

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



**Tuesday, November 23, 2021 - 9:30 am  
Via Zoom**

**Meeting Minutes**

All members present except: Mr. Bill Spanjer, Chapel Field  
Mr. Kurt Buddenhagen, Monticello  
Mr. Howard Harrison, Newburgh

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

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

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (October 19, 2021)  
*Motion to approve minutes made by Ms. Sue Lendzian (Fallsburg) and seconded by Mr. David Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.*
2. Section IX – Mr. Greg Ransom and Mr. James Osborne
  - a. NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete applications close on December 6, 2021.
  - b. Please note updates to the law regarding concussion management.
  - c. Girls Lacrosse *may be* implementing required head gear, so you may want to add into next year's budget, just in case.
  - d. Sportsmanship and Parent Credential mandate to take NFHS courses *may be* implemented and will likely need to be tracked by the Athletic Director.
  - e. Thanks was given to all Section Chairpersons and Committees for the Fall season for much work done on behalf of the Section.
  - f. Indoor Track at Ocean Breeze and the Armory guidelines will be forwarded upon some clarifications.

3. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
  - a. Section IX Winter Guidelines  
Included in materials and reviewed. Reminder: Mask are not the responsibility of Section IX or the officials. It is up to school personnel to enforce.
  - b. Section IX Classification Committee Representatives  
Mr. JJ Gass (Eldred) is the OCIAA Representative for this committee. Section IX needs a chairperson as well. Anyone that is interested should send an email to Greg Ransom.
4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo  
Items of Concern:
  - a. 2022-2023 Sports Teams Alignments  
Included in the materials for your review. ADs were asked to look over and make sure all their teams are added to these alignments and that their school is in the correct division.
  - b. 2022-2023 BEDS Chart  
Included in the materials for your review. ADs were asked to review the Beds chart and contact Mr. Mayo if there are any discrepancies.
  - c. Fall Division Champions  
Included in the materials for your information. Thank you to all the Chairpersons for their hard work. A special thanks was extended to Ms. Lori Hock for Girls Tennis, Mr. Jason Closs for Cross Country, and Scott Warner, Chris Sammons, and Jason Semo for Girls Swimming. Mr. Mayo discussed how the tie breaking system was used to determine the division 4 volleyball champion.
  - d. Winter Rules Interpretations Meetings Review  
Meetings all went well. Alpine Ski still needs to be scheduled by Ms. Janet Carey, Chairperson.
  - e. Coaching Courses
    - i. Ms. Amanda York is now working in another department at BOCES but is still the lead instructor for our CPR/AED/FA courses. Your coaches can register via email at [Amanda.york@ouboces.org](mailto:Amanda.york@ouboces.org).
    - ii. Mr. Jason Semo (Washingtonville) will now be teaching the Theory & Techniques, Philosophy & Principles, and Health Sciences courses. We will keep you posted when the next virtual course is scheduled in January 2022. The first course to be taught by Mr. Semo will be Philosophy and Principles.
  - f. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult  
No new applications to report.
  - g. Modified Sports – Ms. Sue Lenzian  
No new report at this time.
  - h. rSchoolToday program discussion – Mr. Jason Semo

Mr. Semo reviewed some of the great features he utilizes in the program. Feel free to give him a call if you have any further questions.

5. Old Business

- a. NYSAAA Awards Nominations due by December 1, 2021. Please send your nominations to Ms. Sue Lenzian (Fallsburg).
- b. Reminder: Football timers are still needed. We can get them certified, if anyone in your districts are interested.

6. New Business

- a. Gymnastics Schedule  
Ms. Nicole Calderone, Chairperson, is working on the schedule and will be released soon.
- b. Capacity  
Please let visiting schools know if your district is enforcing any capacity limits for indoor sports.
- c. Athletic Trainer  
O'Neill is seeking a full-time trainer.
- d. Mr. Peter Bianco (Liberty)  
Mr. Bianco is leaving Liberty in early December to start a new position in the Poughkeepsie schools. We wish him the best in his new position.
- e. Mr. Kermit Moyer (Ellenville)  
Mr. Moyer is retiring from the Ellenville CSD this December. We wish him a happy and healthy retirement.
- f. Mr. Lou Cioffi (Goshen)  
Offered thanks to Athletic Directors that communicated with him regarding a transfer.
- g. Locker Rooms for Officials  
If you do not have a locker room or separate room for officials due to your district's COVID limitations, please be sure to advise us, so we can let the officials know.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 9:30 am via Zoom

8. **Section IX Meeting** – Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 9:30 am via Zoom

9. Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Sue Lenzian (Fallsburg) and seconded by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush). All in favor. Motion carried.*