

June 2016  
Softball State Committee Meeting  
June 10, 2016 12:00 pm  
South Glens Falls HS LGI

**Meeting called to order** by coordinator Cathy Allen at 12:12 pm

**In attendance:** Susan (Sect 1); Mike (Sect 2); Kerry (Sect 3); Terry (Sect 4); Bob (Sect 5); Jay (Sect 6); Ralph (Sect 7); Chris (Sect 8); Tom (Sect 9); Allen (Sect 10); Jim and Melissa (Sect 11) Kristin (NYSPHSAA); Jim Berkery (NYSSOO); Aileen, Peggy Seese, Cathy Allen (Coordinator)

**Acceptance of minutes from November 17 2015 meeting:** motion by Chris seconded by Jim motion passes  
(Bob arrives)

**Collection of codes** placed in envelopes by committee members as they arrived. Kristin reported there are discussions in place about possibly no longer using codes since discipline falls to the schools.

**2016 State Tournament Report-Peggy Seese:** Peggy reviewed various tournament aspects with the committee members. All are pleased to hear the weather sounds promising. Directions to the field were reviewed as well as parking arrangements. Game assignments for committee members were done at this time. Protest committee: Jim and Melissa

**NYSSOO Report-Jim Berkery:** Jim reported on the upcoming Umpire School in Sept. All are invited to attend. Bat inspection will occur later this afternoon. This is a new procedure that was reviewed for committee members. What procedures should be followed if a bat isn't inspected (w/sticker) at game time? Game umpires will confiscate and take bat to officials' committee members (Aileen/Jim) for inspection. Stickers will be placed right above the tape on the handle.

**NYSPHSAA Office Report** Kristin had nothing in particular to report.

**Regional Reports** SAT / ACT dates and times for 2017 were reviewed. It is recommended that these dates be reviewed by ADs to remind coaches of the tournament dates in relation to these tests.

Softball regionals were generally without a hitch. Weather cooperated. Teams should be reminded to bring rosters to the games for announcement, media and distribution purposes. This info is already in the packet but often gets overlooked.

MaxPreps needs rosters ASAP after sectional finals (or sooner) since it takes 5 days for MaxPreps to post to website. Applies to sending photo as well.

Regional schedule should be reviewed with timing of sectional tournaments in mind. No early Regents will interfere in the immediate future. Some felt sticking with current Thurs-Sat schedule works well (Mon rain date). Discussion followed regarding which weekday games will be played. Kerry's concern is that his sectional dates bump up against the current regional dates with no room to move due to rain or other. Further discussion followed. How sections determine sectional winners was part of the conversation. Susan will share her section's selection process in cases of tie or no game played. Consensus of committee is to keep schedule "as is" Thurs-Sat.

Regarding the regional coin flip, Cathy reviewed some of the history of this issue. Chris also shared her insight, having been at the meeting when it was decided the home team will be the team from the hosting section for regionals.

For the 1-9-4 rotation in the affected classes, Cathy would like the bye team to be the host of the second game (instead of the bye team travelling to the winner of the first game). This would solidify the location, travel times and so forth for the second game. 1-4-9 members will review this proposal and get input for discussion at fall meeting.

Jim reports Sect 8-11 propose changing their rotation so that each section hosts 2 classes (instead of 3 classes and 1 class) This would change Class B only next season.

Review of the 3-4 rotation for classes C and B was held and confirmed.

Review of 2-10-3 for Class A was also held and confirmed.

2-7-10 in class B is a similar situation to 1-4-9.

Terry reports she doesn't feel making the change that the bye team be the host team in the second round for sectional is necessary. Cathy would like this to be reviewed and discussed at fall meeting.

Ralph moved that the coin flip be reinstated for regional games to determine home team and bench.

Mike seconds. Discussion followed. Roll call vote:

- 1- No
- 2- yes
- 3- no
- 4- Yes
- 5- No
- 6- Yes
- 7- yes
- 8- No
- 9- No
- 10- Yes
- 11- No

6-5 NO motion fails

### **Section Reports and concerns**

1 nothing to report

2 nothing to report

3 nothing to report

4 nothing to report

5 nothing to report

6 nothing to report

7 nothing to report

8 nothing to report

9 nothing to report

10 nothing to report

11 reported they ran a double elimination sectional tournament and felt it was successful.

### **Old Business**

Update State Records-committee is reminded to spread the word about sending in the records to NYSPHSAA

Suspended vs Official game as per Nov meeting: We haven't stated officially what will happen if game needs to be suspended or ended. We follow ASA rule currently which could mean a state champion might be determined in a shortened game. Is a change something the committee wants to pursue through the channels to become one of the waiver rules? Discussion follows. Jim feels it's important to lump this together with a proposal to support a 2 day tournament—these issues are closely related. Ralph points out any change would only apply to Saturday games, since Monday can't be a game date.

Jim moves: All state playoff games scheduled for Saturday will be played to completion (not "official game"). Terry seconds.

1 y

2 y

3 y

4 y

5 y

6 y

7 n

8 y

9 y

10 y

11 y

10-1 yes motion passes

### **New business**

2017-19 Bid-Committee input and discussion: Mike shared with the committee the Bid history and process and the committee reviewed the packet. Cathy added additional information and background.

Motion by Ralph to accept the bid from Section 2 to return to Moureau Rec Park. Tom seconds. Discussion followed.

1 y

2 y

3 y

4 y

5 y

6 y  
7 y  
8 y  
9 y  
10 y  
11 y  
11-0 Motion passes

Scholar Athlete team information shared

2 day tournament: Jim will put together information for fall meeting. International tie breaker rule waiver will come to an end this year and will be discussed in the fall. Jim also shared that safety masks seem to be becoming a discussion point around the state for softball and other sports. He believes we should be discussing how the committee wants to steer this issue.

**Other items**

Group photo tonight at ceremony

Next meeting Mon December 5 2016 at NYSPHSAA office.

Meeting adjourned 2:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Pat Dalpiaz