



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

**Tuesday, May 18, 2021 - 9:30 AM**

**MINUTES**

All members present except: Mr. Mike Bellarosa, OCIAA President  
Mr. Mike Kroemer, Cornwall  
Mr. Matt O'Brien, Goshen

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  
Mr. John Giametta, Beacon

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:32 am via Google Meet.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (April 20, 2021)  
*Motion to approve minutes made by Ms. Lori Hock (Monroe-Woodbury) and seconded by Ms. Sue Lenzian (Fallsburg). All in favor. Motion carried.*
2. NYSPHSAA Update – Mr. Greg Ransom / Mr. Jim Osborne
  - a. Mask Policy – there are no changes for school districts at this time. NYSPHSAA is trying to have the policy relaxed but to no avail yet. We will keep you posted.
  - b. State Meeting on May 5, 2021 – Mr. Ransom reported items discussed and approved.
  - c. Safety Committee Meeting – please refer to information in your materials.
  - d. Sun Common is a potential sponsor for Section IX – additional information can be found in your materials.
  - e. Noisemakers at outdoor sports are not against Section IX rules, however, it is thought to present poor sportsmanship when coming from the team itself.
3. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa  
Mr. Christopher Mayo shared information in Mr. Bellarosa's absence.

a. NYSPHSAA Items - VOTE

• **Boys / Girls Volleyball Selection Process of Officials**

- Motion: Modify language in NYSPHSAA Fees and Policies Document for selection of Officials for boys and girls volleyball to the following: “Two Officials from each participating section.”
  - This is a change from one official per section. Will allow for more quality officials instead of all additional officials being selected from home section.

*Motion to approve made by Ms. Debbi Crowe (Highland Falls/O’Neill) and seconded by Mr. Dave Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.*

• **Modified Field hockey overtime**

- Section Council approved this. MHAL not interested in allowing overtime, but it allows the rest of the sections to determine on their own.

• **Boys and Girls Tennis – Lineup rule for regionals and states (Defer to Lori Hock / Kurt Buddenhagen)**

- Motion: Adopt new lineup rule for the boys and girls tennis team championship competition at regional and state tournament levels for a two-year experiment.
  - Two year experiment
  - Sets rules for lineup entry for team championship
  - Locks in singles to positions 1 and 2
  - Prohibits stacking the lineup (Positioning players out of order – skill level)

*Motion to approve made by Ms. Lenzian (Fallsburg) and seconded by Ms. Hock (Monroe-Woodbury). All in favor. Motion carried.*

• **Handbook Committee – Revising TASC language under Bona Fide Student**

- Motion: Modify language in NYSPHSAA Handbook under TASC (GED) students to the following: “Students enrolled in a TASC (GED) must be receiving 2.5 hours of instruction daily and also meet physical education requirements in accordance with SED Bona Fide student regulation.”
  - Putting this in handbook will eliminate the need to inquire with NYSPHSAA Office, as they give this answer every time.

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Joe DiMattina (Florida/Seward). All in favor. Motion carried.*

• **School based Official**

- Motion: Approval for NYSPHSAA to allow schools to use a school based official (SBO) for a two year pilot program.
  - SBO would work non-varsity games
  - SBO paid based on section contract
  - SBO would be certified through local officials chapters for training and testing protocols.
  - Assignments for members first, if no one available SBO can be used for non-varsity sports.
  - SBO no local or state dues in first year. SBO will pay full dues in year 2.

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. Jason Closs (Tri-Valley). All in favor. Motion carried.*

• **Friend and Neighbor Application Process**

- Motion: Approve amending the friend and neighbor application process.
  - See attachment for details
  - Basically, once a school is approved as a friend and neighbor, they will not have to apply annually. They will be billed annually and remain a friend and neighbor.

*Motion to approve made by Mr. Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Ms. Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill). All in favor. Motion carried.*

- b. Section IX Chairpeople Needed – Girls Tennis  
An application from Urvashi Gupta was received and is interested in being both Girls and Boys Tennis Chairperson.  
*Motion to approve made by Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick) and seconded by Ms. Hock (Monroe-Woodbury). All in favor. Motion carried.*
- c. League Chairpeople Needed – Review
  - i. Girls Golf – Mr. Rich Silverstein (Kingston) offered to assist
  - ii. Boys Lacrosse – Mr. Greg Sirico (Warwick) offered to assist
  - iii. Indoor Track – still needed
  - iv. Girls Swimming - Mr. Rich Silverstein (Kingston) offered to assist
- 4. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo
  - a. Winter Schedules 2021-2022 – Vote  
*Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Mr. Coates (Middletown). All in favor. Motion carried.*
  - b. Section IX Football – Mr. David Coates
    - i. Schedules released last week
    - ii. Season begins August 23 – you can choose to schedule a game or scrimmage on Week 0
    - iii. Rules Interpretation Meeting will occur in August or September, rather than the usual in June, so the most updated COVID guidelines are known at the start of the season. This date will be emailed to you when scheduled.
  - c. Scholar Athlete Ceremony – June 2, 2021
    - i. Event will take place from 9-10:30 am at Goshen HS Football field ~ The Coliseum
    - ii. Online screening form is required to fill out before attending event
    - iii. Guests will all be checked in
    - iv. Emergency response information will be sent out beforehand
  - d. Tyler Muise Award
    - i. Winner, Leo Vicente, from Middletown ECSD was announced at the meeting. Congratulations to Leo!
    - ii. Lizette Hernandez from Kingston CSD will receive the OCIAA Gold Medal Award. Congratulations to Lizette!
  - e. OCIAA Community Challenge  
Ms. Amanda York announced the winner for this year ... congratulations to Monroe-Woodbury, who earned over 50 points in the challenge! Thank you to all districts who participated.

f. 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>IS #</u>	<u>Year</u>
Modified Girls Soccer	Roscoe	Downsville	Y	Insuff #	Team	Fall -2021
Modified Boys Soccer	Roscoe	Downsville, Liv. Manor	Y	Insuff #	Team	Fall -2021
Modified & Varsity B & G XC	Liv. Manor	Roscoe and Downsville	Y	Insuff #	5	Fall -2021
Modified & Varsity Fball (8-man)	Roscoe	Downsville, Liv. Manor	Y	Insuff #	Team	Fall -2021
Varsity Boys Soccer	Downsville - <b>Sect IV</b>	Liv. Manor and Roscoe	Y	Insuff #	Team	Fall -2021
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*Motion to approve minutes made by Ms. Debbi Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill) and seconded by Mr. Bult (Minisink). All in favor. Motion carried*

5. Old Business  
None to report.

6. New Business

- a. College commitments must be submitted to Ms. Amanda York by Friday, May 21. This is a firm deadline.
- b. Coaching Courses for CPR/AED/First Aid have been added to the schedule. Coaches may contact Ms. York via email ([Amanda.york@ouboces.org](mailto:Amanda.york@ouboces.org)).
- c. Officials shortage is part due to COVID.
- d. Mr. Gary Vysocil (Washingtonville) thanked all as he prepares for retirement. He shared the news of Mr. Jason Semo accepting the position as his replacement.
- e. Congratulations to Ms. Debbi Crowe (Highland Falls/O'Neill) for the field naming in her honor.

7. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 9:30 am via Zoom

Section IX Meeting – Thursday, June 16, 2021, at 9:30 am via Zoom

8. Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bult (Minisink) and seconded by Ms. Hock (Monroe-Woodbury). All in favor. Motion carried.*