



Athletic Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2016
Vista/Van Patten Country Club
10:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Adirondack: Jason Humiston; Scott Smith; Hillary Haskel
CHVL: Pat Light; Art Schmich; Liz Parry
Colonial: John Gallo; Tom Kostrzebski; Bob Dorrance
Foothills: Mike Calvello
Patroon: Dominick Pitaniello; Terry Nash; David Austin
Suburban: Regan Johnson; Joe Scalise; Pete Sheehan
Wasaren: Donna VanZandt; Mike Apostol; Tom Husser

Please share this information with your Chief School Officer!

Minutes

- ❖ Additions to the Agenda - None
- ❖ President's Report - Nick Fitzgerald
 - Welcome
 - President Fitzgerald congratulated all Sectional, Regional and State Champions and wished teams still competing good luck.
 - Finances - Patrick Diggin
 - 2015-2016 End of Year Financial Statement –
 - All tax forms have been filed. The information is public knowledge and can be viewed on the NYS Charities website. Type in Section 2 and you will see everything.
 - Revenue was a little over \$1,400,000 revenue and exceeded expenses by about \$71,000.
 - ✓ Gate admissions were up about \$91,000 over the budgeted amount.
 - ✓ 65% of the revenue is gate admissions. This year it was over 71%
 - ✓ We cannot predict what teams will get in and how they will affect admissions.
 - ✓ Regionals rotate each year.
 - Independent Audit –
 - The NYS Charities require an annual independent audit if you are a 501c3 and have income over \$500,000. The audit was performed by Marvin & Company in August.
 - ◆ The Section received a **clean report** which is the highest you can receive.

✓ One minimal comment.

- Review of 2016-2017 Budget –
 - Expenses will be up this year.
 - ◆ Boys' basketball will not be in Glens Falls this year and teams will have to travel.
 - Revenue for the Fall season is trending lower than last year and may be lower than the budget.
 - However, the Section will receive \$40,000 this year from the Spalding ball contract.
- Will have the fall finances at the January meeting.
- Questions - None
- Executive Director Hiring Process
 - Interviews have progressed through multiple rounds.
 - Final interviews will be conducted this week with two (2) finalists.
- Female Representative to Central Committee –
 - The term will expire in June.
 - Kathy Ryan is interested in being re-elected.
 - If you are interested, contact the Section 2 office to complete an application.
 - Deadline for applications is January 10, 2017.
- ❖ Executive Director's Report - Wayne Bertrand
 - Congratulations:
 - All Sectional winners.
 - NYSPHSAA
 - Cross Country –
 - ◆ Burnt Hills – Boys Class A Champion
 - ◆ Greenwich – Girls Class D Champion
 - Field Hockey –
 - ◆ Shenendehowa – Class A State Champion
 - Boys Soccer –
 - ◆ Fort Ann – Class D Runner Up
 - Wrestling –
 - Dual/Regional State Championship Meet –
 - ◆ **Motion by John Gallo, 2nd by Jason Humiston to approve a State Dual/Regional Championship.**
 - ◆ **Discussion**
 - ◆ **Vote: Passed**
 - FYI - Sport Coordinators –
 - Wrestling – John Vishneowski and Matt Stein (Mohonasen) will assist
 - Boys Lacrosse – Rich Scully (CBA)
 - Girls Lacrosse – Allison Anaya
 - Liz Parry has been elected as the NYSPHSAA Girls Lacrosse Coordinator
 - Boys Bowling – Hugo McGroty

