

Athletic Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 27, 2016
Vista/Van Patten Country Club
10:00 a.m.

Please share this information with your Chief School Officer!

Attendance:

Adirondack: Jason Humiston; Scott Smith; Hilary Haskell
CHVL: Pat Light; Jodi Mazzeo; Rick Arket
Colonial: Tom Kostrzbeki; John Gallo; Dale Wotherspoon
Foothills: Brian Mazza; Mike Calvello; Chip Corlew
Patroon: Scott Steltz; Dominick Piteniello; Terry Nash
Suburban: David Sunkes; Peter Sheehan; Regan Johnson
Wasaren: Duke Beck; Eric Papendrea; Eileen Troy
Western: Charlie Karker; Alphonse Lambert; Penny Hardenstine

Minutes

- ❖ Seat the Council
- ❖ Establish and Set the Agenda
- ❖ Additions to the Agenda
- ❖ President's Report - Chris Culnan (1st Vice President)
 - Welcome
 - Section Finances - Patrick Diggin
 - Review of year end independent audit and current finances – (all of the voting members were provided with a copy of the December 31, 2015, Financial Statement)
 - Cash was strong \$523,000. Compared to last year, the fall sports had a good year. There are still outstanding bills and will probably end up being around \$120,000.
 - Revenue stream was up. (Ticket price increase, attendance was up, good weather, good team match ups) These are the factors that greatly influence the bottom line (negatively or positively) each season.
 - Our Brown Coach expense line also has a large impact. (\$69,000 for the fall season.)
 - Final numbers will be presented at the next meeting.
 - Tax and finance wise, we are up to date. All 1099's have been mailed out. Tax return has been filed and is accessible by going to the NYS Charities website.
 - Questions: None
 - Officials Negotiations - Larry Paltrowitz
 - Negotiations: As you will recall the last negotiations went to arbitration. We have started the process for the new contract. We have reached out to the Officials

Organization negotiators and the first meeting will be the week of February 15th. Any concerns or input, please contact Wayne. A final agreement will be brought to the Athletic Council for approval.

- Motion by Scott Steltz; 2nd by John Gallo to approve the Larry Paltrowitz, Wayne Bertrand, Regan Johnson and Burgess Ovitt to represent Section 2 in the negotiations with the Section 2 Officials Organizations.

Discussion:

Vote: 24-0

- **Passed**

➤ Principals' Representative to NYSPHSAA Central Committee

- Only candidate. No applications received.
- Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd by Eileen Troy to re-elect Pete Bednarek as the Principals' Representative to the NYSPHSAA Central Committee.

Discussion:

Vote: 24-0

- **Passed**

➤ Classification – Boys Soccer - LaSalle Appeal

- Executive Committee heard the appeal. The decision was to deny the appeal and recommend that LaSalle Institute remain Class AA in boys' soccer for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Motion by Charlie Karker; 2nd by Regan Johnson for LaSalle Institute to remain Class AA in boys' soccer for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Discussion
- Vote: 21-3 (Colonial)
- **Passed**

❖ Executive Director's Report

- Wayne Bertrand

➤ FYI – Wayne delivered sad news regarding Liam Frawley. At age 45 he suffered a brain aneurism.

- He was very involved in both AAA and NYSPHSAA and did a lot to bring about the change in coaching certification.
- Please keep Liam in your thoughts and prayers.

➤ Crowd Management Issues

- We had somewhere in the amount of 15 issues with spectators at both boys and girls basketball. These things cannot continue to happen.
- This is becoming an issue. We need to do a better job in controlling our crowd.
 - You are responsible for your spectators whether home or away. Send an adequate amount of chaperones to assist the home school.
 - Don't put your "knuckle heads" behind the opposing team bench or basket.
 - Have your chaperones face the crowd, in strategic places and monitor periodically.

