

Athletic Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 20, 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; Hillary Haskel

CHVL: Art Schmich; Pat Light; Derrick Conte

Colonial: Tom Kostrzebski; John Gallo; Dale Wotherspoon

Foothills: Mike Calvello; Brian Mazza; Heath Morris

Patron: Terry Nash; Dominick Pitaniello; Scott Steltz

Suburban: Peter Sheehan; David Sunkes; Regan Johnson

Wasaren: Donna VanZandt; Eric Papandrea; Duke Beck

Western: Charlie Karker; Alphonse Lambert; Penny Hardenstine

Executive Committee: Nick Fitzgerald; Chris Culnan; Ed Dopp; Kathy Ryan; James Schlegel; Jamie Rockhill

Absent: Joe Sapienza; Ryan Sherman; Pete Bednarek

Wayne Bertrand; Al Roy; Patrick Diggin

Minutes

- ❖ Seat the Council
- ❖ Establish and Set the Agenda
- ❖ Additions to the Agenda
- ❖ President's Report - Nick Fitzgerald
 - Welcome
 - Section Finances - Patrick Diggin
 - Finalized Winter Report & March 31, 2016 Financial Report – (attached)
 - Cash - \$538,153 and total liabilities & net assets of \$542,383.
 - Increase in Net Assets of \$100,019 - All tied to gate receipts.
 - ◆ Budgeted for \$60,000 and we came in at \$88,000
 - ✓ Sports of wrestling and ice hockey came in better than budget
 - ✓ Boys & girls basketball did well as usual.
 - 68-70% of the revenue comes from gate receipts
 - Questions - none
- ❖ Executive Director's Report - Wayne Bertrand
 - Officials Negotiations Update
 - Hopefully we will have a contract to vote on at the June Athletic Council meeting.
 - We have agreed on many of the items.
 - League Presidents will be kept updated on developments.
 - It will be a four (4) year contract.

- News/Notes/Reminders
 - Outdoor Track Transportation for NYSPHSAA Championships
 - Reminder: The Athletic Council approved that schools are on their own for transporting/lodging of any qualifying athletes for the NYSPHSAA Championships.
 - Outdoor Track Assessment
 - Section will be forwarding invoices like we did last year. \$100
 - Tennis Sectionals Dates
 - **Note Change in Format (Date & Site)**
 - **Individuals –**
 - ◆ **Central Park is not available this year.**
 - ✓ **Because Shenendehowa has the most courts available, Sectionals will be held there.**
 - ◆ **1st Round to ¼'s – Saturday, 5/21 @ Shenendehowa**
 - ✓ **80% of the matches will be completed by 1:00 pm.**
 - ◆ ¼'s & Semis – Monday, 5/23 – 1:00 pm @ Shenendehowa
 - ◆ Finals – Tuesday, 5/24 – 3:00 pm @ Shenendehowa
 - Team –
 - ◆ Play-ins – 5/12 if needed
 - ◆ 1st Round – 5/16 @ higher seed and continue each day until finals
 - ◆ Finals – 5/18 or 5/19 depending on Class @ neutral sites TBD at the seeding meeting
 - Softball Doubleheaders
 - Section did not approve the 5-inning double headers proposal. All games must be 7 innings. The only exception is the 2nd game of the double header if it has to be called for darkness, etc.
 - 2016-2017 Dues - \$1500
 - Schedule Building
 - Please make sure that when you build your schedules for next year, be aware of holidays, school events, testing, etc.
 - Keep changes to a minimum.
 - Participation Survey – Deadline, May 13th – go on NYSPHSAA website and complete
 - Important Dates for 2016-2017 (attached to minutes)
 - Upcoming Sectional Seeding Dates
 - Boys Tennis – May 10th
 - Baseball/Softball – May 16th
 - Boys/Girls Lacrosse – May 18th
 - Heads Up Football Proposal - Robert Dorrance
 - The NYSPHSAA Football Committee has endorsed the “Heads Up” program statewide.
 - ◆ It will be a recommendation from NYSPHSAA that your coaches get certified through the “Heads Up” program.

