



Athletic Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 26, 2017
Vista/Van Patten Country Club
10:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Adirondack: Hillary Haskell; Scott Smith; Jason Humiston
CHVL: Pat Light; Liz Parry; Art Schmich
Colonial: John Gallo; Tom Kostrzebski; Bob Dorrance
Foothills: Mike DeMagistris; Mike Calvello; James Robare
Patron: Terry Nash; Dominick Pitaniello; Dave Austin
Suburban: Regan Johnson; Dave Sunkes; Joe Scalise
Wasaren: Tom Husser; Mike Apostol; Deb Lauver
Western: Charlie Karker; Brian Dunn; John Karbowski

Please share this information with your Chief School Officer!

Minutes

- ❖ Seat the Council – 10:02 am
- ❖ Establish and Set the Agenda
- ❖ Additions to the Agenda
 - Friends & Neighbor Status for Gardner Dickinson
- ❖ President's Report - Nick Fitzgerald
 - Welcome
 - Stadium Systems – Dave Sunkes – NYSAAA Chapter 2 Rep
 - Dave introduced Tim Shumsky and Mike Schopp of Stadium Systems. Stadium Systems provided a ¼ Zip for all who attended the NYSAAA Conference in Saratoga.
 - Mike provided a brief overview of the services offered by Stadium Systems. They are a service oriented organization.
 - ◆ Refurbish athletic equipment – now 30% of their business
 - ◆ Helmets must have a NOCSAE seal on it.
 - ✓ Softball
 - ✓ Baseball
 - ✓ Girls' field hockey
 - ✓ Football
 - ✓ Lacrosse

- Lose their certification in three (3) years if you don't get them re-certified.
 - Website regarding legal girls lacrosse headgear:
<http://www.uslacrosse.org/safety/equipment/legal-womens-headgear>
 - ◆ Warning labels for Protective Helmets should be read for liability purposes.
 - ◆ Individually- player owned helmets.
 - ✓ Consent forms – issue of liability for the school district.
 - Tim demonstrated a variety of products that they offer.
 - Questions – No questions
- Section 2 Officers – This is the year that the officers will rotate. (Past President term ends; President to Past President; 1st Vice President to President; 2nd Vice President to 1st Vice President)
 - 2nd Vice President –
 - Candidates spoke briefly outlining their qualifications.
 - ◆ Dan Ward – Ft. Edward – Adirondack League (resume attached)
 - ◆ Steve Nolan – Amsterdam – Foothills (resume attached)
 - ◆ Nominations from the floor - None
 - **Voting Item for June 7th**
- Central Committee Representatives -
 - Female PE Representative –
 - The Executive Committee is recommending Kathy Ryan for re-election.
 - Nominations from the floor – None.
 - **Voting Item – June 7th**
 - Male PE Representative –
 - The Central Committee members recommended Drew Santandera to complete Ed Dopp's term which expires June 2019. (Drew stepped out of the meeting.)
 - ◆ **Motion by John Gallo; 2nd by Jason Humiston to approve the recommendation of Drew Santandera, Athletic Director at LaSalle Institute, as Male PE Representative to complete Ed Dopp's term which expires June 2019.**
 - Discussion**
 - Vote: Passed (24-0)**
 - Congratulations Drew.**
- Sports Coordinators –
 - The slate of sports coordinators for 2017-2019 is attached.
 - Coordinators Needed
 - ◆ Boys Tennis
 - ✓ Interested parties should contact Risë for an application.
 - **Voting Item – June 7th**
- ❖ Executive Director's Report - Wayne Bertrand
- Website Demonstration - Risë Van Iderstine
 - Navigation of the Section 2 website was demonstrated.

- Standing Committee forms
 - Officials' Contract & Information
 - Financial Information
 - Forms
 - Handbooks
 - Football Website Access
- Friends & Neighbor – (Gardner Dickinson)
- **Motion by Charlie Karker; 2nd by John Gallo to approve Gardner Dickinson as a Friends & Neighbor for the 2017-2018 school year.**
 - **Discussion**
 - **Vote – Passed (24-0)**
- Spalding Ball Contract –
- Modification for the 2017-2018 school year
 - Next year the boys and girls basketball will be the Legacy instead of the Classic.
 - Continual effort by Spalding to update the product to meet the needs of the members.
- Bowling Proposal – (attached)
- Process to select the team that represents the Section at the NYSPHSAA Championships.
 - Gary VanDerzee reviewed the proposal.
 - ◆ Each school would submit a list of their top bowlers.
 - ◆ All bowling coaches were in favor of it.
 - Questions:
 - ◆ Suburban - All of the other Sections do this?
 - ✓ Yes.
 - ◆ Suburban - Concern is that we are changing something for one or two kids.
 - The Foothills requested time to discuss. Although this has been discussed at the last two League Presidents meetings and Athletic Council meeting, Leagues were given five (5) minutes to discuss.
 - **Motion by Terry Nash; 2nd by Dominick Pitaniello to accept the bowling proposal for selecting the Section team.**
- Discussion:**
- Wasaren – Should not penalize a kid who has a career day. That kid should have the opportunity to represent the Section.**
- Vote: Defeated (6-18)**
- Drone Policy (attached)
- **Motion by Jason Humiston; 2nd by Jim Robare to approve the proposed drone policy.**
 - **Discussion - none**
 - **Passed (24-0) – Section 2 will vote in favor of the policy.**
- Hot Button Topics
- Mixed Competition Teams

