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**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP**

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021 - 9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

All members present except: Mr. Tim Bult, Minisink

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator  
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary  
Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director  
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer  
Ms. Sarah Hadden, Greenwood Lake Superintendent

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:31 am via Google Meet.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (June 8, 2021)  
*Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Mike Kroemer (Cornwall) and seconded by Mr. Lou Cioffi (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.*
2. NYSPHSAA Update – Mr. Greg Ransom / Mr. Jim Osborne

Mr. Ransom:

- a. Protocols  
Section IX protocols for Fall Sports were presented and discussed, including masks being worn for all indoor events.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Dave Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.*
- b. COVID Points  
Points will be split; there will be no reschedule for points.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Ms. Debbi Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill). Twenty-three (22) in favor; Two (2) opposed. Motion carried.*
- c. NYSPHSAA Proposals  
Approved proposals reviewed. Information included in materials. Please be prepared to vote on at September meeting.

Mr. Osborne:

- d. Wrestling
    - i. Mr. Jeff Culty, Chairperson ~ Dermatologist
    - ii. Trainer Tournament
    - iii. In-Body Machine
  - e. Chairpersons Needed
    - i. Golf – Jorma Tompuri
    - ii. Bowling – Chris Vero  
*Motion to approve made by Ms. Crowe (Highland Falls/O’Neill) and seconded by Ms. Sue Lenzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - f. Senior All-Star Contest – Soccer  
Mr. Mike Kelly (Goshen) is the contact for this event, which will take place at NFA on November 7, 2021.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) and seconded by Mr. Cioffi (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - g. Section IX Directories and Passes  
These items will be distributed at the NYSPHSAA Mandatory meeting being held on September 13, 2021.
  - h. Mandated AD Workshop  
The NYSPHSAA Mandatory meeting will be held at the Otterkill Golf Club beginning at 9:30 am. Breakfast will be available at 8:30 am. Bring a mask, just in case.
3. OCIAA President’s Report: Mr. Michael Bellarosa  
Welcome back! Although easier, not what we were hoping for in starting this new school year.
- a. New Athletic Directors  
Cornwall – Ms. Jennifer Simmons (Interim)  
Goshen – Mr. Louis Cioffi (Interim)  
Washingtonville – Mr. Jason Semo  
  
Best wishes to Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall), one of our anchors as Athletic Director.
  - b. NYSPHSAA Proposals  
Discussion items were reviewed and will be voted on in future meetings.
4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator’s Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo  
Items of Concern:
- a. Fall Changes – Added / Dropped Teams for 2021  
Mr. Dan Morse recorded the information given at this time.
  - b. OCIAA 2021-2022 Events Risk & Emergency Plan  
This plan will be sent today via email.  
*Motion to approve made by Ms. Lori Hock (Monroe-Woodbury) and seconded by Ms. Lenzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.*

- c. Fall 2021 Rules Interpretations Meetings: Virtual  
All Fall meetings are set up virtually for August 25 or 26, 2021.
  - d. Modified Football Rules Meeting – Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021  
Mr. Coates will send information regarding a rescheduled date for this meeting.
  - e. MHAL/OCIAA Modified bylaws – updates to practice guidelines  
This information will be posted on our website.
  - f. Coaching Courses
    - i. Although Ms. Amanda York is no longer working in the Athletics office, she is still conducting the CPR/AED and First Aid courses. Your coaches and you can email her at [Amanda.york@ouboces.org](mailto:Amanda.york@ouboces.org) regarding the schedule and registration. DO not call her.
    - ii. Mr. Ransom will be offering the Health Science course next in September/October. Dates will be forwarded to you when confirmed.
5. Spring Schedules 2022  
Scheduling Committee adjusted Divisions for Boys and Girls Golf due to issue with alignments. Mr. Mayo shared screen to display these changes.

*Motion to approve changes made by Ms. Hock (Monroe-Woodbury) and seconded by Ms. Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill). All in favor. Motion carried.*

*Motion to approve Spring Schedules made by Ms. Lenzian (Fallsburg) and seconded by Ms. Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill). All in favor. Motion carried.*

6. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult  
Mr. Mayo announced this information in Mr. Bult's absence.
- Varsity Boys Soccer – Webutuck (Host) and Pine Plains
  - Modified Football – Red Hook (Host) and Germantown
  - All Football levels – Warwick (Host) and Florida/SS Seward
- Motion to approve made by Mr. John Giametta (Beacon) and seconded by Mr. Jason Semo (Washingtonville). All in favor. Motion carried.*

7. Old Business

Mr. Mayo:

- a. Spring plaques  
If you still have not received your plaques, you may pick them up at our office or they will be brought to the Mandatory meeting for distribution.
- b. Modified Sports  
The OCIAA does not have Modified A teams in soccer or volleyball. Only in Football. Be careful about placing 9<sup>th</sup> graders on 7-8 Modified teams. Liability issues could present themselves if a younger athlete is injured by a 9<sup>th</sup> grader. If you were to play 9<sup>th</sup> graders on your modified teams, you need to contact your opponents and get their permission to play your 9<sup>th</sup> graders against their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

- c. AA schools  
AA Schools should be looking at their seeding criteria. There is an issue with seeding because AA is the only Classification that does not recognize success within the division. They are seeded by how they did overall against AA schools and their division record is ignored.
  - d. Sports Magazine  
Minimal response was received, so as of right now, we will not be moving forward with the project. We will resend the email requesting your English Department / Journalism Teacher contact information and revisit this possibility at a later time.
  - e. Items included in meeting materials  
Calendars, League Contacts by Sport/County, and AD contact sheet all included for your reference.
  - f. rSchoolToday  
Reminders: Coaches are required to report scores on the app and rate officials. There are help videos on our YouTube channel.
  - g. Kingston  
Mr. Rich Silverstein informed all that there will be no spectators allowed for Girls Swim at Kingston due to the lack of space, but the events will be streamed.
8. New Business
- a. Football Committee Guidelines  
Mr. Coates (Middletown) reviewed this information.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick) and seconded by Mr. Semo (Washingtonville). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - b. Thanks from Mr. Mike Kroemer (Cornwall)  
Mr. Kroemer thanked Mr. Bellarosa and all for the kind words. Mr. Mayo thanked him for all he has been involved with throughout the years. Mr. Kroemer will continue his role as Assistant Chairperson for Wrestling.
  - c. E-Sports  
Ms. Hock inquired about any interest in E-Sports, as Monroe-Woodbury is preparing for its Spring season. Please reach out to Ms. Hock to discuss further, if you'd like.
  - d. Streaming Events  
Please send our office your links, so we can post them on our website. The links can also be included on rSchoolToday.
9. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 9:30 am via Zoom meeting. We will keep you posted if any future meetings can be held in person or hybrid.
10. NYSPHSAA Mandated Workshop - Monday, September 13, 2021, at 9:30 am at Otterkill Golf Club. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 am.
11. Next Section IX Meeting – Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 9:30 am via Zoom meeting.

12. Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall) and seconded by Ms. Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill). All in favor. Motion carried.*