- Sport Committees/Coordinators work very closely with the Section 2 office.
- Girls Golf –
 - This has been discussed at several League Presidents and Athletic Council meetings.
 - At the November League Presidents meeting it was agreed to be a discussion item in November and a voting item at the January Athletic Council meeting.
 - **Discussion Item –**
 - ◆ Eileen: We had one (1) school that actually had a team this year. We have also reached out to other Sections for matches.
 - ✓ The State Championships would be in the spring.
 - ✓ We would offer in the fall and if you could not get in the required number of matches your school can always request a waiver.
 - **Voting Item – January 25, 2017**
- Officials Agreement –
 - Side Deals –
 - Leagues, schools nor sport committees have the authority to make side deals with officials' organizations outside the parameters of the contract.
 - Any questions, please contact the Section 2 office.
 - Scrimmage Dates –
 - ½ fee plus \$7 mileage dates –
 - ◆ First allowable date for your sport determined by required number of practices until (wk #21) November 28th.
 - ◆ After November 28th or your allotted number of scrimmages they are to be paid at the full fee.
 - “Phantom Scrimmages” –
 - ◆ Modified basketball can only play 14 games per NYSPHSAA Regulations. Anything over 14 must be played and conducted as scrimmages following scrimmage protocol per NYSPHSAA Regulations. If it is a scrimmage, it must be played accordingly.
- Classification Ad Hoc Committee Report – Ed Dopp
 - Ed reviewed the Charge of the Committee.
 - The charge of this Committee is to review the present criteria and come up with a more efficient process to determine classification.
 - Committee Members
 - Matt Stein & Kyle Manny (2 classification committee members)
 - Mark Therrien & Mike Lilac (Will Ferguson) (2 sport coordinators)
 - Dominick Pitaniello & Regan Johnson (2 league presidents)
 - Drew Santandera & Paul Gallucci (2 private schools)
 - There will be changes to the present criteria. We will probably meet a couple of more times. The present system will be in effect for the spring sports.
 - Feel free to reach out to any of the committee members.
- Sportsmanship – Video Review Policy

- The Section office is working with the Sportsmanship Committee to produce a policy regarding the use of video review.
- **Discussion Item –**
 - Constituents are under the belief that we operate similar to professional sports where we have the ability to view video to overturn calls.
 - We cannot get into this business. There may be some value in the use of video, but very limited.
 - Only allow video review in NYSPHSAA Championship games for the last second shot for basketball and ice hockey to determine a winner.
 - No other Sections accept video.
 - Please take back to leagues to discuss. We will be forwarding a policy to the League Presidents.
- **Voting Item – Hopefully will have a policy to vote on at the January 25th meeting**
- Post Season Travel and Lodging –
 - We have a long standing Section 2 policy regarding qualifications for overnight accommodations. Schools continue to want to pressure the Section.
- Spirit – (Cheerleading)
 - Sectionals –
 - Date – February 25th
 - Site – Colonie HS
 - Review of Qualifications for Sectionals –
 - Must have two (2) competitions (school sanctioned) to satisfy the representation regulation.
 - ◆ Cheering at a basketball game does not count.
 - ◆ Going to a competition after Sectionals does not count.
 - Please make sure that your coaches are aware of the qualifications.
 - Music –
 - ◆ It is the law that you cannot copyright someone else’s music and use it. It depends on the company that you are dealing with as to how much it costs.
 - ◆ Contact Robert Zayas and he will forward any information he has regarding this.
 - Judging/Training Coaches Meeting –
 - Was held on Sunday, November 13th at Niskayuna
 - ◆ Thank you to Niskayuna for hosting.
- Modified – 3 pt Shot
 - Needs Section approval first. If approved, each League can then decide if they want to use it in their own respective League.
 - **Voting Item –**
 - **Motion by Tom Kostrzebski; 2nd by Mike Calvello to approve the 3 point shot in modified boys/girls basketball at the Section level.**
 - **Discussion**

- **Vote: Passed**
- **Leagues that will be using the 3 point shot -**
 - **Adirondack - Yes**
 - **CHVL - No**
 - **Colonial – Yes**
 - **Foothills – Yes**
 - **Patroon – have not decided as yet.**
 - **Suburban – Yes**
 - **Wasaren – 7th grade - No; 8th grade - Yes**
 - **Western - Yes**
- **Friends & Neighbors –**
 - **Saint Gregory School – No Longer a Friends & Neighbor**
 - **Do not schedule with them.**
 - **Hoosac School – Requesting Membership as a Friends & Neighbor**
 - **Voting Item –**
 - **Motion by Brian Dunn; 2nd by Jason Humiston to approve Hoosac School as a Friends & Neighbor.**
 - **Discussion - none**
 - **Vote: Denied**
- **League Rankings for Seeding Meetings**
 - **Discussion Item –**
 - **Wayne reviewed the proposal that has been discussed at several League Presidents meetings and the June 2016 Athletic Council meeting.**
 - **Please discuss at your League Meetings and be prepared to vote on making this a Section 2 policy that each League must provide sport coordinators with rankings within their league for the seeding meeting.**
 - ◆ **Each League is requested to discuss and come up with a formula with some sort of rationale to substantiate their ranking. The sport committees would use the league rankings to blend the leagues together.**
 - **Voting Item – January 25th**
- ❖ **Internal Control Officer** - Al Roy
 - **Warrants Since Last Athletic Council Meeting**
 - **#3 – 4 Items – 9/14/2016 - \$16,745.68**
 - **#4 – 8 items – 9/29/2016 - \$4,138.07**
 - **#5 – 84 items – 10/26/2016 - \$16,170.27**
 - **#6 – 94 items – 10/31/2016 - \$11,221.00**
 - **#7 – 135 items – 11/2/2016 - \$12,931.88**
 - **#8 – 123 items – 11/8/2016 - \$10,873.04**
 - **#9 – 124 items – 11/10/2016 - \$19,235.00**
 - **#10 – 129 items – 11/14/2016 - \$11,993.39**

