



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

**Tuesday, April 20, 2021 - 9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

All members present except: Mr. Matt O'Brien, Goshen  
Mr. John Landro, Tuxedo

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator  
Mr. James Osborne, Section IX Secretary  
Ms. Linda Trapani, Section IX Treasurer  
Mr. Chris Ferry, Associate Member, Greenwood Lake

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

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (March 23, 2021)  
*Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Mike Kroemer (Cornwall) and seconded by Ms. Sue Lenzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.*
2. Section IX Report – Mr. James Osborne
  - a. State meeting will be held in early May
  - b. Chairpersons needed for Swimming, Bowling, and Girls Tennis  
Please send an email to Mr. Greg Ransom, if interested.  
*Motion to approve Chris Sammons as Swim Chairperson made by Mr. Rich Silverstein (Kingston) and seconded by Mr. Dave Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - c. Beds Classification Proposal  
Please see chart in your materials.
3. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
  - a. Return to play discussion
    - i. Section IX Contest Guidelines for Spring Season 2020-2021 are included in your materials for review.
    - ii. Temperature checks of the visiting team will no longer be required upon arrival at the host school.
    - iii. Capacity limitations are still in effect.

- iv. Be sure to have an emergency plan to shelter students during inclement weather.
  
- b. Spring Track and Field Championships – Discussion  
Chairpersons, Mr. Matt Hemmer and Patrick Burkhardt, put a lot of work into this proposal and did a tremendous job. They are willing to answer any questions. Discussion occurred regarding the need for communicating with Superintendents, as well as date and time conflicts with school events. There was a great concern about allowing spectators for the championships since there will be the potential for hundreds of people attending. The motion was changed to approve the concept of the championships, but to reserve the right to decide on spectator attendance at a later date or until direction from Superintendents is received. Both Monroe-Woodbury and Middletown are willing to host with no spectators.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick) and seconded by Ms. Debbi Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  
- 4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo  
Items of Concern:
  - a. OCIAA Scholar Athlete Awards – June 2, 2021
    - i. Flyer included in materials and more information to follow;
    - ii. Rain date is set for June 9, 2021;
    - iii. Attendance will likely be limited to parents, Athletic Directors, and Superintendents, and Scholar Athletes.
    - iv. Mr. Edwin Estrada, O/U BOCES Board member and past Scholar-Athlete winner, will be the keynote speaker.
  
  - b. Tyler Muise MVP Award  
A few applications have been received. The deadline has passed, so if you have any applications to submit, please send them in immediately. Thank you.
  
  - c. Fall Schedules 2021 – Vote  
*Motion to approve made by Ms. Lori Hock (Monroe-Woodbury) and seconded by Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  
  - d. Winter Schedules 2021-2022 – Discussion  
Mr. Mayo reviewed the Winter Schedules included in the meeting materials. Please let us know if you see any issues with the setup and a vote will occur at our next meeting.
  
  - e. Section IX Dues Form  
The form is for Varsity teams only and is included in your meeting materials. Return to Ms. Linda Trapani no later than June 25, 2021.
  
  - f. Section IX Football – Mr. David Coates  
Mr. Coates thanked all the Athletic Directors for their efforts during the Football season. He acknowledged all teams participating in the culminating games this weekend.
  
  - g. Modified Sports - Ms. Sue Lenzian  
Nothing new to report at this time. The Modified Committee report has been included in your materials.
  
  - h. Spectator Policy  
All OCIAA schools are allowing visiting spectators for outdoor sports this Spring, The Section IX Athletic Council has not changed its position on spectators for indoor sports. There will be no spectators allowed indoors for the sport of Unified Basketball.

i. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>HOST SCHOOL</u>	<u>COMB SCHOOL #1</u>	<u>RECO</u>	<u>RATIONALE</u>	<u>Year</u>			
Modified Softball	Roscoe	Livingston Manor	Combine	Liv. Manor - insuf. #'s	Spring 2021			
Modified Baseball	Roscoe	Downsville	Combine	insuff. #'s for both schools	Spring 2021			
Varsity Softball	Livingston Manor	Roscoe	Combine	Roscoe - insuf. #'s	Spring 2021			
Mod & Varsity B & G Track	<b>Sect IV</b> - Downsville	Liv. Manor and Roscoe	Combine	insuff. #'s for both schools	Spring 2021			
Varsity Baseball	<b>Sect IV</b> - Downsville	Roscoe	Combine	Roscoe - insuf. #'s	Spring 2021			
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** Varsity B & G Golf ---->	Livingston Manor will have Roscoe <u>shadow</u> them this season due to insufficient numbers				Spring 2021			
for Roscoe								

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Kroemer (Cornwall). All in favor. Motion carried.*

5. Old Business

a. Dropped teams

Please report your dropped teams as soon as possible, so we can update the schedules. Several schools provided updates during this time at the meeting.

6. New Business

a. Mask Requirements

Please review the Section IX policy. Visiting schools must follow the host school's policy and must let the home school know if their policy is less stringent, so it can be decided if the home school is comfortable in participating in the game.

b. Unified Basketball Spectators

Athletic Directors have been advised to reach out to Mr. Greg Ransom if they have any questions or concerns regarding spectator guidelines at these games.

c. Baseball Rules Interpretation Meeting

Meeting will be held on April 21 at 7 pm. A link will be sent out shortly.

d. rSchoolToday – submit scores

Scores can be submitted by your coaches on the app, which will upload to the ticker immediately. An instructional video is on Section IX website under “Coaches” tab.

e. Thank you to all Athletic Directors for your patience and hard work with the many challenges we have faced this year, ie, COVID, weather, etc.

- f. Potential Growth for Section IX  
Additional schools in Dutchess County, such as Lourdes and Pawling, are showing interest in joining Section IX in the 2022-23 school year.
  - g. Good luck in the Spring season!
7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 9:30 am via Zoom Meeting  
Section IX Meeting – Thursday, May 11, 2021, at 9:30 am via Zoom Meeting
8. Adjourn  
*Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Ms. Hock (Monroe-Woodbury).  
All in favor. Motion carried.*