

Athletic Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 8, 2016
Vista/Van Patten Country Club
10:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Adirondack: Scott Smith; Jason Humiston; Hillary Haskel

CHVL: Rick Arket; Pat Light; Art Schmich/Liz Parry

Colonial: John Gallo; Tom Kosztrebski; Dale Wotherspoon

Foothills: Mike Calvello; Brian Mazza; Heath Morris

Patron: Scott Steltz; Dominick Pitaniello; Terry Nash

Suburban: Dave Sunkes; Pete Sheehan; Regan Johnson

Wasaren: Donna VanZandt; Eileen Troy; Deb Lauver

Western: Charlie Karker; Brian Dunn;

Executive Committee: Nick Fitzgerald; Chris Culnan; Joe Sapienza; Ed Dopp; Jamian Rockhill

Absent: Kathy Ryan; Pete Bednarek; Ryan Sherman; James Schlegel

Office Staff: Wayne Bertrand; Al Roy; Risë Van Iderstine

Please share this information with your Chief School Officer!

Minutes

- ❖ Seat the Council
- ❖ Establish and Set the Agenda
- ❖ Additions to the Agenda - none
- ❖ President's Report - Nick Fitzgerald
 - Welcome
 - Congratulations to all Sectional winners and good luck to everyone participating in NYSPHSAA Championships
 - Section Finances
 - We are receiving the paperwork for the spring sports events and preparing warrants for payment. Will have a report on the spring sports and the year at the first meeting for next year.
 - Officials' Negotiations - MOA - Larry Paltrowitz
 - **(Action Item)**
 - Larry reviewed the MOA for the 2016-2020 agreement with the Section 2 officials' organizations and highlighted certain items.
 - Money is always the main issue.
 - ◆ Varsity \$2 each year; Sub-varsity \$1 each year (2.4% increase)
 - Mileage allowance – increased to six (6) officials at the same dollar amount. Agreed to pay the mileage for scrimmages now. Many of you were already doing it.

- Item #5 – Host School will have the responsibility of the vouchers.
- Item #3 - Scrimmages – converted to the NFHS calendar in which to get scrimmages in.
- Item #4 – Pushed the date to submit schedules for the winter to October 1st.
- Clarified language regarding officials submitting DQ reports –
 - ◆ There is now a link posted on the Section 2 website for the officials to complete an electronic DQ report.
- Larry thanked the negotiating committee. It was a very professional negotiation.
- **Motion by Scott Steltz; 2nd by John Gallo to approve the MOA for the 2016-2020 agreement between Section 2 and the Section 2 officials’ organizations.**

Discussion:

Vote: Passed unanimously

- Wrestling Classification Appeal – The Albany Academies
 - Executive Committee recommendation to support the Athletic Council classification and deny the appeal.
 - Representatives from the League, Wrestling Committee and The Albany Academies presented at the hearing on May 20th. It was the opinion of the Executive Committee that the original recommendation from the Classification Committee was within the parameters of our criteria.
 - **(Action Item)**
 - **Motion by Eileen Troy; 2nd by Charlie Karker to deny the appeal by The Albany Academies of the wrestling classification and support the original classification by the Athletic Council.**

Discussion:

Vote: Passed (22-Yes; 1-No)

- Friends & Neighbor Applications – **(Action Item)**
 - St. Mary’s/St. Alphonsus
 - Waldorf School of Saratoga
 - Darrow School
 - **Motion by Dale Wotherspoon; 2nd by Dominick Pitaniello to approve the applications by the above three (3) schools for Friends & Neighbor status.**

Discussion:

Vote: Passed unanimously

❖ Executive Director’s Report

- Wayne Bertrand

➤ News/Notes/Reminders

- My View of Officials Negotiations
 - Wayne thanked the Section 2 officials’ negotiating team.
 - ◆ Larry Patrowitz; Burgess Ovitt; Regan Johnson
 - ◆ Also two (2) sport coordinators: Bob Dorrance(football) and Marc Vachon(girls swimming)
 - He also thanked the officials’ negotiating team.

