve the formation of the NYSPHSAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.**
 - **Discussion**
 - **Vote: Passed**
- **Practice Session Rule Revision**
 - **Motion by Scott Steltz; 2nd by Charlie Karker to approve the Practice Session Rule Revision.**
 - **Discussion**
 - **Vote: Passed**
- **Approval of the fall sport season classification recommendations.**
 - **Motion by Charlie; 2nd by Mike Calvello to approve the fall sport season classifications as recommended by the Classification Committee for the 2016-2017 school year; with the understanding that some classifications may change with when BEDS numbers are received in January from SED.**
 - **Discussion**
 - **Vote: Passed**
- ❖ **Old Business - none**
- ❖ **New Business - none**
- ❖ **Adjournment**
 - **Motion by Donna VanZandt; 2nd by Dale Wotherspoon to adjourn.**
 - Discussion**
 - Vote: Passed**

Future Meetings

Athletic Council Meeting January 27, 2016 Vista/Van Patten Country Club 10:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting January 7, 2016 Section 2 Office - Saratoga 9:00 a.m.
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League Presidents Meeting
December 7, 2015
NYSPHSAA Office
9:00 a.m.

Officials Conferencing Committee
December 14, 2015
Section 2 Office
9:00 a.m.