- Rash of NYSPHSAA Rules Violations
 - It is incredible the amount of violations that have been occurring.
 - A fifth grader bowled in a match in Section 5.
 - We have had a number of embarrassing violations. It is the responsibility of you as the Athletic Administrator to know the rules. Familiarize yourself with the NYSPHSAA handbook.
 - “A rogue coach will take you down as an Athletic Director. You will lose your job.”
 - Make sure your coaches know the rules also. Violations reflect on you.
- Important Dates – 2016-2017 (will be attached to the minutes)
- Upcoming Sectional Season
 - Connecting with your League Representative –
 - Role & Duties –
 - ◆ Make sure your league representative knows he/she is supposed to represent the entire league not just his/her interest.
 - If you are not participating in Sectionals, you as the Athletic Director must contact the Sport Coordinator and the Section 2 office.
 - Hosting Responsibilities
 - You don’t just send your team and that’s it. (AI will discuss this further in his report.)
 - Visiting School Responsibilities
 - Send adequate supervision/chaperones for the contest.
 - ◆ Check in with the home school so they know who to go to if there is an issue.
- Scheduling Reminders – 2016-2017
 - Important Dates to Consider When Building Next Year’s Master Schedule
 - Jewish Holidays, National Holidays, Field Trips, Concerts, Proms
 - ◆ The rule of thumb is that standardized testing begins the first week in October.
 - ◆ Please keep these things in mind.
 - BEDS –
 - The classification numbers will be determined at the NYSPHSAA meeting on Friday.
 - Any issues need to be addressed with SED. That is where Todd Nelson gets the numbers and any changes must come thru SED.
 - These will be the numbers. No changes can be made unless there was a clerical error.
- News/Notes/Reminders
 - Skiing Representation Rule
 - We in Section 2 are pretty good. NYSPHSAA may be reducing the representation number to 2.
 - Representation Rule
 - Six for all sports, except indoor track (4); cheerleading (2).
 - ◆ If you need a waiver complete an application and submit to Chris Culnan. All supporting documentation needs to be included.
 - Approved Outdoor Track Proposal

- Just as an FYI. The transportation change was approved at the last Athletic Council meeting. Any questions, please contact the Section office ASAP. You need to make arrangements for your own athletes. The Section is no longer doing this.
- USTA Indoor Meet
 - You need to be careful. We are cautioning you to make sure that if it is not a sanctioned event, your athletes cannot represent your school. (Cannot use school equipment, transportation, etc.) They must be a legitimate independent participant. We are not in the business to provide people/businesses/organizations with a financial benefit.
- Spalding Ball Contract
 - If you are hosting, you must provide the Spalding Ball. If it is a neutral site, the Section will provide the ball.
 - The contract goes into effect next year. (2016-2017)
- Gary VanDerzee
 - Congratulated Gary on his nomination into the prestigious Cortland C Club.
- Office Space
 - Our landlord approached us to swap office pods. We are in the same building, just down the hall. We actually picked up additional space. This was a cost neutral move.
 - The address remains the same.
- Wrestling Certification Payments
 - Around 20 schools are outstanding.
- Softball – Banned Bat Proposal (attached)
 - Motion by Dave Sunkes; 2nd by Scott Steltz to vote in favor of the banned bat proposal for softball at the NYSPHSAA meeting.
 - Discussion:
 - Vote: 21-3
 - **Passed**
- Cheerleading –
 - DC Sports – On-line Store
 - Please provide this to all your coaches, booster clubs. Closes on February 3rd.
 - Classification –
 - Motion by Charlie Karker; 2nd by Dave Sunkes to classify all of the Private and Charter Schools participating in Sectionals in Division II for the 2015-2016 school year.
 - Discussion
 - Vote: 24-0
 - **Passed**
 - Sectionals –
 - Saturday, February 20, 2016
 - At Guilderland High School
 - Registration Form (attached)
 - ◆ Representation Rule