- ◆ Brian Culnan headed the team that consisted of Mara Wager; Nancy Madsen and John Keenan.
- Everyone was mindful of the big picture. The last three (3) contracts went to interest arbitration or fact finding. The relationship between the Section and the officials' organizations has come a long way.
- Wrestling Sectionals
 - Wayne is meeting with the wrestling committee regarding the qualifier going to a one-day meet. We will also address some other issues with the GFCC.
- Spalding Ball Contract
 - Reminder: Schools have the autonomy to use whatever ball they prefer during the regular season. However, once sectionals start the contract stipulates that you must use the Spalding ball. This regulation is for varsity only.
- Sectional Issues
 - Wayne congratulated all Sectional winners and wished all the teams participating in the NYSPHSAA championships good luck.
 - Congratulations to Guilderland HS. They are the recipient of the 2016 Spring Scholar Athlete Team State Champion in boys' tennis.
 - Conflicts
 - ◆ We had to deal with Sr. trips, Jr. Proms (day of and after), Sr. Balls (day of and after), Baccalaureates, concerts, AP tests and SAT tests. The expectation was that we would waive a magic wand and satisfy everyone. That just does not happen.
 - ◆ You need to make sure that your League rep goes to the meetings with all the appropriate information regarding dates.
 - ◆ This will be discussed with the Spring coordinators.
 - Pass Gates Lists
 - ◆ Although there has been improvement, we continue to receive lists from coaches not from the Athletic Director. We will continue to invoice the school district as approved by the Athletic Council.
 - Sites and Usages
 - ◆ It has become our philosophy to host as many of our Sectionals as possible at our high schools. The presence of those events brings about a favorable financial impact for the school communities.
 - ✓ Mohonasen (boys and girls lacrosse)
 - ✓ Shenedehowa (track)
 - ✓ Schalmont (softball)
 - ✓ Guilderland (track)
 - ✓ Johnstown (track)
 - ✓ Schuylerville (track)
 - ✓ Stillwater (track)
 - ✓ Ft. Plain (track)

- ✓ Ballston Spa (Baseball)
- 2016-2017 Dues - \$1500
- Web page news - Risë Van Iderstine
 - We will begin the practice of sending all the schools looking for contests, coaches once a week as opposed to when they are received. Just send Risë your request, she will post on the website and add to the list that will be sent out once a week. This will avoid being inundated with e-mails on this subject, many times several in the same day.
 - DQ reports can now be submitted digitally to Joe Sapienza and the Section 2 office.
- Heads Up Football – Bob Dorrance
 - You have to type in your name under organization.
 - Link to all head coaches and they have to register.
 - The training will be held at Shenendehowa. Monday, June 13th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. (1 coach per school to be trained as the safety coach). That person will then oversee the in-house training of the rest of the staff.
- Discussion Items –
 - Sectional Seeding Proposal Feedback
 - We will be continuing to work with sport coordinators going forward. However, we need to get feedback from the Leagues.
 - Compromising NYSPHSAA Rules & Regulations
 - Information regarding leagues/schools bending a rule or so for delivering their sports.
 - ◆ We have discussed this subject many times. Such as five (5) inning baseball or softball games. They are not allowed.
 - ◆ We need to hold ourselves as accountable as we would hold our students.
 - NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Participation Group
 - This summer Robert Zayas will form an Ad Hoc Committee.
 - James Schlegel will be the Section 2 representative.
 - Section 5 has discussed parallel sectionals. They couldn't figure it out but want NYSPHSAA to figure it out.
 - Scott Miliken from The Albany Academies will be on the committee.
 - Several individuals from other States that have dealt with this issue will be part of the discussion.
 - The first meeting will be in July 18th in Saratoga.
 - Home School Legislation
 - Wayne attended a round table discussion at the NYS Senate Bldg. with Robert Zayas.
 - LEAH (Lobby Advocate Group for Home Schooled Students) is challenging the legislation that prevents home school kids from participating on home school district teams.
 - Currently there are 33 states that already allow this.
 - It is very peculiar that from 7:30 to 3:00 the setting isn't appropriate for their kids. Yet, all of a sudden that same "math teacher" becomes appropriate to coach your kids.
 - We have been assured that this is not moving forward in the Assembly this year.

