

**MID HUDSON ATHLETIC LEAGUE
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16,2021 - 9:30AM
Zoom Meeting
MINUTES**

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING-MOTION TO ACCEPT BY JONNAH O'DONNELL, SECOND BY TOM CASSATA. MOTION CARRIED.
2. SECTION REPORT-MR. GREG RANSOM/ MR.JAMES OSBORNE-FALL SCHOLAR ATHLETE TEAM AWARDS FROM THE NYSPHSAA OPENED OCT.25 AND WILL CLOSE DEC.6TH. SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT CREDENTIALING PARENTS WHO ARE EJECTED. SUCH INSTANCES MAY REQUIRE TWO NFHS COURSES TO BE READMITTED TO ATHLETIC CONTESTS AS SPECTATORS. THIS IS IN THE DISCUSSION PHASE WITH THE SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE (NYSPHSAA). CONCUSION MGT. ARE CURRENTLY IN BOTH HOUSES OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE. IN DISCUSSION, HEADGEAR REQUIREMENT FOR GIRLS LACROSSE.
OCEAN BREEZE MAY BE ALTERING ITS VACCINATION POLICY FOR ATHLETES. THIS IS NOT FINALIZED AND NEEDS TO BE CLARIFIED.
3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT- MR. TOM CASSATA- DUE TO ITS SMALL CAPACITY, RED HOOK IS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF LIMITING ATTENDANCE AT HOME BASKETBALL CONTESTS. IF THIS BECOMES REALITY, TOM WILL WORK WITH FELLOW ADS TO ENSURE THAT PARENTS OF VISITING TEAMS CAN GAIN ADMITTANCE. STEVE BOUCHER WILL SEND A DOCUMENT TO ALL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS SO THAT ANY MHAL SCHOOL WHICH PLANS TO LIMIT ATTENDANCE CAN GIVE ADVANCE NOTICE TO ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS.
4. REGIONAL OFFICE REPORT.- MR. CHRIS MAYO-DO NOT CHANGE CONTEST DATES UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY! WE ARE EXPERIENCING A SEVERE LACK OF OFFICIALS. THERE CAN BE NO GUARANTEE THAT OFFICIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR RESCHEDULED CONTEST DATES! BE PREPARED FOR THE SAME OFFICIALS TO COVER VARSITY/JV CONTESTS. PLEASE COMMUNICATE THESE ISSUES WITH YOUR COACHES!

MANY THANKS TO MR. HECHT, MRS. HEPPES AND THE REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF. FOR TAKING ON THE VERIFICATION PROCESS OF OUR OFFICIALS (VACCINATION STATUS), AS THIS HAS BECOME A NIGHTMARE IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE STATE. ORANGE/ULSTER BOCES IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR ITS LEADERSHIP AND INITIATIVE IN THIS MATTER.

5. ATHLETIC COORDINATOR'S REPORT- MR. DENNIS BURKETT

Please access meeting materials

Prior to meeting on our website

1.MHAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT- CURRENT PLANS ARE TO FOLLOW LEAGUE BYLAWS FOR HOME SITES FOR THIS YEAR'S MHAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT. DIVISIONS 2 AND 4 WOULD HOST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES AND AMERICAN CONFERENCE WOULD HOST THE MHAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS!

PLEASE COMMUNICATE TO COACHES, PARENTS AND ATHLETES....WE ARE NOT YET BACK TO NORMAL!

2.SEVERAL SCENARIOS FOR DEALING WITH SOCCER OVERTIME WERE PRESENTED. AS A LEAGUE WE HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF OPTIONS. PLEASE DISCUSS THIS WITH YOUR COACHES AND RETURN WITH OPINIONS FOR OUR DECEMBER MEETING. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DENNIS.

6. Combining of Teams- Mr. Kermit Moyer-NO REQUESTS AT THIS TIME

7. Modified Report- Mr. Greg Warren-NOTHING NEW TO REPORT

8. OLD BUSINESS- GREG RANSOM THANKED ALL SECTIONAL CHAIRS, AS THIS HAS BEEN AN ESPECIALLY CHALLENGING FALL SEASON. HE ALSO EXPLAINED THE PROCESS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR AN UNGRADED PUPIL. 8 CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS OF ELIGIBILITY (DATE OF ENTRY) AND BEING AGE APPROPRIATE ARE KEY. JIM OSBORNE SPOKE OF DIGITAL TICKETING. IF ANY SCHOOLS ARE INTERESTED HE WILL FORWARD THE INFORMATION TO DENNIS AND IT WILL BE SHARED WITH ALL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS.

9. NEW BUSINESS -RHINEBECK WILL NOT FIELD A GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM. SAUGERTIES IS LOOKING FOR A TEAM TO FILL A SPORT IN THEIR GEISLER HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT.D PETER BIANCO IS LEAVING LIBERTY TO BECOME THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT POUGHKEEPSIE.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN -**FRANK ALFONSO, SECOND BY JONNAH O'DONNELL.**
MOTION CARRIED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
DENNIS BURKETT