- ✓ Basketball games do not count as participation. They must be competitions.
- ◆ Divisions – Five (5)
 - ✓ Division I (Large School – 750 BEDS & up) – Large Squad (17-32 participants)
 - ✓ Division I (Large School – 750 BEDS & up) – Small Squad (5-16 participants)
 - ✓ Division II (Small School – 749 BEDS & below) – Large Squad (17-32 participants)
 - ✓ Division II (Small School – 749 BEDS & below) - Small Squad (5-16 participants)
 - ✓ Co-Ed (at least one male on the squad)
- Bowling – “new” class breakdown numbers
 - A – 600 and above
 - B – 300-599
 - C – 299 and below
 - Motion by Peter Sheehan; 2nd by Jason Humiston to approve the new classification numbers for bowling sectionals.
 - Discussion
 - Vote: 24-0
 - **Passed**
- Girls Golf – Deadline February 25th

❖ Internal Control Officer

- Al Roy

- Warrants Since Last Athletic Council Meeting
 - #11 – 145 Items – 11/30/2015 - \$20,409.92
 - #12 – 36 Items – 12/3/2015 - \$69,177.66
 - #13 – 137 Items – 12/8/2015 - \$20,200.87
 - #14 – 29 Items – 12/18/2015 - \$30,594.09
 - #15 – 6 Items – 1/7/2016 - \$7,557.96
- Address:
 - We are still receiving mail that was sent to the PO Box. Sometimes the Post Office returns to the sender and sometimes they forward to us.
 - You need to have your business office remove the old address and enter the new address.
 - Sectionals –
 - Hosting – Quarter finals on must be run through the Section. Earlier rounds you have the option to pick up the expenses. If you are hosting a double header in the early rounds, you must charge and run through the Section. (The only exception to this is for outdoor sports when it is not feasible to collect a gate.) If in doubt, contact the Section 2 office.
 - Ticket Prices:
 - ◆ Girls Basketball - \$4
 - ◆ Cheerleading - \$10
 - Staffing – (attached)

- Paperwork – we will provide these to you.
 - ◆ Vouchers – we changed and added a section regarding the W-9.
- Policy Regarding Athletic Directors & Principals Vouchers (attached)
- Questions: none
- Chris Culnan: Please pay attention to the things as it will assist the Office in getting their work done.

❖ State Report

- Kathy Ryan/Ed Dopp

➤ Minutes from December NYSPHSAA Meeting (attached)

- Ed reviewed the action items for the upcoming NYSPHSAA meeting and how our Section will vote.
 - ◆
 - ◆ Girls and Boys Lacrosse Four (4) Classifications - Yes
 - ◆ Baseball Two (2) Day Tournament - Yes
 - ◆ Cheerleading Judges Fee - Yes
 - ◆ Banned Bat Proposal for Softball - Yes
 - ◆ Football Classifications – Yes
 - ◆ BEDS – Yes – Be careful as the classification numbers have not been finalized yet. The five (5) class cut off numbers and the Division I and Division II numbers may be adjusted at the NYSPHSAA meeting.
 - ✓ Questions:
 - There may not be a recommendation?
 - Yes, that is correct.
 - ◆ Student Athletic Committees – Yes
 - ◆ PSAL into the NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Championship –
 - ✓ At the present time we allow other organizations to participate in some our Championships so we don't have another weekend, etc. (A championship within a championship.) The PSAL participates in the boys' tennis now. They now want to now join the girls' tennis. One of the issues is when more than one of the other athletic associations wants to participate in our championships. Robert recommended to postpone this until we can discuss with the PSAL to hold their own.
 - ✓ We will attempt to get this postponed. If not we will vote, no.
 - ✓ Motion by Dave Sunkes; 2nd by Tom Kostrzebski to vote against allowing the PSAL to participate in the girls tennis NYSPHSAA Championship.
 - ◆ Waivers of Representation Rules - Yes
- Suburban: What is the role of the sports committee in determining the Championship sites? Concern that this is a trend that sport committees recommendations are dismissed.