- We need to be careful that we are not just having co-ed teams. When it is being called a boys team and there are more girls than boys, we need to take a long look at it.
- Private Coaches
 - More parents now days hire private coaches for their kids. You should alert your Superintendent of the presence and be very mindful of what that individual is instructing the athlete or undermining the instruction provided by your staff. There is potential litigation issues surrounding the entire matter.
- Ad Hoc Classification Committee Update - Ed Dopp
 - Ed thanked the Ad Hoc Committee for the work that they have done on this proposal.
 - Committee was co-chaired by Ed and Wayne.
 - Committee Members (Matt Stein, Regan Johnson, Dominick Pitaniello, Kyle Manny, Drew Santandera, Mark Therrien, Will Ferguson <Mike Lilac>, Paul Gallucci)
 - **This will be a voting item at the June 7th Athletic Council meeting.**
 - ◆ If approved in June, there will be no movement for the 2017-2018 school year. Schools would remain at their 2016-2017 classification. The results of the 2016-2017 school year would be the first year of data used.
 - The committee members gave a Power Point Presentation (**attached**).
 - Questions/Comments –
 - Colonial Council: John Gallo as a member of the Classification Committee thanked the Ad Hoc Committee and stated that this will make the Classification Committee’s job much easier. Will take opinions out of the process.
 - Western Athletic: Charlie Karker is also a member of the Classification Committee and reiterated John’s comments.
 - Clarification: For football the slide says 7 game season. However, some classes have 8 games. It is the entire class season whether it is 7 or 8 games in their class.
- FYI - News/Notes/Reminders
 - Commissioner –
 - Letter to Regents (Public Comment Period ends April 28th)
 - Robert: The SED is proposing regulation change in the Extension of Eligibility that will drastically impact our schools. Brief history –
 - ◆ The Commissioner now wants to add illness, accident or a documented social emotion condition beyond the student’s control. Robert asked for an example of a “documented social emotion condition” and the Commissioner could not provide one. Also wants to add by taking verbiage from the mixed competition – “not have an adverse effect on his opponents”. The school administration will have to determine this.
 - ◆ In order for your comment to be counted you must send your letter to the e-mail address that was forwarded to you by Wayne.
 - ◆ Please forward your letters ASAP as the deadline is Friday, April 28th.
 - ◆ Questions:

- ✓ Should we use the form letter or will it be counted “less” if we all send the same letter?
 - It is more important that they see the magnitude of this as opposed to the letter being sent. Just make sure your comment is counted within the public comment period.
 - NYSPHSAA Voting Items (See Below)
 - Wrestling Certification – Outstanding Payments
 - Two (2) schools – They have been contacted and payment is being processed.
 - Sr. All Star – Spring Sports Deadline – May 1st
 - We received a call from a coach wanting to have an out of season (a winter sport) all-star contest that was not exclusively for seniors. Wanted to have it for underclassmen. **This is NOT allowed.**
 - Participation Survey –
 - Link: <http://nysphsaa.org/ADs-Coaches/Submit-Information-Online-Participation>
 - This is mandated that you complete this. Please go to this link ASAP.
 - **Section 2 Dues – 2017-2018 - \$1700**
 - 2017-2018 Meeting/Important Dates (attached)
 - Information: Ed Dopp’s e-mail address – section2athleticsed@gmail.com
- **Thank you to Wayne** – Nick represented the Section and thanked Wayne for his five (5) years of service. Wayne was presented with a vase inscribed – “Section II to Section 2 in five (5) long years!! Thanks for the great leadership you provided, guiding the Section through the turbulent times into the professional organization we are today.”
- ❖ Internal Control Officer - Al Roy
 - Ten (10) Warrants Since Last Athletic Council Meeting
 - #16 – 60 items – 2/8/2017 - \$18,076.13
 - #17 – 70 items – 2/22/2017 - \$23,419.69
 - #18 – 98 items – 3/1/2017 - \$21,704.43
 - #19 – 125 items – 3/2/2017 - \$16,236.28
 - #20 – 125 items – 3/6/2017 - \$13,490.92
 - #21 – 119 items – 3/13/2017 - \$33,476.28
 - #22 – 83 items – 3/16/2017 - \$14,189.05
 - #23 – 91 items – 3/20/2017 - \$22,747.53
 - #24 – 48 items – 4/10/2017 - \$15,381.54
 - #25 – 26 items – 4/12/2017 - Brown Coach - \$57,000 (\$11,000 more than last year)
 - The settlement figures from GFCC for boys’ basketball is pending.
- ❖ State Report - Ed Dopp
 - NYSPHSAA May Meeting Minutes Attached
 - **Discussion Items – The following will be discussion items at the May NYSPHSAA meeting.**
 - 12/13 Section Concept
 - Revisions to the NYSPHSAA HOF policies & procedures.