- The Senate was approached by 16 or 17 year old kids and they don't really understand the legislation.
- Retirees –
 - Scott Stuart, Dale Wotherspoon,
- Returning to civilian life – Scott Steltz, Bruce Camilleri, Derrick Conte
- Going to the dark side – Burgess Ovitt is becoming a Principal
- Wayne has advised the Executive Committee that he will retire on April 1st. He will continue as a consultant to assist with the transition.
 - Nick advised that we will discuss the timeline over the summer.
- ❖ Internal Control Officer - Al Roy
 - Warrants Since Last Athletic Council Meeting
 - #25 – May 17th - 10 items - \$2103.76
 - #26 – June 3rd – 117 items - \$26,198.40
 - #27 – June 6th – 131 items - \$13,385.50
 - Total of 258 items – for \$41,687.66
 - Will most likely process another one on Monday.
 - Al thanked everyone that hosted Sectionals and Regionals.
- ❖ State Report - Ed Dopp
 - Central meeting on the third week in July. The agenda has not been received as yet.
 - Continued use of the Code of Conduct form.
 - Scholar Athlete Program revisions
 - Boys Lacrosse Variation Numbers – we will then move forward with classifying the private schools.
 - Artificial noise makers
 - Use of Accu Weather
 - Waiver review system for girls volleyball
 - The use of video play.
 - Whether the Sr. All Star form needs to be sent to the NYSPHSAA office
 - Girls Basketball –
 - Use of a non-orange ball through sectionals.
 - Number of timeouts change.
- ❖ NYSPHSAA – - Robert Zayas
 - Remind: NESL Conference is July 26-29 in Massachusetts at Stonehill College. We are seeking two (2) individuals (one boy and one girl). Please apply if you would like to nominate one of your students. Deadline is Monday, June 13th.
 - Columbia HS has once again won the NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge. They will be honored at the NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting at Turning Stone in July.
 - Questions: None
- ❖ Committee Reports
 - Eligibility - Chris Culnan

- Thanked everyone who submitted applications. Most of them were for representation. The quality has greatly improved. He thanked his committee members.
- If additional information is required, it is up to the school districts to provide that information not the Committee.
- Constitution/Mixed Competition/Sr. All Star - Wayne Bertrand
 - Sr. All Star Contests Approved
 - WAC – Softball – June 1st.
 - Patroon/Colonial – Baseball – June 3rd
- Modified - James Schlegel
 - If you have not done so yet, please complete the 3 point shot survey that was sent to you on Friday.
- Classification - Ed Dopp
 - Spring Sports Classification Recommendations (**Action Item**)
 - Girls Lacrosse – (4 classes)
 - ◆ Albany Academies – Class C
 - ◆ Emma Willard – Class C
 - ◆ Academy of Holy Names – Class D
 - ◆ Catholic Central – Class D
 - Boys Soccer –
 - ◆ Bishop Maginn – Class D
 - Girls Soccer –
 - ◆ Bishop Maginn – Class D
 - Motion by
Discussion
Vote:
 - Classifications for 2016-2017 (spreadsheet attached)
 - Classifications missing are: boys’ tennis for Albany Academies and boys’ lacrosse for Albany Academies, CBA, LaSalle.
 - 2016-2017 Meeting Dates
 - Fall – October 21, 2016
 - ◆ Boys’ Lacrosse will also be reviewed at this time.
 - Winter – March 3, 2017
 - Spring – June 2, 2017
- Transfer - Pete Bednarek
 - New Form (attached)
 - 2016-2017 Meeting Dates
 - Tuesday, August 9th
 - Tuesday, August 30th
 - Tuesday, October 25th
 - Tuesday, February 28th