- ◆ Ed: Sport Committees are a recommending body. The NYSPHSAA staff is a recommending body. The Central Committee/Executive Committee takes into consideration both recommendations and makes the final decision.
- ◆ Wayne: All Sections have input and we as Section 2 voted to keep the championship in Glens Falls.
- ◆ Robert: Sport Committees have always been a recommending committee. Over the years they have been rubber stamped. The sport committees do not have the fiduciary responsibility that the NYSPHSAA office does. If we are not going to consider bids that are financially better and possibly a bit better facility, then why are we bidding? NYSPHSAA is not only considering the finances. However, they have to be part of the decision.
 - ✓ The process has been revised. Sport Committees' recommendation have been considered.
 - ✓ We understand that travel is an issue for school districts. However, if we are only going to have centrally located, then we should only ask Sections 2, 3, 4 & 5 to bid.
- ◆ Eileen: The correlation between ice hockey and boys' basketball is unfair. Sport committees votes – all 11 sections committee members should have the support of their Section. When a sport committee has a vote, they should vote as the Section is directing them to vote. If a vote is 7-4 by the sport committee, when it goes to the Central Committee/Executive Committee it should follow through. Politics should not play into the decision.
- ◆ Chris: This obviously became a very contentious subject.
- ◆ Ed: We in Section 2 vote as our Section directs us to vote. Other Sections should do the same. Sport Committees are the experts on what is best for their sport. We understand that the finances are a big part of the decision.

- ❖ NYSPHSAA – - Robert Zayas
 - If there are any adjustments to the various classification numbers it will have to come in the form of a motion by one of the Sections. Otherwise the numbers will remain the same.
- ❖ Committee Reports
 - Eligibility - Chris Culnan
 - Representation – Please make sure you complete the form and submit with supporting documentation to Chris ASAP. We only hear cases relating to injury or illness.
 - Officials - Wayne Bertrand
 - See Action Item Above.
 - Constitution/Mixed Competition/Sr. All Star - Wayne Bertrand
 - Sr. All Star – must be played prior to the end of sport season. Please submit on time.
 - Modified - James Schlegel
 - Discussion of the reduction of practice for modified sports.
 - Action in the spring – for starting weeks.

- Modified football will start week #8.
- Classification - Ed Dopp
 - See Action Items Above
 - Meeting Dates for 2015-2016
 - Winter – February 25th
 - ◆ Letters will be going out with a deadline of February 16th to respond and submit requests, etc.
 - ◆ Recommendation to the Executive Committee on March 3rd.
 - ◆ Voting Item at the April 20th Athletic Council meeting.
 - Spring – May 20th
- Transfer - Pete Bednarek
 - Future Meeting Dates for 2015-2016
 - February 23, 2016
- Sportsmanship (Bad)/Mergers - Joe Sapienza
 - Mergers: Please contact Joe to confirm that any applications you may have sent were received.
- Sportsmanship (Good) - Mike Leonard
- Safety/Chemical Health Awareness - Rick Knizek
- Audit Committee - James Schlegel
 - Last Meeting – 2 Policies (copies attached)
 - Questions: None
- ❖ Sports Committee Reports – None
- ❖ League Concerns –
 - Adirondack - None
 - CHVL –
 - Bishop Maginn has been accepted into the League
 - Colonial – None
 - Foothills – None
 - Patroon – None
 - Suburban – None
 - Wasaren – None
 - Western - None
- ❖ NYSAAA - Scott Stuart/Tom Kostrzebski
 - AAA Conference coming up. Please register ASAP.
- ❖ COA/NYSHPERD
 - At Sage. You should be receiving a card.
- ❖ Old Business
- ❖ New Business
- ❖ Adjournment: 11:41 am
 - Motion by Dale Wotherspoon; 2nd by Alphonse Lambert to adjourn.

Discussion:
Vote: 24-0
Passed

Future Meetings

Athletic Council Meeting	Executive Committee Meeting
April 20, 2016	March 3, 2016
Vista/Van Patten Country Club	Section 2 Office - Saratoga
10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.

League Presidents Meeting	Officials Conferencing Committee
March 7, 2016	March 14, 2015
Section 2 Office	Section 2 Office
9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.