- #24 – 16 items – 4/12/2016 - \$5,561.33
- Thanked all the schools that hosted Sectionals.
- Process for hosting Sectionals.
 - If you are hosting an early round contest, you may absorb the expenses and not charge admission.
 - Please complete the forms carefully and legibly.
- ❖ State Report - Kathy Ryan/Ed Dopp
 - Agenda Items for May 6, 2016 NYSPHSAA meeting
 - Boys Lacrosse Variation Numbers – remove from action items.
 - Questions or Concerns on any of the Action Items listed on agenda today.
 - Soccer single official – CHVL
 - ◆ Concern that the assignor will only assign one official.
 - ◆ Why is this only for soccer? Field Hockey won't assign only one.
 - ◆ Robert: This was proposed by the soccer officials association. It is almost comparable to the NCAA handbook.
 - Ed provided items that are not listed on the agenda as Action Items. The Section will be in favor of these.
 - ◆ New rifle coordinator.
 - ◆ Girls tennis – move Championship
 - ✓ We will be receiving a much more detailed report at the meeting.
 - ✓ The contract we presently have was for three years under the old bid process.
 - We were charged more than the contract last year. NYSPHSAA is working on this.
 - ◆ Various Coordinators & Championship Sites
 - ◆ Friends & Neighbors
 - ◆ Greens to Tee Coaching -
- ❖ NYSPHSAA – - Robert Zayas
 - Met with SED on 4/7/2016 and expressed the concerns regarding APP and the Tanner Score.
 - Darryl Dailey advised that they are revising the APP information and the Tanner Score is only a recommendation not a requirement.
 - Strategic Planning –
 - We need to continue to evaluate the philosophy of Modified Sports.
 - We live in a different world today and we are in competition with other things available to parents for their students.
 - Incorporation of New Programs
 - We need to look at a process of how we do this to better serve all athletes.
 - Printed Handbook –
 - 305 AD's have responded in overwhelming support to bring it back.
 - Meeting Packet will be released this week.

- Code of Conduct Form will be a discussion item. Does it serve the purpose it was meant to?
- Sr. All Star Applications – Why do they have to go to NYSPHSAA to sign off on?
- Scholar Athlete Program – We need to make it more about celebrating the achievement.
- Home School Legislation – Lobbyists are already lobbying. We will continue to fight this as long as our membership wants us to.
- Questions:
 - TEACH Program – We wait for approval from SED all the time.
 - ◆ A staff of one that used to be a staff of 14.
 - ◆ Suggested to go thru BOCES instead. Can BOCES be a pending approval? We used to be able to get a pending from SED.
 - ◆ Robert will bring this concern to SED.

❖ Committee Reports

- Eligibility - Chris Culnan
 - Representation –
 - Please make sure you include all the necessary documentation.
 - Extended –
 - We had two (2) cases that were submitted knowing they were going to be denied.
- Constitution/Mixed Competition/Sr. All Star - Wayne Bertrand
 - Sr. All Star Contests Approved
 - Winter
 - ◆ WAC – (B)(G) Basketball & Cheerleading – 3/4/2016
 - ◆ Colonial/Foothills – (B)(G) Basketball – 3/8/2016
 - ◆ Patroon – (B)(G) Basketball – 3/8/2016
 - ◆ Suburban – (B)(G) Basketball – 3/8/2016
 - ◆ CHVL – (B) Basketball – 3/9/2016
 - Spring
 - ◆ WAC – Baseball – 5/29/2016
- Modified - James Schlegel
 - Modified Football –
 - Pilot Program (**Action Item** for May NYSPHSAA meeting)
 - ◆ If passed would be in effect for the upcoming season.
 - Editorial Change - Three (3) Games in 14 days (Discussion for May NYSPHSAA meeting)
 - ◆ This is being sent to the Safety Committee.
 - ◆ A survey will be sent to all Athletic Directors.
 - Practice Requirements Changes (Discussion for May NYSPHSAA meeting)
 - The list was proposed and is being sent to the Safety Committee.