- Thanked all the schools that hosted sectional events.
- We are approximately \$16,000 under budget this year.
 - Football - \$24,000 – The AA super bowl did not have the attendance that we had hoped.
- Audit –
 - Some of the CRV's only had one (1) signature as opposed to the two (2) required by our policy. This has been addressed.
- W-9's –
 - We do not need a W-9 if you worked for the Sectional previously, unless you have moved.
- Questions: - None
- ❖ State Report – - Kathy Ryan/Ed Dopp
 - NYSPHSAA Summer Meeting Minutes Attached
<http://nysphsaa.org/Portals/0/Exe%20Committee%20Packet%20Oct%2019%2C%202016.pdf>
 - Action Items at October NYSPHSAA Meeting
 - Approved
 - ◆ Spirit (Cheerleading)
 - ✓ Prohibit the use of props as bases in all Cheerleading competitions
 - ✓ Require the use of 4 panel/1 safety judge where possible
 - ✓ Cheer Rubric for 2016-2017
 - ◆ Wrestling –
 - ✓ Dual Meet State Wrestling Championship and revising the Championship Philosophy from an individual sport to a team/individual sport designation
 - ◆ Girls Golf Championship
 - ✓ Section HS Champions to compete as HS Team
 - ◆ Boys & Girls Bowling
 - ✓ Oncenter as the 2018 NYSPHSAA Championship
 - Week #36 for 2018; return to week #35 in 2019
 - ✓ Two (2) Divisions
 - ◆ Swimming & Diving Officials Uniform
 - ◆ Modified
 - ✓ Boys & Girls Basketball – Use of the 3 pt shot. (Needs Section and League approval)
 - Defeated
 - ◆ Boys & Girls Swimming to recognize a State Team Champion
 - Postponed
 - ◆ Use of video replay for safety deduction points only at NYSPHAA Championships
 - Discussion Items at the October NYSPHSAA Meeting with possible Action at the January meeting.
 - Permit Sections to send a 2nd Relay Team – Girls and Boys Indoor Track Championships
 - ◆ (could have possibly 33 extra relays – 4x200, 4x400; 4x800)

- Consideration of revising the manner by which the starting height in the boys pole vault and high jump are determined to be based upon entries.
 - Consideration of a drone policy.
 - Consideration of Girls Volleyball to have a yellow prior to a red card.
 - Consideration of an Oversight Committee to oversee Sectional placement of non-public and charter schools.– (see below in NYSPHSAA Report)
 - Consideration of the pitch count policy in Baseball for the Spring 2017 season. (Ed Dopp)
 - ◆ NFHS has mandated pitch counts. We have tweaked the proposal several times.
 - ◆ This will be a voting item at the January NYSPHSAA meeting. The final proposal has been presented to the Section 2 Baseball Committee. Please make sure you discuss at your leagues.
 - ✓ Questions:
 - Recommendation now is that the 2 teams keep count and at the end of odd innings the two (2) teams check with each other. The home count is the official one. There are a ton of programs out there available to assist. Each team would have to bring the chart with them to the next game. (Get together with the other team and go over what individuals are not available to pitch that day prior to the game.)
 - Consideration of adding the use of a wet bulb reading to heat/chill index procedures
 - FYI –
 - ◆ Hazing Prevention Course –
 - ✓ Launching on January 3rd schools will be able to purchase 40 licenses for \$100. It is a 25 minute interactive video. Schools can have groups of teams, or individual teams, etc. view. Each time viewed is one license.
 - ◆ Baseball/Softball Coaches’ Helmets –
 - ✓ If a coach is going to wear their own helmet it must have the ASDM stamp/sticker on it.
 - ◆ Modified –
 - ✓ Baseball/softball – language changed to read no more than four (4) games may be played in a week.
 - ✓ Volleyball – may play 6 games per match with a 20 point limit.
 - **Voting Items for Next NYSPHSAA Meeting**
 - **Cheerleading – Use of video replay for safety deduction only at State Championship**
 - **Motion by Charlie Karker; 2nd by Terry Nash to approve the use of video replay for safety deductions only at NYSPHSAA Championships.**
 - **Discussion**
 - **Vote: Passed**
- ❖ NYSPHSAA – - Robert Zayas
- Drone Policy – We are in the process of coming up with a drone policy for approval during the regular season and post season or just post season.