- The athletes that are APP'd will be subject to the transfer rule.
- Sportsmanship (Bad)/Mergers - Joe Sapienza
 - Fall Mergers (attached)
 - Sportsmanship –
 - Acts of Aggression to Officials –
 - ◆ Joe requested that we collectively eliminate these situations. Whether or not we agree with the calls made by the officials, it is our responsibility to provide them with a safe environment.
- Sportsmanship (Good) - Mike Leonard
 - Award of Excellence Certificate Recipients were presented to 32 schools. (list attached)
 - Five (5) to six (6) schools will be chosen from that group to receive a plaque.
- Safety/Chemical Health Awareness - Rick Knizek
 - First Aid Update – Tuesday, June 21st – 8:00 am at Shenendehowa
- Audit Committee (no report) - James Schlegel
- ❖ Sports Committee Reports –
 - Girls Golf – Eileen Troy (report attached)
 - We are one of the only Sections that doesn't participate in girls' golf.
 - Suggested that if you have girls that play on the boys' team, that you designate a girls' team. They could not go back and forth however nor play on both.
 - Girls Volleyball – Peggy Seese (report attached)
 - Girls Lacrosse – Liz Parry
 - Congratulated the sectional winners.
 - Class A – Shaker; Class B – Niskayuna; Class C - Scotia
 - Thanked Mohonasen for hosting a first rate event.
 - Chris Culnan thanked Liz for moving the seeding date; thereby, eliminating a gap between the end of the regular season and sectionals.
 - Softball – Cathy Allen
 - Congratulated all the Sectional Champions.
 - Class AA – Ballston Spa; Class A – Troy; Class B – Ichabod Crane; Class C – Greenville; Class D – Ft. Ann
 - The Section is sending four (4) teams to States.
 - The State Tournament is June 11. – We are still in need of workers.
 - Baseball – Mike DeMagistris
 - Congratulated all the Sectional Champions.
 - Class AA – Shenendehowa; Class A – Queensbury; Class B – Schalmont; Class C – Greenwich; Class D – Ft. Plain
 - Thanked all the sites and volunteers that assisted with making the events run smoothly.
 - We are sending all five (5) teams to States this weekend.
 - Boys' Lacrosse –
 - Sectional winners: Class A – Shenendehowa; Class B – Burnt Hills; Class C – Greenwich

- Boys' Tennis – report attached
 - Thanked Chris Culnan and Bill MacArthur for hosting the individual sectionals at Shenendhowa.
 - Champions:
 - Singles: Michael Haelen (Albany Academies) defeated Alex Fedorov (Guilderland).
 - Doubles: O'Brien & O'Brien (Albany Academies) defeated Kalmer & Brandon (Bethlehem).
 - Team: Class AA – Saratoga; Class A – Albany Academies; Class B – Schuylerville; Class C/D – Lake George
- ❖ League Concerns –
 - Adirondack –
 - CHVL –
 - Girls Volleyball uniforms. If they were good this year, they are good next year.
 - Heat index for weather. (Wayne will follow up with that.)
 - Colonial –
 - Foothills –
 - Patroon –
 - Suburban –
 - Wasaren –
 - Baseball –
 - The League inquired as to why a team was denied going the night before and experiencing the “full experience.”
 - ◆ Wayne advised that this is **NOT** a new policy. If you can leave at 7:00 am and get to your site two (2) hours prior to your contest you are not entitled to go the night before. That is the case with the school in the Wasaren that is going to participate at States in baseball. This dates back to Fred Gula and back to the origin of the transportation policy.
 - ◆ Eileen Troy confirmed that this is **NOT** a new policy and in fact it goes back to when Dick McGuire was the Treasurer.
 - ◆ **Ed Dopp added that there is not a formal opening ceremony the day before.** There is a coaches meeting. This will become a non-issue next year.
 - Officials that are related to individuals at a school district.
 - ◆ We are addressing that with the President of the State Association.
- Western -
- ❖ NYSAAA - Dave Sunkes/Regan Johnson
 - Working with Bob Stulmaker and we will have a CASDA Award. An application was provided and is attached to the minutes.
- ❖ COA/NYSHPERD – No Report
- ❖ Old Business

- Sectional Seeding Proposal – The Suburban Council inquired as to where we are with the proposal.
 - Wayne advised that he had discussed this at the League Presidents meeting and with some of the sport coordinators. When we receive some more feedback it will move forward.
- ❖ New Business
- ❖ Adjournment – 11:16 am

Future Meetings

Athletic Council Meeting September 14, 2016 Vista/Van Patten Country Club 10:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting August 18, 2016 Section 2 Office - Saratoga 9:00 a.m.
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Athletic Director Workshop
September 28, 2016
Vista/Van Patten Country Club
8:00 am

League Presidents Meeting August 22, 2016 Section 2 Office 9:00 a.m.	Officials Conferencing Committee December 12, 2016 Section 2 Office 9:00 a.m.
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