



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

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 - 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
Mr. John Douthit, President, Burke Catholic
Mr. Matt Hemmer, OCIAA Track & Field Chairperson

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:33 am via Google Meet.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (January 19, 2021)
Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Tim Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Ms. Lori Hock (Monroe-Woodbury). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. Section IX Report – Mr. Greg Ransom and Mr. James Osborne
 - a. Mr. Darryl Daily's report was emailed to all Athletic Directors on February 8, 2021, for your review. If you are not the director of health and Physical Education, please make sure that person gets the information.
 - b. NYSPHSAA Highlights are included in meeting materials for your review.
 - c. Gold Cards – please let Mr. Osborne know if you have any requests for your district.
 - d. Section IX Contest Guidelines for Fall 2
Motion to approve made by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick) and seconded by Mr. Joe DiMattina (Florida/SS Seward). Twenty-three (23) in favor. One (1) opposed. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued. Athletic Directors understand they may make the spectator guidelines in their districts more stringent than the Section IX guidelines outline, ie, only home game spectators permitted and two guest passes provided to each player. A survey will be sent to confirm each district's policy for spectators during the Fall 2 season.

- e. Ms. Lori Hock (Monroe-Woodbury) asked for an indoor sport spectator exception for senior night for parents to be allowed to stay and watch their children play. (As per the Section IX guidelines, spectators are *not* permitted.) The Athletic Directors had a discussion, and it was determined that due to the nature of Department of Health Guidelines, it is a major risk to the athletes and the athletic programs. If one person is positive, the entire population of the gymnasium has to quarantine, which would derail the kids ability to play sports. The group was very empathetic to all parents that want to see their children play but felt the risk was too great at this time.
3. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
 - a. Please be sure to note updated PE standards in Darryl Daily's report.
 - b. Reminder: District PE Program is to be updated every seven (7) years.
4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo
Items of Concern:
 - a. OCIAA Scholar Athlete Awards
Guidelines are included in the materials for your reference. This year, we will be sending a scholar-athlete survey to be completed by each winner. We will share what your students have submitted before the booklet is printed. The deadline for submissions is Friday, April 16, 2021.
 - b. Tyler Muise Award
This application will be sent via email in the near future. Please submit your nominations by or before Friday, April 16, 2021.
 - c. 2021-2022 Proposed Athletic Calendar
Please review the calendar in your materials. A vote to approve will occur at our next meeting in March 2021.
 - d. Fall 2 Season Discussion
Fields are not in great shape with the recent weather, but hopefully, turf fields will help. Modified games may be tough to get in based on field availability with Varsity and JV taking precedence.
 - e. Section IX Football – Mr. David Coates
 - i. Football Committee is meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021.
 - ii. Rules Interpretation meeting will be held in the evening on either March 1 or March 2, 2021.
 - f. Fall Schedules 2021 – Discussion
 - i. Beacon is interested in joining Section IX, as mentioned below.
 - ii. Burke Catholic Academy will be added to Modified Cross Country schedule, as indicated below.
 - g. Spring Track Discussion – Mr. Matt Hemmer, Chairperson
Mr. Hemmer shared the proposal regarding the Spring 2021 Weekend Triad in place of Invitationals. A memo regarding this information will be forwarded to you upon receipt.
 - h. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult
None to report.

i. Beacon

Motion to approve Beacon joining Section IX contingent of approval from their Board of Education and application acceptance from Section IX Athletic Council made by Mr. John Landro (Tuxedo) and seconded by Ms. Hock (Monroe-Woodbury). Twenty-three (23) in favor. Two (2) abstain. Motion carried.

Mr. Bult (Minisink) expressed concern about having more information on-hand before supporting this motion. Mr. Mayo explained that Beacon is a very familiar school, having played many of our schools in various sports. Mr. Mayo also went over all the information he had from Beacon – Class A school in Football, Baseball, Softball, Soccer, etc. Mr. Mayo said all that was missing was a comprehensive list of sport offerings at Beacon, which would be forwarded to schools once in hand.

j. Burke Catholic Academy – Mr. John Douthit

This is a new middle school program that will allow for students to attend 6th–8th grade on the campus of John S. Burke Catholic High School in Goshen, NY, beginning in September 2021. They plan to begin participate in the following modified sports: Cross Country, Boys and Girls Basketball, and Spring Track.

5. Old Business

- a. Mr. Dan Morse has been creating tutorial videos regarding rSchoolToday procedures on YouTube for your reference.

6. New Business

- a. Fall 2 culminating event will occur in Girls Swimming. Hockey and Football are currently working on this. Post-season for Soccer, Tennis, and Volleyball are not expected.
- b. Baseball Rules Change included in materials for your review. Please share with your coaches.

7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at 9:30 am via Zoom

Next Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 9:30 am via Zoom

8. Adjourn

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