- Oversight Committee –
 - Will be taking a look at the placement of private schools by the Sections.
 - Voting Item at the end of January.
 - Separate Section for Private/Charter Schools
 - This has just been discussed. If it were to happen, it would take several years to implement.
 - Commissioner of Education has two (2) proposals
 - Duration of Competition
 - The present regulation states that it must be as a result of an illness or accident that resulted in additional semesters to graduate. "Other similar circumstances" was eliminated last year.
 - The Commissioner is looking to bring back "other circumstances." (omitting similar)
 - ◆ Meeting on Monday morning with the Commissioner and Deputy.
 - ◆ School Administrators must determine that the student would have an unfair athletic advantage or pose a safety risk to other individuals on the field/court.
 - ◆ The necessity of an additional semester is still in the wording.
 - Robert will provide a letter that schools may send to their legislatures that will be shared after the meeting on Monday.
 - APP –
 - A student in a K-8 school district would now have the opportunity to be APP'd in any school district they have a contract with.
 - ◆ Issue is that they are not a bona fide student of that school district.
 - ✓ Who administers and approves the APP testing?
 - If they select a school and transfers to another school would be ineligible to participate for a period of one year. SED is expanding their scope to impact NYSPHSAA rules.
- ❖ Committee Reports
 - Eligibility - Chris Culnan
 - Representation –
 - Fall – we had approximately 30 representation waivers.
 - ◆ The submission is the responsibility of the Athletic Director.
 - ✓ Not from coaches.
 - ✓ We need medical documentation to support the waiver.
 - ✓ Need a letter from the Principal.
 - The first page of the application spells out what you need to submit.
- Constitution/Mixed Competition/Sr. All Star - Wayne Bertrand
 - Sr. All Star Contests Approved
 - Section Approved All Star Contests
 - ◆ Field Hockey
 - ◆ Boys Soccer
 - ◆ Girls Soccer
 - ◆ Football

- ◆ Boys Volleyball
 - Modified - James Schlegel
 - Classification - Ed Dopp
 - Classification Committee Recommendation for fall sports, etc.
 - Boys Tennis –
 - ◆ Albany Academies – reclassified as a AA
 - Boys Lacrosse –
 - ◆ CBA – classify as an A
 - ◆ LaSalle – classify as an B
 - Football –
 - ◆ Albany Academies – denied request to reclassify as Class C. Remains in Class B.
 - Boys Soccer –
 - ◆ LaSalle – denied request to reclassify as Class A. Remain in Class AA.
 - ◆ Mekeel – denied request to reclassify as Class D. Remain in Class C.
 - Girls Tennis –
 - ◆ Emma Willard – denied request to reclassify as Class A. Remain in Class AA.
 - **Voting Items –**
 - **Motion by Dominick Pitaniello; 2nd by Jason Humiston to approve the classification recommendations from the Classification Committee as listed above.**
 - **Discussion**
 - **Vote: Passed (21-1)**
 - Transfer - Pete Bednarek
 - Next Committee meeting is February 28, 2017.
 - Sportsmanship (Bad)/Mergers - Joe Sapienza
 - Winter Mergers (revised list attached)
 - Sportsmanship (Good) - Mike Leonard
 - Safety/Chemical Health Awareness - Rick Knizek
 - Audit Committee - James Schlegel
- ❖ Sports Committee Reports –
 - Football – Bob Dorrance
 - RPI was extremely cooperative and pleasant to deal with. Attendance may have been down because of the weather (rainy) but certainly not because of the night it was played on or the facility.
 - Ed Dopp, on behalf of Shaker HS, thanked Bob Dorrance and the football committee on a great job. The athletes could not have had a better experience.
 - Indoor Track – Doug Hadley
 - It would not be 33 extra relays. Not every Section would qualify a relay for each race.
- ❖ League Concerns –
 - Western - none
 - Wasaren - none
 - Suburban - none
 - Patroon - none