- Some of the schools that object are the smaller schools. We are trying to change rules that are good for all the schools. Very few schools now days have kids that are picking up a ball or putting on a helmet for the first time when they try out for the modified team.
- This is being sent to the Safety Committee.
- Survey will be sent to all schools with a return date of June 3rd.
- Modified Start Dates
 - Those dates will be acted on at the May 6th meeting of NYSPHSAA.
- Soccer
 - Editorial Change – requirement of shin guards will be deleted from handbook
 - Uniform Goalie – extension of the waiver for numbered jerseys
 - Exemption of All-White Home Jerseys for boys & girls.
- Classification - Ed Dopp
 - Winter Sports Classification Recommendations (attached)(**Action Item**)
 - 2 schools requested reclassification in 3 different sports
 - Meeting Dates for 2015-2016
 - Spring – May 20th
 - ◆ Letters will be going out on May 2nd.
 - ◆ Responses due on May 13th.
 - ◆ Meeting on May 20th.
 - ◆ The recommendations will go to the Executive Committee and then to the Athletic Council on June 8th for action.
 - A packet including dates will be provided at the June Athletic Council meeting.
 - We are looking at options for criteria for reclassification.
- Transfer - Wayne Bertrand
 - The committee met this week. Two of the members will be replaced.
 - Paul Jenkins will replace Stan.
 - Dominick Pitaniello will replace Scott Steltz.
 - Wayne welcomed Paul and Dominick to the Committee.
 - New Form
 - The new form is going to NYSPHSAA at the May meeting.
 - Section 2 will use this form even if it is not approved for statewide use.
 - 2016-2017 Meeting Dates
 - Fall –
 - ◆ Tuesday, August 9th
 - ◆ Tuesday, August 30th
 - Winter –
 - ◆ Tuesday, October 25th
 - Spring –
 - ◆ Tuesday, February 28th

- Sportsmanship (Bad)/Mergers - Joe Sapienza
 - Spring Mergers (attached)
- Sportsmanship (Good) - Mike Leonard
 - Sportsmanship Survey – Deadline, May 2nd
 - Please go on the NYSPHSAA website and complete it. Any supporting documentation may be sent to Todd Nelson by May 13th.
- Safety/Chemical Health Awareness - Rick Knizek
 - June 21st – Annual First Aid Update @ Shenendehowa
 - Sectionals – If you have last minute changes, please advise Al and/or Wayne so that we can get the information to the Athletic Trainer covering the contest.
 - Report – (attached)
- Audit Committee - James Schlegel
 - Championship T-shirts
 - These have been given to winners and runners up in a couple of sports. The committee is looking at the practice and if we should do away with it.
 - Guidelines for Regional/Championship –
 - The Committee has prepared a policy that will be presented to the Executive Committee. If supported by the Executive Committee it will be an Action Item at the June Athletic Council meeting.

❖ **Action Items On The Agenda**

- **JV/Freshmen Soccer –**
 - **Waiver not comply with NFHS “all white” uniform rule for the 2016 and 2017 seasons.**
 - **Motion by Terry Nash; 2nd by Tom Kostrzebski.**
 - Discussion:**
 - Vote: Passed unanimously**
- **Soccer –**
 - **Single Soccer Official – Approve – “It is permissible to conduct a soccer game with a single soccer official, provided both teams agree to a single referee before the game begins.”**
 - **Motion by Regan Johnson; 2nd by Scott Steltz.**
 - Discussion:**
 - ◆ **Leagues were granted a 10 minute caucus period.**
 - ◆ **This is only to serve as protection for the officials’ organization in case of liability.**
 - ◆ **Section 2 already has this in the Officials Agreement under split crews.**
 - Vote: Passed (21-3)**
- **Variation Numbers –**
 - **Girls Lacrosse (attached)**
 - **Ice Hockey (attached)**
 - **Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd by Pete Sheehan to approve the four class variation numbers for girls lacrosse and the two division numbers for ice hockey.**
 - Discussion:**

Vote: Passed unanimously

- **Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving Qualifying Standards for the 2016-2017 season.**
 - **Motion by Dominick Pitaniello; 2nd by Jason Humiston to approve the use of the same standards as used this year.**

Discussion:

Vote: Passed unanimously

- **NYSPHSAA Championship Sites**
 - **Boys Lacrosse – East Semi-Final for 2017, 2018 & 2019 at U-Albany.**
 - **Boys Lacrosse – Finals for 2017, 2018 & 2019 at St. John Fisher.**
 - **Girls Lacrosse – Finals for 2017, 2018 & 2019 at Cortland University.**
 - **Motion by John Gallo; 2nd by Scott Steltz to approve the above championship sites.**

Discussion:

Vote: Passed unanimously

- **NYS Federation inclusion in NYSPHSAA Tennis Championships**
 - **Motion by Dave Sunkes; 2nd by Scott Steltz to approve the inclusion of the NYS Federation in the NYSPHSAA Tennis Championships.**

Discussion:

This will not affect a NYSPHSAA athlete and their ability to compete for a NYSPHSAA Championship if beaten by a Federation player.