- Amend the NYSPHSAA HOF voting procedures and deadline.
- Combining of Teams Graduated Scale Proposal (attached)
- Transgender Guidelines
- Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving Qualifying Standards
- Girls & Boys Cross Country Classification Cut-Off Numbers (Fall of 2017)
- Boys Golf – push/pull carts use
- Football Classification Cut-Off Numbers (Fall of 2018)
- Tommy Tough Standards
- Boys Volleyball – NCAA Scoring
- Girls Volleyball Classification Cut-Off Numbers (Fall 2018)
- Girls Soccer Regional Rotation
- Boys & Girls Soccer – Annual Report of Cards, etc.
- Ice Hockey –
 - ◆ Use of the 2 referee/2linesmen system (\$549 increase in cost of officials plus possible extra lodging costs)
 - ◆ Time Periods – Abide by NFHS rules for time periods (17 minutes and penalties <2/ 5 & 10 minutes>) to begin with the 2018-2019 season.
- Athletic Directors Admission to NYSPHSAA Championships
- **Voting Items**
 - Drone Policy (attached) – Voting Item Above
 - Girls Lacrosse –
 - ◆ Regional Rotation –
 - ✓ **Motion by Regan Johnson; 2nd by Pat Light to approve the proposed adjustment to the Regional Rotation for Sections 1/2/9 for 2018 and 2019.**
 - Discussion – Liz Parry reviewed the proposal and advised that this is necessary due to the fact the Section 9 was not able to host the regional championships in 2016.**
 - Vote – Passed (24-0)**
 - ◆ Paid Alternate Official For All Regional Out Bracket and Championship Games
 - ✓ Liz Parry reviewed the proposal and the responsibilities the alternate official will have.
 - ✓ **Motion by Bob Dorrance; 2nd by Regan Johnson to approve the payment of the alternate official for all regional out bracket and regional championship games.**
 - Discussion:**
 - Clarification: If this is approved at the May NYSPHSAA meeting, each Section will determine if the alternate official receives half or full pay.**
 - Vote – Passed (24-0)**
- Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving – Recognize Team Champion

- ◆ Ed reviewed the proposal being presented by the NYSPHSAA Swimming & Diving Committee. Although they revised the proposal, it still mentions that one of the reasons is to allow for coaches to be eligible for the David H. Robertson Excellence in Coaching Award. This proposal was not supported by the CAC.
- ◆ **Motion by John Gallo; 2nd by Mike DeMagistris to vote against the proposal at the May 5th NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.**

Discussion: Clarification – If you vote yes today you are not in favor of the proposal.

Vote: Passed (24-0) – Section 2 will vote against the proposal.

- Girls Golf – 3 Markers
 - ◆ Ed reviewed the NYSPHSAA proposal. Since Section 2 does not have girls golf the Executive Committee is recommending that we abstain at the May 5th meeting.
 - ◆ **Motion by Bob Dorrance; 2nd by Dominick Pitaniello to abstain at the May 5th NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting regarding the use of markers.**

Discussion:

Vote: Passed (24-0) – Section 2 will abstain.

- ❖ NYSPHSAA – - Robert Zayas
- ❖ Committee Reports
 - Eligibility - Chris Culnan
 - Representation –
 - If you have any submissions, please prepare and forward with required documentation to Chris ASAP.
 - Constitution/Mixed Competition/Sr. All Star - Wayne Bertrand
 - Constitution –
 - Discussion Item for June 7th – Possible Proposal Regarding Defeated Voting Items
 - Sr. All Star Contests Approved
 - Section Approved All Star Contests
 - ◆ Colonial/Patrol Baseball
 - Modified - James Schlegel
 - Committee to expand the structure of modified athletics. (Start date to mirror HS date.)
 - NYSPHSAA Meeting Discussion Items
 - Waiver of goalie jersey in soccer.
 - Waiver of all white home jersey in soccer.
 - Add extended playing time rule for soccer goalie.
 - Allow spikes in cross country.
 - Permit a pilot program allowing the use of spikes in track & field.
 - Remove restrictions of footwear in football.
 - Extended play time for boys and girls for the goalie
 - Classification - Ed Dopp
 - Winter Sports Classification Recommendations (attached)

