



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

Tuesday, December 22, 2020 - 9:30 AM

MINUTES

All members present.

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Greg Ransom, Section IX Executive Director
Mr. Chris Ferry, Associate Member, Greenwood Lake

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:30 am via Google Meet.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (November 17, 2020)
Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Mike Kroemer (Cornwall) and seconded by Ms. Sue Lenzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Swim Update – Mr. Scott Warner (Valley Central)
Mr. Warner discussed the new procedures for Swimming amid COVID. Please refer to materials for details.
3. OCIAA President’s Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
 - a. Mr. Bill Miller (Valley Central) thanked everyone who sent well wishes for his new position, then he introduced the new Interim Athletic Director, Mr. Rich Steger (Valley Central). Congratulations again, Bill, and welcome, Rich!
 - b. NYSPHSAA Voting Items: Using cohorts to calculate classification numbers
No motion was made.
 - c. Section IX Budget 2021-2022
 - i. Mr. James Osborne spoke about the proposed budget and the reduction of 11% per varsity team dues – decrease from \$225 per varsity team to \$200 per varsity team.
 - ii. Mr. Rich Silverstein (Kingston) inquired about obtaining medals for unified sports.
 - iii. Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall) suggested an extension may be needed to request gold cards for this school year.

4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher Mayo

Items of Concern:

- a. Winter Sports Update
 - i. High-risk Sports still not approved for play
 - ii. Track, Bowling, Swimming, and Ski are scheduled to begin on January 19, 2021
 - iii. Scheduling Committee met last week and updated winter schedules will be released shortly
- b. Spring Schedules
 - i. Schedules will be released shortly
 - ii. Spring State Championships are still set to happen at this time
 - iii. Baseball double-headers on Saturdays in May are being implemented
- c. OCIAA Associate Members 2021-2022
List is included in materials.
Motion to approve made by Ms. Debbi Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill) and seconded by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick). All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. Scholar-Athlete Awards
Discussion ensued and positive feedback was received to continue honoring Seniors, even with possibly not having a season this year. It was suggested that schools view it as a cumulative achievement throughout high school. The criteria sheet will be adjusted for this year so there is back up for selections during the pandemic. Schools were very happy with the way it was handled last year. Mr. Mayo recognized the hard work and innovation of the BOCES Communication Department for how last year's awards were taken care of.
- e. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult
None to report.

5. Old Business

- a. Community Service Challenge, College Commitments, Coaching Courses – Ms. Amanda York
 - i. Ms. York thanked all who are participating in Orange Cares and gave a shout-out to Monroe-Woodbury for submitting well over 50 letters
 - ii. Please continue submitting your student-athlete college commitments, which has been extended for two more weeks. Two booklets are expected to be released; one for the Fall as a sneak peek and one in the Spring.
 - iii. Ms. York thanked Section IX for providing supplies and materials needed for Coaching Courses. Virtual courses will continue to be offered in January and February. Please have your coaches contact Ms. York directly for registration.
- b. Physicals and New Health History Form
Mr. Gary Vyskocil (Washingtonville) inquired about Physicals for sports beginning on January 19, 2021. An extended waiver is currently in place. There was also brief discussion regarding the new Health History form going into effect on January 31, 2021. Mr. Mayo's office will forward the new form.
- c. Section IX Athletics Participation Screening Form
Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall) shared the concern about student-athletes that do not take the bus, but rather drive or get driven to the host school. Mr. Sirico (Warwick) suggested adding a box to the form regarding private transportation. This concern will continue to be evaluated and more to come for solutions in the near future.

6. New Business

a. Webinar

Mr. Doug Stahl has put together a panel for the next webinar to offer to our student-athletes. The webinar will discuss locker room culture, diversity, and inclusivity. The panel currently consists of Russell Payne (former pro soccer player and coach at West Point), Bill Bayno (NBA assistant coach), and Katina Mack (former standout basketball player for Monticello, Penn State and college coach). A flyer is currently being created, and we anticipate offering the webinar in mid-January 2021.

7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 9:30 am - Virtual Meeting

Next Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 9:30 am - Virtual Meeting

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush). All in favor. Motion carried.