- Foothills - none
- Colonial - none
- CHVL - none
- Adirondack - none
- ❖ NYSAAA
 - Awards – attached are several applications, etc.
 - Send nominations to Blaine Drescher.
- ❖ COA/NYSHPERD
- ❖ Old Business
- ❖ New Business
- ❖ Adjournment – 11:41 am
 - Motion by Hillary Haskel; 2nd by Liz Parry to adjourn.
 - Discussion
 - Vote: Passed

- Dave Sunkes/Regan Johnson

Future Meetings

Athletic Council Meeting
January 25, 2017
Vista/Van Patten Country Club
10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee Meeting
January 12, 2017
Section 2 Office – Saratoga
9:00 a.m.

League Presidents Meeting
January 9, 2017
Section 2 Office
9:00 a.m.

Officials Conferencing Committee
December 8, 2016 (DATE CHANGE)
Section 2 Office
9:00 a.m.

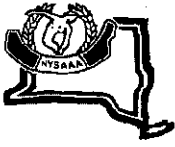


Section 2 Merger Committee
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To: Section 2 Athletic Directors

Re: Winter 2016-2017 Mergers

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| Berlin/New Lebanon | Boys Swimming | All Levels |
| North Warren/Johnsburg | Nordic Skiing | |
| Doane Stuart/Rensselaer | Indoor Track | All Levels |
| Whitehall/Fort Ann | Wrestling | All Levels |
| Lake George/Hadley Luzerne | Wrestling | Modified & Varsity |
| Voorheesville/BKW | Wrestling | Modified & Varsity |
| Guilderland/Voorheesville | Boys Swimming | Varsity |
| Guilderland/Voorheesville/ Schalmont/Scotia/Mohonasen | Ice Hockey | |
| North Colonie/South Colonie | Ice Hockey | |
| Johnstown/Wheelerville | Wrestling | Modified |
| Stillwater/Mechanicville | Wrestling | All Levels |
| Salem/Cambridge | Wrestling | All Levels |
| Canajoharie/Fort Plain | Wrestling | All Levels |
| Canajoharie/Fort Plain | Boys Swimming | Varsity |
| Burnt Hills/Ballston Spa | Wrestling | Varsity |
| Hudson Falls/So. Glens Falls | Swimming | All Levels |
| Hudson/Taconic Hills | Wrestling | All Levels |
| Niskayuna/Schenectady | Ice Hockey | |
| Warrensburg/Bolton | Wrestling | All Levels |



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Criteria:

Awarded to a person, not an athletic administrator, who has made a significant contribution to athletics over the years.

Please complete and return the following outline:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

Please write a brief biography for the program describing the candidate and the contributions made to athletics:

Please submit all nomination forms to Blaine Drescher via email at drescher@cbaalbany.org



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JUDITH A. MARTENS, SECRETARIAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Criteria:

Awarded to a secretary of an athletic administrator who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to athletics at the local level.

NAME: _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR: _____

Please submit all nomination forms to Blaine Drescher via email at
drescher@cbaalbany.org



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Criteria:

Given to an organization that has made outstanding contributions to athletes over the years. The organization should have evidenced support and contributions to the NYSAAA on the State and local levels.

**Name of
Organization:** _____

Address: _____

Please provide a brief description of the contributions made in interscholastic athletics by the organization.

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Athletic Administrator of the Year Award

Name _____

School _____

Years Experience _____

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER WORK RELATED EXPERIENCES, AWARDS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Note: The Athletic Administrator must be a AAA member.

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