- **Motion by Mike Apostol; 2nd by Charlie Karker to approve the recommendations for the winter sports as proposed by the Classification Committee and Executive Committee as follows:**

- ◆ **Bishop Maginn – reclassify as a Class B in boys’ basketball**
- ◆ **Bishop Maginn – reclassify as a Class B in girls’ basketball**
- ◆ **Albany Academies – deny request to be reclassified as Division II. Remain as Division I.**

Discussion:

Vote: Passed (24-0)

- Transfer - Pete Bednarek
- Sportsmanship (Bad)/Mergers - Joe Sapienza
 - DQ Reports – on the Section 2 website
 - Mergers – Deadline for Fall Sports May 1st
- Sportsmanship (Good) - Mike Leonard
 - Sportsmanship Promotion Survey –
 - Hope everyone took advantage of it. Deadline was April 17th.
 - Community Service Challenge –
 - Online Application – Due May 1, 2017 – go to the NYSPHSAA website
- Safety/Chemical Health Awareness - Rick Knizek
 - Pitch Count – If you receive feedback, please get it to your League Safety Committee representative.
 - Heat Index – If you prefer to use the Wet Bulb process that will supersede the WeatherBug.
 - First Aid Update – tentative date the last week in June at Shenendehowa.
 - SED changed their certificates to include the last 4 numbers of a SS# and birth date and vendors should use the new certificate now. Whoever, your provider is should have them. It is their responsibility to have them.
 - A Two-day life guard certification was denied by SED. Rick advised that the first aid for life guard is different from the first aid required by SED.
 - Medical (athletic trainer) coverage for the spring. When you receive the schedule, if there is a change, please advise Rick and Al so the changes can be forwarded to the trainer.
- Audit Committee - James Schlegel
 - Discussed going to a flat fee for ticket takers, chaperones, and site chairs.
 - Jim thanked Wayne for his guidance through the difficult times that the Section experienced.
- ❖ Sports Committee Reports –
 - Bowling (attached)
 - Boys Swimming (attached)
 - Boys Indoor Track (attached)
 - Girls Indoor Track (attached)
 - Football –

- Tommy Tough – It will be a recommendation that all Sections adopt this.
- ❖ League Concerns –
 - WAC – seeding meeting for baseball.
 - Possibly will move to the 16th. However, all Athletic Directors and League Presidents were advised that they should have been playing contests during the vacation week.
 - Wasaren –
 - Suburban
 - Patroon
 - Foothills
 - Colonial
 - CHVL
 - Adirondack – Some concerns with the new patches for wrestling.
 - Wayne advised that they are being revised.
- ❖ NYSAAA - Dave Sunkes
 - 2017 Conference Award Recipients
 - Wayne was inducted into the NYSAAA HOF.
 - Regan Johnson – Athletic Administrator of the year
 - Community Service Award – Stillwater School District
 - Judith A. Martens Secretarial Award – Laura Waldinger – Ballston Spa
 - Distinguished Service Award – Pete Bednarek
 - Nick: Congratulations to Dave Sunkes who received the CASDA award for Athletic Administrator of the year.
- ❖ COA/NYSHPERD - Regan Johnson
 - Monday, May 8th – HVCC – Elementary Leadership
 - July 17th SANYYS Golf Tournament
- ❖ Old Business - none
- ❖ New Business –
 - Football –
 - Classification Variations –
 - There are three (3) proposals being discussed.
 - ◆ No change to the numbers
 - ◆ Adjust to balance classifications at 20%
 - ◆ 15-70-15 (Section 9 proposal)
 - 6th Classification – The State Football Committee would like to propose it again.
 - The Section 2 football committee would like to stay with the 20%. (Bob)
 - Section 2 will need to champion the cause for a 6th Classification.
 - Ed: We will vote the way you want. What is best for the State may not be best for Section 2 football. The proposals are discussion items for the May 5th NYSPHSAA meeting. If it is a voting item, we will vote against it from what I hear as it is not the best for Section 2.

- Gary stated that there other Sections in favor of a 6th classification.
- Bob: At the conference call it was Section 3 and 9 that suggested that the 15-70-15

❖ Adjournment – 12:35 pm

- Motion by Deb Lauver; 2nd by Liz Parry to adjourn.

Discussion

Vote – Passed (24-0)

Future Meetings

<p>Athletic Council Meeting June 7, 2017 Vista/Van Patten Country Club 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Executive Committee Meeting May 18, 2017 Section 2 Office – Saratoga 9:00 a.m.</p>
<p>League Presidents Meeting May 8, 2017 Section 2 Office 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Officials Conferencing Committee June 5, 2017 Section 2 Office 9:00 a.m.</p>

Classification Annual Review
June 2, 2017