Vote: Passed unanimously

- **Girls Gymnastics**
 - **Use the same standard calendar weeks #34/#35 as skiing.**
 - **Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd by Terry Nash to approve the flexibility to use either week #34 or #35 for their Championships.**

Discussion:

There is an issue of availability of officials due to Club Teams.

Vote: Passed unanimously

- **Classification – Winter Sports Classification Recommendations (attached)**
 - **Motion by Pete Sheehan; 2nd by Scott Steltz to approve the following classifications:**
 - **Albany Academies – remain Division I in Wrestling**
 - **Notre Dame/Bishop Gibbons – reclassified as Class B in boys basketball**
 - **Notre Dame/Bishop Gibbons – reclassified as Class C in girls basketball.**

Discussion:

Vote: Passed unanimously

❖ **Sports Committee Reports –**

- **Boys Swimming –**
 - **Report is attached.**
- **Girls Indoor Track –**
 - **Gave an oral report and report is attached.**
- **Boys Indoor Track – attached**
 - **Gave an oral report and report is attached.**

- Softball –
 - Reminder that all Leagues are responsible for sending at least six (6) people to work the State Tournament.
- Bowling –
 - Report is attached
- Football – Oral Report
 - Heads Up Program
 - 6th Classification
- Girls Lacrosse –
 - Seeding Meeting – May 18th
 - Sectional Finals – June 1st (C-3:00; B-5:00; A-7:00) @ Mohonasen
 - Regionals – June 4th (A-4:00; B-6:00; C-8:00) @ Mohonasen
- Boys Lacrosse –
 - Seeding Meeting – May 18th
 - Sectional Finals – May 27th @ Mohonasen
- Boys Basketball –
 - 79 teams participated
 - Champion Winners
 - State Champions
 - Scheduling issue
 - Class AA semis were moved to the GFCC.
 - Thanked Shenendehowa and Stillwater and all the volunteers that work the tournament.
 - Next year's dates:
 - Feb. 15th – Seeding Meeting
 - Feb. 21s and 22nd will be the start of Sectionals.
- ❖ League Concerns –
 - Adirondack - none
 - CHVL - none
 - Colonial –
 - Request that the Executive Committee review the philosophy of holding the wrestling qualifier as a two-day tournament.
 - Expense to the Section
 - Families have to travel 2 days and some go the night before. Expensive.
 - Expenses to the schools for transportation and bus drivers.
 - Wild card points – this has never come to fruition.
 - Athletes have to make weight two (2) days in a row. Is this good for the athletes. It is the only time we ask them to do that.
 - Foothills - none
 - Patroon - none
 - Suburban - none

- Wasaren - none
- Western - none
- ❖ NYSAAA - Scott Stuart/Tom Kostrzebski
 - Dave Sunkes will be replacing Scott Stuart next year. He volunteered to attend League meetings. He would like to promote attendance.
 - Blaine Drescher is replacing Tom Kostrzebski on the NYSAAA as the awards representative.
- ❖ COA/NYSHPERD
 - Monday, May 2nd @ HVCC at 7:00 pm
- ❖ Old Business
- ❖ New Business
- ❖ Adjournment – 11:46 am.
 - Motion by Dale Wotherspoon; 2nd by Donna VanZandt to adjourn.
Discussion
Vote: Passed
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Future Meetings

Athletic Council Meeting June 8, 2016 Vista/Van Patten Country Club 10:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting May 5, 2016 Section 2 Office - Saratoga 9:00 a.m.
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League Presidents Meeting May 9, 2016 Section 2 Office 9:00 a.m.	Officials Conferencing Committee June 6, 2016 Section 2 Office 9:00 a.m.
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